

The report further exhibits the skill and enterprise of the New Jersey pilots.

There are twenty-one deaf and dumb, and fifteen blind pupils, supported at the expense of the state, in the institutions of New York and Philadelphia. The appropriations made in the revised statutes will be abundantly sufficient to meet the expenses of any probable increase in the number for a long time to come.

The constitution imposes on you the high and responsible trust of legislation. Coming directly from the people, and intimately acquainted with their feelings and interests, you will, under the guidance of an overruling Providence, adopt such measures as will advance the prosperity and welfare of the state.

CHARLES C. STRATTON.

TRENTON, January 12th, 1847.

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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

SUBMITTED JANUARY 13, 1847.

[A.]

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO BUILD THE STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

To his excellency, CHARLES C. STRATTON,
Governor of the state of New Jersey :

The Commissioners appointed to build the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum, respectfully REPORT :

That early in the spring, when the masons recommenced their work, it was found that a small portion of the foundation wall, which had been laid up to the surface of the earth late in the preceding autumn, had been injured by the frost. This was taken down and re-built.

The persons who contracted to furnish the materials and build the walls, and to do the carpenter work of the asylum, have labored with great diligence and fidelity during the season; and had it not been for the unusually stormy and wet weather towards the close of the year, the building would all have been under roof.

The timber of various kinds and of superior quality—the Carolina floor boards, window frames, wooden window sash, and the glass, have all been seasonably furnished by the several contractors.

The carpenters have carried forward their operations in a satisfactory manner.

The roofs of all the wings and their appendages, have been covered with good and handsome slate; and considerable progress has been made in painting those parts of the building which have been prepared.

The water works have been completed, as far as necessary for present purposes, and have afforded an ample supply of water during the season.

Your Commissioners design to make arrangements, to have the plastering done as early in the spring as practicable; and it is confidently expected that the persons who have in charge the work, in the various departments, will urge it forward as fast as it can consistently be done, so that the building may be fitted for company in the ensuing autumn.

Of the appropriations of the state legislature of 1845, of \$25,000, and of 1846, of \$50,000, there had been drawn, on the 1st of January, 1847, from the treasury, by warrants from the Governor, (since the report in January last,)	\$ 36,400 00
There had been received for rent of farm,	137 50
Drawn from the treasury, as reported in Jan. last,	2,600 00

Making the sum of moneys received,	\$ 39,137 50
From this amount there has been paid out, since the last report, up to the 1st instant, to different persons and for various purposes,	37,343 48
There had been previously paid out, as by report in January last,	1,632 29

Making the total of expenditure,	\$ 38,975 77
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Leaving, on the 1st of January, 1847, an unexpended balance of	\$ 161 73
Which sum stands to the credit of the Commissioners in the Trenton Bank.	

Your Commissioners further report, that the farm committed to their supervision has been rented; the farm house and part of

the land for a summer crop only, for \$200 per annum, and a part of the house and garden near the asylum, for \$75 per year.

It was found to be necessary, in order to accomodate boats conveying materials for the asylum, to have a wharf at the feeder of the Delaware and Raritan canal. Accordingly, a substantial stone wall, six feet in height, and one hundred feet in length, with return wings, has been built on the premises.

A well had been commenced at the dwelling house, near the asylum, when the property was purchased; and, although the well was to be sunk in a rock, yet it was considered best to finish it, as it might be of indispensable importance to the asylum, in case of a temporary derangement of the water works, by which the institution would ordinarily be supplied. The well has been sunk to the depth of forty-one feet from the surface of the earth, and it is believed that it will now afford a copious and constant supply of good water.

From statements in the former part of this report, it will be perceived, that it is important that early arrangements be made for procuring some of the necessary fixtures for the building, and as they are to be connected with it, they ought to be provided before the house is finished.

Some provision will also be needed for procuring furniture for a portion of the building, for constructing drains, and putting up fences, &c., &c.

And we feel assured, that whatever is necessary to be done to prepare the institution for the reception of patients, at as early day as practible, will receive the prompt and cheerful attention both of your excellency and of the state legislature.

Which is respectfully submitted.

ELI F. COOLEY,
CALVIN HOWELL, } Commissioners.
SAML RUSH.

TRENTON, January 4th, 1847.