
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RESIDENT OFFICERS
OF THE
NEW JERSEY STATE HOSPITAL
AT TRENTON,

For the Year ending October 31st,

1894.

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RESIDENT OFFICERS.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

JOHN W. WARD, M.D.,	Medical Director.
JOHN KIRBY, M.D.,	Assistant Physician.
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_____,	Fourth Assistant Physician.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM H. EARLEY,	Warden.
HARVEY H. JOHNSON,	Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Managers of the State Hospitals of New Jersey:

GENTLEMEN—The following abstract of receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1894, is respectfully submitted :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 1st, 1893.....	\$17,385 59	
Warden's orders outstanding November 1st, 1893.....	2,093 45	
		<u>\$19,479 04</u>
From the State Treasurer—		
For maintenance of county patients.....	\$41,601 28	
For maintenance of insane convicts.....	7,037 15	
		<u>48,638 43</u>
From the following-named counties—		
Atlantic	\$6,360 92	
Burlington.....	9,728 95	
Camden	111 30	
Cape May.....	1,420 44	
Cumberland.....	13,769 89	
Gloucester.....	7,170 75	
Mercer.....	23,684 75	
Middlesex.....	25,198 89	
Monmouth.....	25,689 99	
Ocean.....	5,319 28	
Salem.....	4,966 82	
Somerset.....	10,858 81	
		<u>134,280 79</u>
From other sources—		
Private patients.....	\$26,680 86	
Sale of fat and tallow.....	1,281 35	
Sale of hogs.....	2,396 02	
Sale of cows and calves.....	47 50	
Sale of incidentals.....	910 87	
		<u>31,316 60</u>
		<u>\$233,714 86</u>

NEW JERSEY STATE HOSPITALS.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warden's orders paid.....	\$209,948 96	
	<u>\$23,765 90</u>	
Warden's orders outstanding.....	735 11	
	<u>\$23,080 79</u>	
Balance on hand October 31st, 1894.....		\$23,080 79
Unpaid—		
Mercer county.....	\$23,211 74	
New Jersey State Hospital at Morris Plains (loan)....	10,000 00	
	<u>33,211 74</u>	
		\$56,242 53

HARVEY H. JOHNSON,
Treasurer.

New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton, October 31st, 1894.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and find them correctly stated and balanced according to the foregoing statement.

GEORGE B. JENKINSON,
PATRICK FARRELLY,
LEWIS PARKER,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF THE WARDEN.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the New Jersey State Hospitals :

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the laws of the State Legislature, relative to the government and management of the above institution, I respectfully submit my Second Annual Report as Warden, for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1894, supplemented by an abstract of accounts, giving a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures for the year. Also an account of the products of the farm, garden and dairy, and work of various kinds connected with this department.

Balance in hands of Treasurer November 1st, 1893.....	\$17,385 59
Receipts from all sources.....	214,235 82
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	\$231,621 41
Expenditures.....	208,590 62
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Balance in hands of Treasurer November 1st, 1894.....	\$23,030 79
Mercer county is at present indebted for the maintenance of its patients	
in the sum of.....	23,211 74
State Hospital at Morris Plains, cash loan.....	10,000 00
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Liabilities.....	\$56,242 53
Bills on file.....	\$5,064 32
Amount due for wages.....	4,262 46
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	9,326 78
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Balance.....	\$46,915 75

INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS.

The interior of what is known as the old or main building has been greatly improved by having a number of the wards repainted ; also the reception parlors on the main hall ; Wards Nos. 1, 5, 7 and 10, east ; and Wards 7 and 10, west, have had new metallic ceilings of an ornamental design, adding greatly to the appearance of those

COLD STORAGE AND ICE.

Under a contract made by your predecessors with the Nason Ice Machine Co., of New York, a refrigerating and ice-making machine has been introduced. After being in use six months, including the exceedingly warm weather of last summer, I am pleased to state that the results obtained in cold storage and ice-making meet all the demands and requirements of the house for these purposes.

REPAIRS.

The house occupied by the engineer has been repapered all through; also the houses occupied by the dairyman and the carpenter have been repaired, and all the dwelling-houses are now in good order. The laundry gutters and leaders have been overhauled and repaired. A shed pavilion in one of the exercising yards has been fitted with a tin roof, thus adding to the preservation of the building and comfort of the patients using it.

FIRE PROTECTION.

One new hose carriage, with one thousand feet of four (4) inch rubber fire hose, with couplings, nozzles and branch-pipes complete, has been purchased, which, together with that already on hand, gives us a fairly well-equipped fire apparatus.

Also thirty-two one-and-one-half-gallon and six three-gallon "Babcock" fire extinguishers, with reserve charges for each one, and one dozen two-and-one-half-inch spanners have been purchased and are distributed throughout the building, one in each of the wards, and kept in the hall closet with the reel of fire hose, which is always connected with a supply-pipe and ready for instant use.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

The subject of furnishing electric lighting was carefully considered, and in view of the additional cost over our present system, it was decided by the former Board to be unwise to change at that time.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Telephone.

Your attention is respectfully called to the inferior means of communication between the offices, wards and outside buildings. A proper and regular house telephone system is absolutely necessary. As it is now, there is no transmitter separate from the receiver, one instrument being used for both purposes, causing frequent misunderstandings and delays.

Water-Supply.

While the tank system, as now in use, may be sufficient for a primary source in case of fire, it is not considered ample for any great emergency, and it would be the part of wisdom to provide for a secondary source of supply by the erection of a water tower, or by some other equally sufficient means, in order to have an ample reserve without having to depend upon the steam-pipe alone.

Greenhouse.

Our greenhouse, while in good order and much improved since last year, is still insufficient, owing to the limited size. If the house could be enlarged to double its present dimensions, it would better answer all requirements for some time to come, and thus enable us to provide the means for furnishing flowers more liberally for the gratification of the patients.

REQUIREMENTS.

The estimated needs of this institution for the ensuing year:

Salaries for resident officers.....	\$10,000 00
For support of insane convicts.....	7,500 00
Allowance of \$1 per week for each county patient.....	43,000 00

ANNUAL APPRAISEMENT.

The annual appraisalment of the personal property of this institution, taken as usual, amounts to one hundred and twenty-five thousand three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and ninety-six cents (\$125,369.96).

In the appraisalment made, care was taken to set a true valuation upon articles long in use, and where an article had been laid aside and unused, a true estimate given as of old material only. It is gratifying to be able to report that under this severe test the total appraisalment shows an increase over last year of nine thousand two hundred and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-three cents (\$9,269.33).

Thanks are due to Hon. William S. Yard and Mr. John C. Owens, of Trenton, appraisers appointed by your Honorable Board, for their faithful services in making said appraisalments.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Board of Managers, both collectively and individually, for the support given me, and for the uniform interest and kindness shown by your honorable body. I also desire to put upon record this testimony of the faithfulness and pleasant relations maintained between the officers and assistants and myself in the performance of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. EARLEY,

Warden.

New Jersey State Hospital, Trenton, November 1st, 1894.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....		\$17,385 59
Private patients.....	\$26,680 86	
County patients.....	134,280 79	
State Treasurer for county patients.....	41,601 28	
State Treasurer for convict patients.....	7,037 15	
Calves	47 50	
Hogs	2,396 02	
Fat and tallow.....	1,281 35	
Incidentals, including sale of old boiler.....	910 87	
		<u>214,235 82</u>
		\$231,621 41

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amusements.....	\$146 10
Books and stationery	797 78
Bedding, linen, &c.....	5,093 47
Clothing	8,171 68
Crockery and cutlery.....	1,506 83
Farm and garden.....	5,743 18
Fixtures.....	1,954 80
Flour	411 13
Feed.....	2,762 50
Fencing	852 03
Fire apparatus.....	1,431 50
Fruit.....	2,719 31
Freight.....	531 92
Furniture	2,549 54
Fuel	13,029 63
Funeral expenses.....	406 00
Gas and steam-pipe.....	1,120 06
Grounds and grading.....	191 20
Hay and straw.....	1,153 29
Harness	542 38
Household goods.....	2,755 34
Ice	250 00
Ice plant and cold storage.....	6,503 05

NEW JERSEY STATE HOSPITALS.

Improvement of buildings.....	\$10,303 91
Insurance.....	1,447 97
Incidentals.....	1,534 84
Laundry.....	4,457 69
Light.....	2,798 53
Medical.....	3,562 76
Newspapers.....	309 48
New buildings.....	2,788 29
Provisions.....	63,645 56
Postage.....	230 70
Petty current expenses.....	200 00
Refunding.....	656 17
Repairs.....	4,611 37
Smith and wheelwright.....	256 68
Stock.....	1,557 25
Traveling expenses.....	63 19
Tinware.....	513 67
Tools and supplies.....	855 24
Vegetables.....	150 09
Wages.....	44,119 55
Wheat.....	3,904 96
	<u>\$208,590 62</u>

\$23,030 79

Unpaid—	
Mercer county, quarter ending May 15th, 1894.....	\$7,823 94
Mercer county, quarter ending August 15th, 1894.....	7,661 71
Mercer county, quarter ending November 15th, 1894.....	7,726 09
Morris Plains.....	10,000 00
	<u>33,211 74</u>

\$56,242 53

APPENDIX TO WARDEN'S REPORT.

FARM.

85 Tons of hay.....	@ \$15 00	\$1,275 00
750 Bushels of wheat.....	65	487 50
1,800 Bushels of corn.....	60	1,080 00
700 Bushels of oats.....	40	280 00
1,800 Bushels of potatoes.....	50	900 00
500 Bushels of turnips.....	35	175 00
7,000 Bundles corn stalks.....	3	210 00
16 Tons rye straw.....	8 00	128 00
12 Tons oat straw.....	10 00	120 00
26 Weeks' pasture for 50 head of stock.....	50	650 00
119,019 Quarts milk.....	4½	5,355 85
		<u>\$10,661 35</u>

STOCK.

19 Calves.....	@ \$2 50	\$47 50
7 Cows slaughtered, 3,890 lbs.....	7½	291 75
Hogs sold.....		2,396 02
		<u>2,735 27</u>

GARDEN.

1,430 Bunches radishes.....	@ \$0 02	\$28 60
890 Bunches parsley.....	2	17 80
50 Bunches sweet marjoram.....	5	2 50
50 Bunches sage.....	5	2 50
2,040 Bunches asparagus.....	10	204 00
512 Bunches rhubarb.....	5	25 60
1,698 Bunches onions.....	2½	42 45
100 Bunches leeks.....	5	5 00
50 Bunches dill.....	7	3 50
7 Bushels spinach.....	5	3 50
7 Bushels red currants.....	2 50	17 50
4½ Bushels black currants.....	2 50	11 25
4½ Bushels gooseberries.....	2 00	9 00
72 Bushels onions.....	1 00	72 00
9 Bushels onion sets.....	3 50	31 50
124 Bushels peas.....	1 00	124 00
61½ Bushels early turnips.....	50	30 75
90 Bushels early turnips.....	50	45 00

NEW JERSEY STATE HOSPITALS.

250	Bushels late turnips.....	\$0 40	\$100 00
123	Bushels early beets.....	1 00	123 00
126	Bushels late beets.....	90	113 40
5,845	Heads summer cabbage.....	5	292 25
50	Heads Savoy cabbage.....	5	2 50
13,000	Heads winter cabbage.....	4	520 00
155	Heads cauliflower.....	10	15 50
88½	Bushels string beans.....	75	66 38
14	Bushels summer carrots.....	1 00	14 00
25	Bushels winter carrots.....	75	18 75
331	Bushels tomatoes.....	65	215 15
39	Bushels cucumbers.....	75	29 25
4	Bushels peppers.....	65	2 60
3½	Bushels okra.....	1 00	3 50
6½	Bushels grapes.....	1 00	6 25
17½	Bushels Lima beans.....	90	15 75
350	Bushels parsnips.....	1 00	350 00
30	Bushels oyster plant.....	1 00	30 00
1,000	Bundles corn stalks.....	3	30 00
12,000	Heads celery.....	4	480 00
10	Dozen preserving citrons.....	50	5 00
160	Muskmelons.....	5	10 30
19	Pumpkins.....	10	1 70
24	Winter squashes.....	10	2 40
83	Egg-plants.....	4	3 52
16,835	Ears sweet corn, per 100.....	75	126 26
3,564	Heads lettuce.....	4	142 56
350	Pounds horseradish.....	6	21 00
			\$3,417 47

WORK DONE AT THE MILL.

\$16,814 09

Flour, one hundredweights.....	3,397
Corn meal, one hundredweights.....	889
Feed, one hundredweights.....	1,002
Bran, one hundredweights.....	223½
Hog feed, one hundredweights.....	632

SEWING-ROOM REPORT.

Bakers' gloves.....	38
Clothes' bags.....	19
Counterpanes hemmed.....	180
Curtain bands.....	51
Napkins.....	30
Ladies' skirts.....	2
Table-cloths.....	265
Gents' drawers.....	241
Attendants' aprons.....	87
Bed ties (sets).....	36

NEW JERSEY STATE HOSPITALS.

	246
Bolster cases.....	170
Blankets, hemmed.....	148
Ruffles	138
Handkerchiefs made.....	41
Ladies' waists.....	7
Oil-cloth collars.....	42
Bed ticks.....	108
Hats trimmed.....	4
Linen muffs.....	145
Attendants' caps.....	6
Jelly bags	24
Bibs.....	466
Petticoats	1,456
Pillow slips.....	53
Comfortables.....	471
Ladies' aprons.....	603
Chemise	140
Bed pads	1,155
Sheets.....	693
Gentlemen's undervests.....	580
Ladies' undervests.....	80
Stockings.....	537
Shirts.....	97
Drawers, ladies'.....	132
Window curtains.....	42
Burial drawers.....	10
Burial petticoats.....	27
Burial robes.....	22
Burial chemise.....	17
Burial skirts.....	24
Camisoles, east.....	36
Camisoles, west.....	2,343
Towels.....	33
Wristlets and anklets.....	42
Holders.....	484
Ladies' dresses.....	11,569

* MATTRESS-ROOM.

Single mattresses made, new.....	70
Single mattresses made over.....	308
Three-quarter mattresses made, new.....	100
Double mattresses made, new.....	3
Double mattresses made over.....	4
Single mattress ticks made, new.....	294
Single mattress ticks repaired.....	87
Three-quarter mattress ticks made, new.....	102
Double mattress ticks made, new.....	5

Double mattress ticks made over.....	2
Hair pillows made, new.....	180
Hair pillows made over.....	265
Feather pillows made, new.....	130
Feather pillows made over.....	56
Pillow ticks made, new.....	465
Pillow ticks repaired.....	166
Sofa pillows made, new.....	3
Sofa pillows made over.....	5
Chair cushions made.....	19
Pieces of furniture upholstered.....	30
Large hall carpets made, new.....	2
Large hall carpets made over.....	5
Alcove carpets made, new.....	3
Alcove carpets made over.....	2
Room carpets made, new.....	58
Room carpets made over.....	35
Carpets taken up.....	316
Carpets laid.....	324
Carpets repaired.....	112
Rooms laid with new matting.....	8
Rooms laid with old matting.....	25
Art squares made.....	3
Rugs made.....	29
Yards of carpet hemmed.....	350
Awnings made.....	7
Awnings repaired.....	5
Awnings hung.....	16
Holland window shades made.....	231
Holland window shades repaired.....	60
Feather bolsters made, new.....	102
Feather bolsters made over.....	5
Lace curtains hung.....	65
Yards of oil-cloth and linoleum laid.....	125
Chairs caned.....	122
Chapel seats caned.....	19
Total number of pieces.....	4,323

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

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MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Managers of the New Jersey State Hospitals:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with a requirement of an act of the Legislature, the following report of the operations of the Medical Department of the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton for the year ending October 31st, 1894, is respectfully submitted:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Patients in the Hospital October 31st, 1893.....	442	463	905
Received since to November 1st, 1894.....	115	107	222
Under treatment during the year	557	570	1,127
Discharged recovered during the year.....	40	39	79
Discharged improved during the year	12	10	22
Discharged unimproved during the year.....	5	5	10
Discharged on writ of <i>habeas corpus</i>	2		2
Died	45	39	84
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year.....	104	93	197
Remaining October 31st, 1894.....	458	472	930
Whole number of cases received and treated from the opening of the institution, May 15th, 1848, to November 1st, 1894.....	4,139	4,081	8,320
Discharged recovered	1,395	1,481	2,876
Discharged improved.....	823	973	1,796
Discharged unimproved.....	151	158	309
Discharged on writ of <i>habeas corpus</i>	2	1	3
Escaped	19	5	24
Not insane	17	9	26
Died	1,061	870	1,931
Removed to other institutions.....	218	207	425
Total discharged, died, &c.....	3,686	3,704	9,390
Remaining October 31st, 1894.....	458	472	930

Patients admitted during the year were from the following counties:

COUNTIES.	Men.	Women.	Total.
Atlantic	6	5	11
Burlington	14	12	26
Camden		2	2
Cape May	2		2
Cumberland	13	14	27
Gloucester	10	6	16
Hudson		1	1
Mercer	28	23	51
Middlesex	12	14	26
Monmouth	8	15	23
Ocean	4	4	8
Salem	6	2	8
Somerset	12	9	21
Total	115	107	222

PATIENTS REMAINING IN THE HOSPITAL

From each county in the State October 31st, 1894, and the quota to which each county in the district set apart for this institution is entitled.

COUNTIES.	NUMBER IN HOSPITAL.			Quota.
	Men.	Women.	Total.	
Atlantic	15	20	35	32
Bergen	7		1	
Burlington	33	39	72	83
Camden		5	10	108
Cape May		3	10	16
Cumberland	39	43	82	60
Essex		2	3	
Gloucester	20	20	44	39
Hudson	8	3	6	
Hunterdon		3	3	
Mercer	99	105	204	96
Middlesex	76	85	161	80
Monmouth	50	72	131	88
Ocean	20	15	35	22
Salem	19	17	36	37
Somerset	39	33	72	39
Union	2	1	3	
New York	1		2	
Pennsylvania		1	1	
State patients	15	4	19	
Total	458	472	930	700

GENERAL RESULTS.

The number of patients at the close of the last fiscal year was 905—442 men and 463 women. The number received since, viz., from November 1st, 1893, to November 1st, 1894, was 222—115 men and 107 women. The whole number of cases under treatment during the year was 1,127—557 men and 570 women—being an increase of 48 over the number under care the previous year. Of this number, 196 have been discharged, as follows: Considered as recovered, 79; as improved, 22; as unimproved or stationary, 10; 84 have died, and 2 were discharged on writ of *habeas corpus*. At the close of the year there remained under care 930—458 men and 472 women—an increase of 25 over the whole number under care at the close of the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1893.

Of the number under care at the present time, 817 are classed as indigent, and are supported by the counties from whence sent; 94 are private, and are supported wholly by friends; 19—15 men and 4 women—are supported directly by the State. Of the latter class, 3 are from Burlington, 2 from Camden, 2 from Gloucester, 5 from Mercer, 4 from Middlesex, 2 from Monmouth, and 1 from Salem county.

The largest number under care at any one time was 940, and the smallest number, 895. The daily average was about 917. There has been very little acute sickness during the year, and the general health of the household is now good. Death occurred in 84 cases, 45 men and 39 women.

The death-rate in proportion to the whole number under care was about seven and one-half per cent., which is about the annual average. The protracted "spell" of extremely hot weather increased the death list, especially amongst the old and feeble.

Seventy-nine—40 men and 39 women—have been discharged as recovered. This number is about thirty-five and a half per cent. of the admissions during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

CAUSES.	Men.	Women.	Total.
Pulmonary consumption	9	5	14
General (chronic) exhaustion.....	8	6	14
General paresis.....	7	.....	7
Paralysis.....	3	2	5
Apoplexy.....	2	4	6
Old age.....	2	4	6
Exhaustion of acute mania.....	1	3	4
Cancer.....	3	.....	3
Epilepsy.....	3	1	4
Albuminuria.....	2	1	3
Typhomania.....	1	2	3
Senile gangrene.....	.....	2	2
Chronic diarrhoea.....	.....	2	2
"La Grippe".....	.....	1	1
Erysipelas.....	.....	1	1
Pneumonia.....	.....	1	1
Tumor of brain.....	1	.....	1
Abscess of brain.....	.....	1	1
Intussusception of the bowels.....	1	.....	1
Hemorrhage of the bowels.....	1	.....	1
Dysentery.....	.....	1	1
Exhaustion of acute melancholia.....	.....	1	1
Suicide.....	1	1	2
Total.....	45	39	84

AGES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE YEAR AND LENGTH OF TIME UNDER CARE IN THE HOSPITAL.

AGES.	Men.	Women.	Total.	LENGTH OF TIME IN THE HOSPITAL.	Men.	Women.	Total.
Ten to fifteen.....	.....	1	1	One to two weeks.....	2	4	6
Fifteen to twenty.....	1	.....	1	Two weeks to one month..	1	3	4
Twenty to twenty-five.....	1	3	4	One to three months.....	7	2	9
Twenty-five to thirty.....	4	1	5	Three to six months.....	5	4	9
Thirty to thirty-five.....	1	.....	1	Six to nine months.....	5	4	9
Thirty-five to forty.....	2	2	4	Nine months to one year..	3	1	4
Forty to forty-five.....	5	.....	5	One year to two years.....	6	2	8
Forty-five to fifty.....	5	1	6	Two to three years.....	3	5	8
Fifty to fifty-five.....	4	4	8	Three to four years ..	1	3	4
Fifty-five to sixty.....	5	7	12	Four to five years.....	1	2	3
Sixty to sixty-five.....	6	7	13	Five to ten years.....	3	1	4
Sixty-five to seventy.....	1	.....	1	Ten to fifteen years.....	5	6	11
Seventy to seventy-five ..	5	6	11	Fifteen to twenty years....	5	1	6
Seventy-five to eighty.....	3	3	6	Twenty to thirty years....	2	1	3
Eighty to ninety.....	2	3	5	Over thirty years.....	.....	1	1
Over ninety.....	.....	1	1				
Total.....	45	39	84	Total.....	45	39	84

AGES OF THOSE ADMITTED AND OF THOSE DISCHARGED AS RECOVERED.

	ADMITTED.			DISCHARGED RECOVERED.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
From 10 to 20.....	3	7	10	.....	2	2
20 to 30.....	18	24	42	9	8	17
30 to 40.....	22	19	41	11	11	22
40 to 50.....	23	14	37	10	9	19
50 to 60.....	19	26	45	7	7	14
60 to 70.....	8	11	19	3	1	4
70 to 80.....	12	4	16	.....	1	1
Over 80.....	4	1	5	.....	.....	.....
Unknown.....	5	2	7	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	114	108	222	40	39	79

LENGTH OF TIME UNDER CARE IN THE HOSPITAL OF THOSE DISCHARGED AS RECOVERED.

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Less than three months.....	12	11	23
From three to six months.....	17	9	26
From six to nine months.....	6	9	15
From nine months to one year.....	3	2	5
From one year to two years.....	1	5	6
From two to three years.....	.....	2	2
From three to four years.....	1	.....	1
From four to five years.....	.....	1	1
Total.....	40	39	79

DURATION OF INSANITY PRIOR TO ADMISSION.

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Deranged less than one month.....	14	21	35
One to three months.....	19	13	32
Three to six months.....	8	15	23
Six to nine months.....	6	8	14
Nine months to one year.....	9	3	12
One to two years.....	15	9	24
Two to three years.....	11	9	20
Three to four years.....	9	3	12
Four to five years.....	8	3	11
Five to ten years.....	5	10	15
Ten to fifteen years.....	4	5	9
Fifteen to twenty years.....	1	2	3
Twenty to twenty-five years.....		1	1
Over twenty-five years.....		2	2
Unknown.....	5	4	9
Total.....	115	107	222

FORM OF DERANGEMENT IN THOSE ADMITTED.

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Mania, acute.....	11	23	34
Mania, chronic.....	20	11	31
Mania, recurrent.....	4	12	16
Mania, puerperal.....		5	5
Dementia, acute.....	5	1	6
Dementia, chronic.....	20	10	30
Dementia, senile.....	10	7	17
Melancholia, acute.....	6	15	21
Melancholia, chronic.....	11	10	21
General paralysis.....	6		6
Epilepsy.....	9	3	12
Imbecility.....	1	6	7
Alcoholism.....	12	2	14
Typhomania.....		2	2
Total.....	115	107	222

ALLEGED CAUSES OF INSANITY.

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Domestic affliction.....	2	6	8
Domestic troubles.....	2	11	13
Loss of property, business troubles, &c.....	10	2	12
Overwork and anxiety.....	5	3	8
Puerperal state.....		6	6
Old age.....	5	4	9
Epilepsy.....	8	3	11
"La Grippe".....	5	5	10
General ill health.....	5	3	8
Intemperance.....	23	5	28
Sunstroke and heat exhaustion.....	5		5
Paralysis.....	2	2	4
Vicious habits and indulgences.....	13		13
Injury to head.....	5		5
Congenital.....	1	5	6
Fright.....	1	3	4
Disappointed affections.....		3	3
Valvular disease of the heart.....		1	1
Uterine disease.....		2	2
Menopause.....		2	2
Jealousy.....		1	1
Insomnia.....		1	1
Indolence.....		1	1
Specific.....		1	1
Opium habit.....		1	1
Apoplexy.....	1		1
Cancer of the rectum.....	1		1
Lead poisoning.....	1		1
Religious excitement.....	1		1
Renal diseases.....	1		1
Unknown.....	18	37	55
Total.....	115	107	222

NATIVITY OF THOSE ADMITTED.

	Men.	Women.	Total.
New Jersey.....	75	71	146
New York.....	5	3	8
Pennsylvania.....	2	5	7
New Hampshire.....		1	1
North Carolina.....		1	1
Massachusetts.....	1		1
Vermont.....	2		2
Missouri.....	1		1
England.....	4	1	5
Scotland.....		1	1
Ireland.....	12	13	25
Germany.....	7	4	11
Denmark.....		3	3
Holland.....		1	1
Belgium.....	1		1
Italy.....	1		1
Russia.....		1	1
Poland.....		1	1
Delaware.....	1		1
Unknown.....	3	1	4
Total.....	115	107	222

HEREDITY.

In 52 cases (25 men and 27 women) of those admitted during the year, there was acknowledged hereditary predisposition to insanity. In 22 cases (11 men and 11 women) the hereditary taint was in the paternal, and in 25 cases (11 men and 14 women) in the maternal line, and in five cases (3 men and 2 women) in both maternal and paternal lines. In 102 cases (42 men and 60 women) hereditary predisposition was denied, and in 68 cases (48 men and 20 women) the history of the patient was not known or not ascertained.

SUICIDAL TENDENCY.

In 27 cases (13 men and 14 women) there was a decided suicidal tendency, and in 20 cases (9 men and 11 women) suicide was threatened.

HOMICIDAL TENDENCY.

In 13 cases (7 men and 6 women) there existed a decided homicidal tendency, and in 22 cases (11 men and 11 women) homicide was threatened.

INTEMPERANCE.

In 41 cases (34 men and 7 women) there was acknowledged intemperance in the use of alcohol, and in 2 cases (1 man and 1 woman) in the use of opium.

INTEMPERANCE IN PARENTS.

In 19 cases (12 men and 7 women) the father of the patient was intemperate, and in 2 cases both father and mother.

CIVIL CONDITION.

One hundred and twelve cases (60 men and 52 women) were married, and 76 (40 men and 36 women) were single. Eight were widowers, 14 were widows, 2 were divorced, and in 10 cases the civil condition was unknown.

The re-admissions have been in excess of the average in consequence of the depression in business, causing financial troubles and want of employment.

There have been two (2) patients removed upon writs of *habeas corpus* and discharged by Vice Chancellor Bird on the ground of illegal commitment. I would respectfully refer you to the suggestions of your Medical Director in his last annual report upon the advisability of a change of the law committing patients to the Hospital.

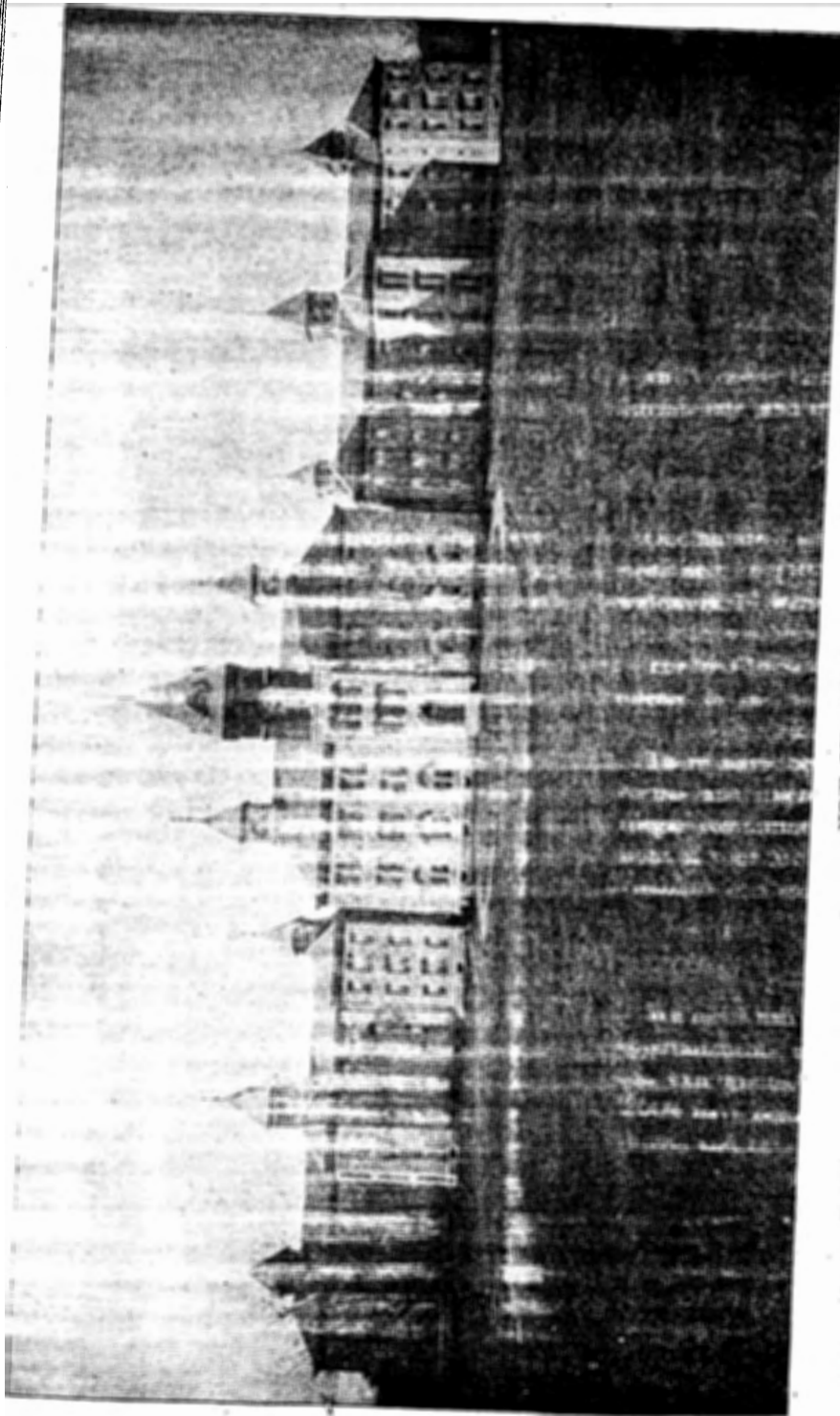
AMUSEMENTS.

We have had during the late autumn, winter and spring, regular entertainments, consisting of minor theatricals, dances and stereopticon exhibitions, with explanations, for the benefit of the patients. These have been gotten up by the officers and employes of the institution, and have afforded much pleasure and diversion.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I am under obligations to my associates on the medical staff for their prompt and efficient co-operation in the management of the institution during the absence of the Medical Director.

NEW BUILDING.



NEW JERSEY STATE HOSPITALS.

To the Warden, also, I would extend my thanks for his courtesy and assistance as needed.

The following list of daily and weekly papers has been sent gratuitously for the use of the household. The home newspaper is always cordially welcomed, and we take much pleasure in thanking the editors and proprietors of the journals thus sent for their kindness in remembering those who have been committed to our care.

Daily True American	Trenton.
Daily State Gazette	Trenton.
Mercer County News	Trenton.
Trenton Times	Trenton.
Salem Sunbeam	Salem.
National Standard	Salem.
South Jerseyman	Salem.
New Jersey Mirror	Mount Holly.
Mount Holly Herald	Mount Holly.
Mount Holly Despatch	Mount Holly.
Monmouth Democrat	Freehold.
Monmouth Inquirer	Freehold.
West Jersey Patriot	Bridgeton.
Bridgeton Chronicle	Bridgeton.
Elmer Times	Elmer.
Bound Brook Chronicle	Bound Brook.
Burlington Gazette	Burlington.
New Jersey Enterprise	Burlington.
Hunterdon County Democrat	Flemington.
Democrat-Advertiser	Flemington.
Home Visitor	Flemington.
Rahway Advocate	Rahway.
The Constitution	Woodbury.
Unionist-Gazette	Somerville.
Somerset Democrat	Somerville.
Beverly Banner	Beverly.
Ocean County Democrat	Toms River.
Hudson County Democrat	Hoboken.
Hudson County Journal (German)	Hoboken.
Orange Sonntagsblatt (German)	Orange.
Asbury Park Journal	Asbury Park.
Temperance Gazette	Camden.
South Jersey Times	Vineland.
Bote den Neun Kirche	Vineland.
Keyport Enterprise	Keyport.
Dover Index	Dover.
Iron Era	Dover.
Herald and Times	Atco.
Freie Presse (German)	Elizabeth.

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Atlantic Democrat-Times	Atlantic City.
Mays Landing Record	Mays Landing.
Hopewell Herald	Hopewell.
Metuchen Inquirer	Metuchen.
Beobachter (German)	Egg Harbor.
Central New Jersey Times	Plainfield.
Plainfield News	Plainfield.
The Advance	Jamesburg.
Glassboro Enterprise	Glassboro.
Times and Journal	Lakewood.
Warren Republican	Hackettstown.
Warren Tidings	Washington.
Sand Burr	Riverside.
Newtown Enterprise	Newtown, Pa.
Messiah's Herald	Boston, Mass.
Sunday Standard	Newark.

The American Sunday School Union has also sent us regularly several hundred copies of its publications, which have given much pleasure to our patients.

We are also greatly indebted for dramatic entertainments to the J. W. Stokes Company; to a company under the direction of Mr. R. R. Whitehead, and another under the direction of Mr. James H. Tindall, all of which were much appreciated and greatly enjoyed by the members of our household.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KIRBY,
Acting Medical Director.

N. B.—Dr. John W. Ward, Medical Director, after twenty-eight years of continuous service in this institution, was granted a vacation of three months by the Board of Managers, which he proposed to spend principally in visiting the leading institutions for the treatment of the insane in Great Britain and Ireland, and on the Continent of Europe, so far as the time would allow.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.*

Private patients, or those supported by themselves or their friends, are admitted to the Hospital, when there are vacancies, on their complying with the directions and forms contained in chapters nineteen, twenty, twenty-one and twenty-two of the by-laws of the institution, which are in substance as follows:

That patients of all classes be made perfectly clean and free from any contagious or infectious disease; that they be provided with suitable clothing, and sufficient in quantity for one or more changes; that a written history of the patients be sent with them, or that they be accompanied by a person capable of giving such information; and that a "request for admission" be made by some friend or near relative; and that a "certificate of insanity," by two respectable physicians, under oath or affirmation, be brought with the patient; and lastly, that a "bond," with satisfactory sureties, be given for the payment of their expenses, such payment being made quarterly, in advance, and for their removal when discharged. The forms of "request for admission," "certificate of insanity," and "bond for support," are as follows:

PRIVATE PATIENTS.—FORM OF REQUEST.

To the Medical Director of the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton:

The undersigned, of the township of.....in the county of..... is desirous of placing in the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton, and hereby requests the admission therein, of.....of the township of.....in the county of.....who is aged.....and has been (here state occupation, profession or business of the person). He (or she) is a native of.....in the State of..... and is (state what the relationship or circumstances of connection may be) of the

*Application for admission of patients, if made by letter, should be addressed to the Medical Director.

undersigned. (There should follow a written history of the case, stating the alleged cause of the insanity, when it commenced, and all the particulars of the case.)

Dated....., 18...

PRIVATE PATIENTS.—CERTIFICATE OF INSANITY.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, } ss.
County of.....

We.....of the township of.....in the county of.....
and.....of the township of.....and county of..... being duly
sworn, on our oaths do say that we have examined into the state of
health and mental condition of.....of the township of.....in the
county of.....and that.....is, in our opinion, insane, and a
proper subject to be sent to the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton.

.....M.D.

.....M.D.

PRIVATE PATIENTS.—FORM OF BOND.

Know all men by these presents that we.....of the township of
.....in the county of.....are held and firmly bound unto.....
Treasurer of the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton, and his suc-
cessors in office, in the sum of one thousand dollars, for the payment
of which we jointly and severally bind ourselves by these presents.

Sealed with our hands and dated this.....day of.....18...

WHEREAS.....of the township of.....in the county of.....
a lunatic, has been admitted a boarder in the New Jersey Hospital at
Trenton: Now, therefore, the condition of this obligation is, that if
the said obligors shall pay to the Treasurer, or his successors in
office, the sum of.....dollars and.....cents per week for the
board of said lunatic, so long as.....shall continue a boarder in said
Hospital, with such extra charges as may be occasioned by.....
requiring more than ordinary care and attention, and shall provide
for.....suitable clothing and pay for all such articles as shall be
procured for.....by the Warden of the Hospital, and shall remove
.....from the Hospital, whenever the room occupied by.....
shall be required for a class of patients having preference by law, or,

in the opinion of the Medical Director, to be received into the said
Hospital; and if.....should be removed at the request of
before the expiration of six calendar months after reception, then if
said obligors shall pay board for twenty-six weeks, unless.....
should sooner be cured, and if they shall also pay not exceeding fifty
dollars for all damages.....may do to the furniture or other prop-
erty of the Hospital, and for reasonable charges in case of death, such
payment for board and clothing to be made quarterly, in advance, from
date of admission, and at the time of removal, with interest on each
bill, from on and after the same becomes due, then this obligation to
be void; otherwise to remain in force.

..... [L. S.]
..... [L. S.]

Signed and sealed in the presence of.

INDIGENT PATIENTS.—FORM OF ORDER, ETC., FOR JUDGES.

I.....one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the
county of.....and State of New Jersey, do hereby report that
application has been made to me on behalf of.....a resident of the
township of.....in said county, alleged to be insane and in indigent
circumstances; and that pursuant to an act of the Legislature in such
case made and provided, I have called before me Dr.....a respect-
able physician, and other credible witnesses, to wit (state names), and
having examined them and fully investigated the case, and not deem-
ing it necessary to call a jury, I do hereby decide and certify that
satisfactory proof has been adduced before me, showing the said.....
to be an insane person, and that.....has not sufficient means or
estate to support.....under said visitation.

Given under my hand and seal at.....in the county and State
aforesaid, this.....day of.....in the year of our Lord one thou-
sand eight hundred and.....

.....Judge, &c.

.....COUNTY, ss.

I.....being duly sworn according to law, do certify and declare
that I have examined into the state of health and mental condition
of.....of the township of.....of said county of.....and that I
am of the opinion that.....is insane.

.....Physician.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this.....day of.....A. D. 18...
.....Judge, &c.

Approved :

.....Chosen Freeholder of the township of.....in the
county of.....

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, }
County of..... } ss.

I.....Clerk of the county of.....do hereby certify that the
foregoing is a true copy of the report and certificate of.....one of
the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county, in the case
of.....and also the certificate of Dr.....thereunto appended, as
filed in my office, that the foregoing is a true copy of the indorsement
thereon, and that.....whose name is signed to the said indorsement
of approval, is a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of said
township, in said county, and that said signature is in his proper
handwriting. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
seal of office, at.....this.....day of.....A. D. 18...

[L. s.]

.....Clerk.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE STATE HOSPITALS.

To His Excellency George T. Werts, Governor of New Jersey :

The Board of Managers of the State Hospitals, in compliance with the law requiring them to submit to the Governor "an annual report, detailing the past year's operations and actual state of the Hospitals," respectfully presents the following report for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1894, being the Forty-seventh Annual Report of the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton, and the Nineteenth Annual Report of the New Jersey State Hospital at Morris Plains.

ORGANIZATION.

At the last session of the Legislature, a supplement to an act entitled "An act relative to the government and management of the Insane Asylums or Hospitals owned by the State of New Jersey," was enacted, changing the words "said Board shall consist of seven persons," by striking out "seven" and inserting "eight," and making other changes, so that the whole section should read, "That the general management and control of both of said Hospitals shall hereafter be vested in one State Board of Managers, known and designated as the Board of Managers of the State Hospitals; said Board shall consist of eight persons, no more than four of whom shall belong to the same political party; they shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall respectively hold office for the period of five years and until their successors are qualified; any vacancy occurring in the said Board shall be filled for the unexpired term only."

Pursuant to the preceding act, the undersigned received from your Excellency commissions as Managers, and addressed themselves at once to the duties imposed upon them by the act under which they were appointed; perfecting the organization by the election of George

Richards, of Dover, President, Charles E. Green, of Trenton, Vice President, and Charles H. Green, of Morristown, Secretary. To aid in the proper supervision of the great institutions committed to their care, they constituted the following standing committees: A Medical Committee, a Committee on Grounds and Buildings, and an Auditing Committee. In harmony with the by-laws the members of these committees were appointed by the President, who is *ex officio* a member of all committees.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The act provides "That thirty days after the first meeting of the said Board of Managers appointed under this act, the terms, duties, employment and emoluments of the persons whose appointment or employment is now vested in the said Board of Managers, or in any other person or persons under the act to which this is a supplement, shall cease and determine; *provided, however*, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the re-appointment or re-employment under this act of suitable persons." Accordingly their first duty was to appoint a Medical Director and Warden for each of the State Hospitals. Prior to performing this duty—upon which the successful administration of the institution obviously depends—the Board of Managers, recognizing both the spirit and the letter of the provision that no more than four of the Board should be members of the same political party, unanimously resolved to remove no officer or employe, "except for cause," and accordingly appointed John W. Ward, M.D., Medical Director, and William H. Earley, Warden of the Hospital at Trenton, and Britton D. Evans, M.D., Medical Director, and Moses K. Everitt, Warden of the Hospital at Morris Plains. They also appointed the assistant physicians and expert accountants and their assistants, and re-elected the Treasurer for each Hospital, and appointed storekeepers for the same.

INSPECTION OF THE HOSPITALS.

Having done this they began a systematic inspection of the departments, which has been pursued by the proper committees, whose recommendations have been duly reported to the Board of Managers, and considered.

The provisions of the law concerning the duties of Managers are stringent, but not more so than the importance of the interests to be guarded demands.

The act provides that one or more of the members of the Board "shall visit each Hospital every week, two or more at least once in every month, the majority at least once in every three months, and the whole Board once a year." The Managers are pleased to be able to say that the number of visits made, both under the general and the particular provisions of the law, have been largely in excess of its requirements, and that the result of their observations justifies them in the belief that no grounds for serious complaint, either as to the condition or management of the institutions, exist.

They would not desire, however, to imply in this statement, that the ideal condition has been reached, but that existing defects are chiefly negative, the absence of what might be used to advantage if introduced, rather than the presence of what is positively harmful.

To this statement, however satisfactory it may be, there is one grave exception, which exists in both institutions, but at present more seriously in that at Morris Plains; a difficulty which, if not speedily remedied, will go far toward counteracting most of the benefits which the institutions were designed and, when established, adapted to confer upon the unfortunate and helpless persons to whose care they are devoted.

The institution at Morris Plains, comprising a system of buildings in many respects without a peer in the world, was constructed with a view of accommodating 800 patients. It was believed that this number was the largest that could be cared for with due reference to healthfulness, order and the employment of the most efficient curative and alleviative measures.

Yet in the Hospital, on the 31st day of October, 1894, there were 1,050 patients, and during the entire year the daily average has been 1,032; about 250 are forced into accommodations that were full before they were introduced.

The consequences of this overcrowded condition are, that in many rooms there must be two patients, a condition which, occasionally beneficial to both, is generally unfavorable to health and safety, imposing a tax upon the vigilance of attendants which, under the most advantageous circumstances, can never be less than a severe strain. But this stress is not sufficient; for in most cases it would be

impossible to provide in a single apartment for the safety and health of two individuals, both mentally alienated. Hence it is necessary to set up cots in the halls; and one might fancy himself in an overcrowded hotel during a political convention, when he sees the preparations necessary in that magnificent edifice every evening to accommodate patients for the night.

Whatever the provisions for ventilation, such a state is not compatible with the best physical, and certainly is most unfavorable to mental, health. Those who occupy such cots are deprived of the soothing and restorative influence of a sense of home; they are debarred privacy; while their presence in the halls is liable at any time to put an end to the quiet, even more essential to the sleep of those disturbed in mind than to the sane.

As stated by the Medical Director, "The insane population of this Hospital has had a yearly increase of about fifty patients, and there are reasons to believe that the ratio of increase will be enlarged rather than diminished in the future." Hence relief must be speedy, or no vigilance on the part of the Managers, or fidelity and ability in the administration, can long delay disastrous results.

This is an evil of such magnitude as fairly to appal the Managers. They would urge upon your Excellency, and through you upon the Legislature, the imperative necessity of enlargement. They have given much attention to the subject, and are of the opinion that the erection of a building or buildings to which those who are known as incurables may be transferred, is the best practical method of meeting the exigency. Their plans are not at present in a form to be embodied or outlined in this report, but will be presented to the proper legislative committee as soon as practicable.

By the erection of a noble building, great relief was given to the institution at Trenton, which was in a similar condition a few years ago. Of this your Excellency has been advised in former reports.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

For an account of the improvements made in the Hospitals during the past year, we refer your Excellency to the reports of the Wardens herewith presented in compliance with the law, and to the reports of the Medical Directors, for such considerations and facts as they deem it important to present.

Special attention is called to the pathological work at Morris Plains. The Managers found this department embarrassed for want of various facilities which they have endeavored to supply. It is deemed helpful to the work for the Hospital to avail itself of the opportunities—dependent, of course, upon the consent of the friends of those who die in the institution—offered by the knowledge possessed of their previous history and of the progress of their physical and mental maladies, in connection with a thorough examination of the brain and other organs.

WATER-SUPPLY AT MORRIS PLAINS.

As the population of this Hospital has increased—the augmentation of the number of patients requiring additional employees—it has been necessary for several months each year to supplement the supply of water flowing by gravity into the reservoirs, by pumping from the brook north of the Hospital building. The quality of the water thus obtained is good but not excellent.

The brook-water receives all its contamination within a mile and a half of the present pumping station; for this distance it flows through pasture land, and receives surface drainage from cleared lands on which are eight dwellings. The sources of this stream are in the mountain in the rear of the Hospital, and not far removed. By acquiring control of them it would be possible to intercept the water far above the sources of pollution, at a point where the supply practically equals that at the present intake, thus providing against contamination, and also acquiring the use of the water at all times, without the possibility of interference from adverse owners up the stream. Without this brook the supply of water is not equal to the present demand.

On the other hand, if springs from which the brook arises should be acquired by persons for purposes of domestic use, elsewhere than at this Hospital, serious inconvenience and perhaps suffering would follow. This apprehension is not baseless, for not only the water-company of the neighboring city, but the families in the neighborhood are steadily obtaining the control of all available sources of water-supply.

Another decided advantage would be the ability to do away with the present pumping station, and to put the water in the reservoirs by gravity.

The plans in contemplation to accomplish this important work, it is expected, will not involve a very heavy outlay, and will be communicated to the Legislature as soon as matured.

THE COUNTY INSTITUTIONS.

The law further enacts that "it shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to visit each county institution in the State, at least once a year, and to inspect such institutions and their management and to make, in their annual report, such recommendations as they shall deem necessary concerning such local institutions." This task has been performed with the following results:

Burlington County Alms-House and Insane Asylum.

This Asylum is attached to the Alms-House, and is located near New Lisbon.

Mr. T. B. Gaskill is Steward, and has been in charge of the institution for the past twenty-one years; Mrs. Martha Gaskill is Matron, and John W. Webb, M.D., is the Visiting Physician.

The Asylum was built in 1873, exclusively for the insane, and has accommodations for 56 persons. It is now filled to its limit. There are 14 white males, 38 white females, and 4 colored females.

Drinking-water is supplied from the north branch of the Rancocas creek, and is well distributed throughout the building. The bath-rooms are sufficient, and there is an ample supply of hose and fire-plugs. The water-closets are outside, oil lamps are used for lighting, and the edifice is heated by hot-air furnaces in the cellar. The farm yields an abundant supply of vegetables.

A careful inspection of the premises showed that the ventilation is perfect, sanitary condition good, the rooms and passageways neat and clean, and every way comfortable.

The State appropriation last year was \$5,785.

Camden County Insane Asylum.

This Asylum is situated about two miles from the town of Blackwood. Mr. George Kleinheinz is the Superintendent, Mrs. Anna Kleinheinz is the Matron, and H. E. Brauer, M.D., is the Physician.

There are accommodations for 150 patients. The total number at

the time of our visit was 142; 54 white males, 62 white females, 8 colored males, and 18 colored females. There are also 8 private patients.

This Asylum, erected in 1877, is a four-story brick building standing by itself; bath-rooms and closets are on each floor; water is taken from Greenlock creek; it is abundant, and there is an ample supply of hose and connections in case of fire.

The building is heated by steam, and oil lamps are used for lighting. Vegetables are supplied by the farm. The sanitary condition is excellent; sewer connections in good order; ventilation first-class; and the cleanliness of the entire building in every department is deserving of the highest commendation.

The State appropriation last year was \$12,800.

The absence of an elevator is noticeable and an occasion of much inconvenience. The use of oil lamps here, as in the Burlington County Asylum, we deem a constant source of danger.

Cumberland County Alms-House and Insane Asylum.

The insane here occupy a small brick building, two stories high, erected for the purpose, and entirely detached from the Alms-House proper. It will properly accommodate not more than 20 patients. Such as cannot be accommodated here, are housed in the Alms-House.

This building is about two miles from Bridgeton. It is under the care of Mr. William Ogden, Steward; Mrs. Ogden being the Matron, and John R. Thompson, M.D., is the Attending Physician.

The number of patients is 10; white males 3; colored males, 2; white females, 4; colored females, 1.

Patients seem to be properly fed and housed: the general health is good; the supply of water for drinking is taken from a well, and is reported to be wholesome. The building is heated by hot-air furnaces and is apparently kept clean.

Essex County Hospital for the Insane.

This institution is situated in Newark, will accommodate about 800 patients, and is the largest County Asylum in the State. The Superintendent is Livingstone S. Hinckley, M.D.

At the time of the visit of the Board of Managers there were 646 inmates; 589 regularly committed, and 57 temporarily committed.

Of those regularly committed, 245 were males and 344 females; total 589. This building cost about a half a million dollars, and its condition and management, so far as the same could be examined by the Managers, made a most favorable impression upon them. The buildings are in part new, none of them old. System, order and neatness were everywhere apparent.

Gloucester County Alms-House and Insane Asylum.

The insane are here kept, part in the Alms-House proper, and part in a stone building on the grounds, situated some hundred feet from the main building. The property is situated near Clarksboro.

Mr. George G. Weatherby is Superintendent, Mrs. Mary P. Weatherby being Matron, and the Visiting Physician is Samuel F. Ashcraft, M.D.

There are 13 insane inmates; white males, 4; colored male, 1; white females, 8. (Four or five others are reported to be virtually idiots.)

The stone house is heated with a large stove; the main house with a hot-air furnace. Water is taken both from a well and a spring. It is pumped to a reservoir and distributed through the house by pipes. The supply is reported to be ample and excellent, and the drainage thoroughly good.

The patients are reported by the Attending Physician to be fed and clothed properly, and their general health to be very good.

But very few patients are permanently kept in the building called the Asylum; the others are kept in the Alms-House. The building, rooms and premises generally are cleanly and in good condition.

Hudson County Insane Asylum.

This institution is on Snake Hill, and under the exclusive charge of G. W. King, M.D. At the time of the visit of the Board of Managers, October 19th, the number of patients was 324; males, 138; females, 186. The report of the former Board of Managers stated that the new Asylum was almost completed and would have accommodations for about 600 patients; that the building is 552 feet long and 80 feet wide, and 4 stories high.

The present Board of Managers found the building still unfinished, but rapidly approaching completion. Their examination of the old

buildings led them to the conclusion that the erection of a new building had been unduly delayed. They do not see how any Superintendent could maintain an institution in a condition to make a favorable impression where the patients were crowded into such quarters as they now occupy. It is expected that the entrance upon the new building will facilitate great improvements, plans for which are already matured, and were clearly explained to the Managers by the Superintendent.

Passaic County Insane Asylum.

The managers visited the Passaic County Insane Asylum November 12th.

The insane of this county are kept in the Poor-House of the city of Paterson by an agreement between the authorities of the city of Paterson and the Board of Freeholders of the county.

It is in charge of John J. Donnelly, Superintendent, and Thomas L. Paton, M.D., of Paterson, as Medical Attendant.

Number of patients, male 14, female 25.

The building will accommodate 300, sane and insane. In their respective departments the insane mingle promiscuously with the sane paupers and with children (which number about 25).

This Asylum was clean and in good order.

Salem County Alms-House and Insane Asylum.

The pauper insane of this county are largely kept at the County Alms-House. This is located about two miles from Woodstown. Mr. David Dickinson is Superintendent, Mrs. Dickinson being Matron. Charles Newton, M.D., of Sharpsburg, and Wm. Carpenter, M.D., of Salem, are the Visiting Physicians.

The Asylum proper is of brick, three stories high, connected with the Alms-House by a frame covered passageway, and seems to be in good condition.

It is provided with a bath-room and closets, and heated by a furnace. The water, obtained from a well and also from a spring, is reported to be excellent and the supply abundant.

Of the 13 patients, 8 are provided for in the building specially provided for the insane, and 5 in the main house; 6 are males, 4 white and 2 colored. Of the 7 females, 6 are white and 1 colored. The patients apparently receive good care.

The Managers, in reviewing their examination of the county institutions, are unanimous in the belief that where the insane are gathered in considerable numbers physicians should be upon the ground, as visiting once a week, or upon special summons, does not afford these unfortunates the proper care. In the smaller county asylums, when the Steward and his wife are away, there is no one to oversee the patients; therefore, in some instances, they are locked in their cells behind grated iron bars.

When the insane are kept in the Alms-House proper, there is considerable intermingling of insane and paupers; this is in no respect wise, and is especially hurtful to children.

Where the number of insane is not sufficiently large to justify the erection of buildings especially adapted to the purpose of caring for them and the maintenance of a staff of physicians, and the application of all the modern methods of treating the insane with a view to curing them, or alleviating their sufferings, we are of the opinion that the care of them by the county is inexpedient, and that they should be sent to State institutions, even should it be necessary to erect additional hospitals.

The Board of Managers beg leave to direct attention to the necessity of adding a provision to the law which shall require that insane females sent by the counties to the State Hospitals be in all cases accompanied by a woman in addition to such male attendants as may be needed. Such is not now the case, and we do not without reason deprecate the continuance of the present practice.

In conclusion the Board of Managers would respectfully refer your Excellency to the appended reports of the Medical Directors, Wardens and other officers, which will exhibit, so far as statements and tables can do so, the exact condition of the vast property of the State devoted to "ministering to minds diseased."

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