

## A NEW LABORATORY AND ITS WORK. BY ROBERT HESSLER.

[Abstract.]

The paper read gave an account of a new laboratory connected with the Central Indiana Hospital for Insane, it being known as the Pathological Department. In the introductory reference was made to the constantly increasing number of insane under the care of the State. A few years ago one hospital was sufficient for the State, now there are four, and all are full. Mere clinical description has been all but exhausted and little additional information is to be gained by such. Insanity is assumed to be due to some change in the brain, it may be ever so minute, and to discover these and to draw deductions for practical application in the prevention and treatment of insanity requires special facilities—and we thus have the laboratory idea.

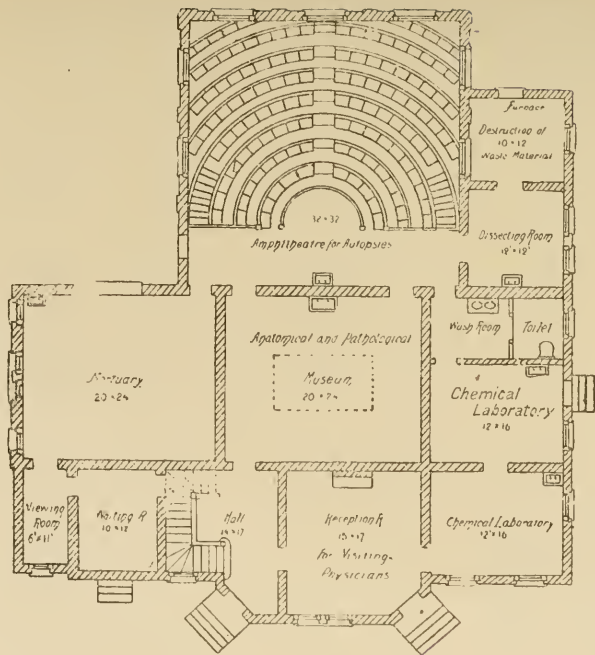
A description of the different departments of the laboratory was then given: there are separate rooms for chemistry, bacteriology, microscopy, photography and for necropsies; all being properly supplied with apparatus for work.

The work will consist, in the beginning, of a course of instruction for the medical staff of the hospital in histology and clinical chemistry, followed by bacteriology and pathology; the examination of blood, pus, urine, new growths, etc., as aids to a thorough understanding of clinical cases; systematic post-mortem examinations; finding and studying the lesions of bodily disease and searching for those of mental disease; original work as opportunity offers.

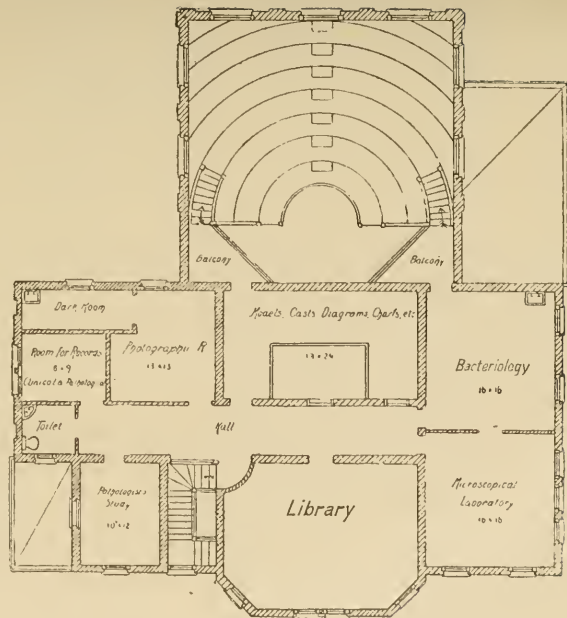


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