

believes the items to be all of immediate necessity. They will, however, offer an explanation as to some of them. As to the "heating of the cells and rooms" some provision is requisite not only for the comfort of the patients, but for their safety and that of the building, and from a just regard to economy. The present contrivances for the heating endanger the building, and the patients, beside occasioning an enormous expense, even with the present small number of inmates, of \$40 per week. As to furniture your committee would remark that the sum afforded for that object from the appropriation of the last session has procured but very few articles, and that the establishment may be esteemed now nearly destitute in that particular, as well for patients as for the attendants of the institution. Your committee would remark that all the furniture that was in the building heretofore belonged to the lessees, and that the state received the property at the end of the lease unfurnished, except so far as, out of the appropriation referred, to the visitors, were enabled to supply the establishment in that respect.

The front set mentioned in the estimate is a piece of ground of several acres immediately in front of the Hospital and binding on Monument street. The privacy of the institution and the important objects of ample space and free air, all so essential to it, require that this ground should be secured for it. And advantage should be taken of the opportunity now offering for obtaining it before the improvements advance further in that quarter of the city. If not acquired now by the institution, it probably will be soon leased out in small lots, which will be built upon, and so interfere very seriously with the retirement and facilities of the establishment for its inmates.

The committee is decidedly of opinion that the institution should be confined to the care of lunatick patients. Limited to them and properly fitted out it would be fully employed, while, on the other hand, if diseased patients, who often prove to have contagious or infectious disorders, are admitted, the friends of lunaticks will be unwilling to commit them to the institution, because they are exposed thus to peculiar hazards from their helplessness, and being less controulable and less easily the subject of any remedies than the sane. In this particular they should be effectually