

STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To His Excellency Joel Parker, Governor of the State of New Jersey:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Patients in the Asylum December 31st, 1864----	148	185	333
" received since, to December 27th, 1865	96	96	192
" under treatment during the year-----	244	281	525
Patients discharged, recovered during the year	31	40	71
" " improved " "	19	32	51
" " unimproved " "	2	2	4
Died-----	16	14	30
Total discharged and died-----	69	89	158
Remaining December 26th, 1865-----	175	192	367
Of this number there are-----	County. 277	Private. 90	
General health of establishment is good.			
Receipts for the year from all sources-----			\$86,235 95
Payments for same period-----			86,155 07
Balance in favor of treasurer-----			\$80 88

In view of present and prospective prices for all supplies, it is estimated that as large an amount of current income will be required for 1866, as for 1865, when special appropriation of \$10,000 was made from State treasury.

In place of such an appropriation I would suggest that the charge for county patients be increased from \$2.35 to \$3.00 per week. Such change of price would, with 277 county patients, produce the sum of \$831.25, which would probably carry the institution through the year without debt.

The large expenditures for building purposes required during next

two years is sufficient reason for increasing charge to counties rather than State for this purpose.

NEW BUILDINGS.

The work of extending the buildings as authorized by the legislature near the close of the last session was commenced as early in the season as plans could be prepared and other preliminary arrangements made. Since then it has been prepared as vigorously as was consistent with the ability of the State treasurer to furnish the necessary funds.

Two sections of the building commenced have been enclosed and the foundation walls of the third raised to the ground level and securely covered for the winter.

The work of finishing the former will go forward as rapidly as is practicable.

It should be stated in explanation of the course pursued by the commissioners for building (and the Board of Managers of the Asylum, who approved their action), that at the time the appropriation was made no *plan* of building had been adopted, the act simply requiring that accommodation for 120 additional patients be made for the sum of \$60,000.

After much careful reflection and inquiry, however, as to the best method of extending, and perhaps completing the present structure, it was decided to arrange the extension for either extremity in three sections and to locate them on three sides of a square, closing the remaining side by an open paling. This method of building secured an enclosed plot of ground 80 by 100 feet in extent, for the *free* use of patients from all parts of the new structure.

To carry out *this plan* properly, so as to secure the *size* of ground necessary, as well as the required internal arrangement of parts for convenience, a *greater extent* of building than was at first contemplated became necessary, and a corresponding increase in the appropriation will be needed. The extension as designed and commenced will afford easy accommodation for 200 patients instead of 120; to meet the expense of which the appropriation should be increased from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

About \$20,000 has been expended this year, and it is hoped that the whole extension may be completed and put in use within the next two years.

When this is done the building will accommodate 500 instead of 360 patients, the present capacity.

This extent of building it may be hoped will meet the requirements of the State for several years to come, and will accommodate as many patients as it will be advisable to assemble in one institution.

H. A. BUTTLPH.

December 27th, 1865.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TRENTON, N. J., December 28, 1865.

DEAR SIR: Please receive an abstract of my account as Treasurer of the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum for the year 1865:

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Received from the State of New Jersey:	
Amount received for board of patients-----	\$13,920 27
Amount received for deficiency in income-----	10,000 00
Amount received from revenue account-----	62,315 68
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	\$86,235 95

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By amount paid C. Sager, Steward:	
Orders and balance due the Treasurer, January 1, 1865-	\$86,155 07
Balance in the Treasurer's hands-----	80 88
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	\$86,235 95

All of which is respectfully submitted by

JASPER S. SCUDDER,
Treasurer Lunatic Asylum.

Hon. JOEL PARKER, Governor, &c.