

regard the change in that respect  
as a very great improvement upon the old  
system; important in its influence on the  
patient. Moral treatment of the insane is  
at present held as the most important remedy.  
I have visited other hospitals, a  
dozen or more I should think. I have  
met a large number of superintendents  
of asylums at an association of our  
superintendents. Some of them I know  
familiarily well, some of the most  
eminent of them. The my object  
in visiting those ~~hospitals~~<sup>associations</sup> has been to  
get the ideas under which they were  
acting. When I have visited other hospitals  
it has been with a view of collecting  
ideas to adopt in our own, as far  
as we could. As far as I  
am able to judge this hospital  
here compares favorably with other  
institutions in the matter of moral  
treatment. There are things here which  
are not in other hospitals and there  
are things in other hospitals which  
we have not here; but we have adopted  
all that we could consistently with