

as it does now throughout, present an aspect desolate and repulsive, or be as it is now in many parts ruinous, bare of furniture and void of every object that can agreeably engage the mind of the patient, or raise the cheerful idea of a home, much less afford the reality of it. Partially repaired and furnished, it cannot win the favor of the connexions of those who are to be the subjects of such an institution. They can argue the liberality and competency of its provisions and resources only from the apparent good condition and the extended accommodations of the establishment, which must be adapted not merely to the physical wants of the patients, but also to occupy, interest, and enliven their minds. An ample appropriation should therefore be made at once, and definitively to fit the buildings and grounds for the objects of the institution. This will have the effect of laying a foundation for an abundant income, and will obviate the recurrence of necessities and of applications for successive supplies which thus afforded, will much exceed what if now applied in one appropriation, will prove far more effectual. In this view the interest of the state is identified with its prompt and largest beneficence. And by such a course, it is believed, that profits would accrue, as in the case of the like institution in Pennsylvania, which would enable the state, as Pennsylvania does, to extend the charity of the institution to many pauper patients, the legitimate application of profits from such a source.

The Board of Visitors furnished the committee with drawings of an elevation of the buildings, and exhibiting its interior arrangements, and the number and size of the rooms; and they are accompanied by a statement and estimate, and also a letter from the President of the Board of which copies are now presented as part of this report, as they furnish particular information which is highly desirable as illustrative of the merits of the present inquiry.

The expenses indicated in the estimate (to amount of \$18,700) are only such as are now urgently and immediately requisite. But that amount the committee is confident, is less than is required for completely adapting the establishment to its objects. And the committee are satisfied that apart from the repairs of the western wing of the building, an amount of \$30,000 ought to be appropriated for perfecting all that the interests of the institution and its proper usefulness demand.

The estimate is sufficiently specific, and the committee believes the items to be all of immediate necessity. They will, however, offer an explanation as to some of them. As