

I don't exactly know the expense of those wings, but not far from between five and six hundred thousand dollars, including the expense of rebuilding after the fire.

The fire burned 2 wings and the centre building, leaving the north wing for females.

The expense occasioned by the fire was about \$65,000. That would come out of the five or six hundred thousand dollars.

In the rebuilding after the fire all the improvements that could be made were made in conformity with the original building, in architectural arrangement. The wings built since have been, so far as could be, built as modern as possible. The 2 last wings are very much improved as regards space, light and ventilation. Special pains have been taken to visit other hospitals to see and get the latest improvements. In the rebuilding after the fire Dr. Bates was sent to get the best improved plan. He was formerly the superintendent. The original plan of heating was by wood furnaces, and that was changed into a mode of heating by hot water, and that was discarded for steam in 1861.