

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

NEW JERSEY STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM,

AT TRENTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1856.

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## OFFICERS OF THE ASYLUM.

## MANAGERS.

Hon. JAMES PARKER, Perth Amboy, *President*.  
 THOMAS J. STRYKER, Esq., Trenton, *Secretary*.  
 Rev. E. F. COOLEY, Trenton.  
 CHARLES RIDGWAY, M. D., Jacksonville.  
 CHARLES C. STRATTON, Swedesboro'.  
 JAMES S. GREEN, Esq., Princeton.  
 HENRY A. FORD, Esq., Morristown.  
 ALEXANDER WURTZ, Esq., Flemington.  
 JOHN H. PHILLIPS, M. D., Pennington.  
 CHARLES S. OLDEN, Princeton.

## RESIDENT OFFICERS.

*Superintendent and Physician.*  
 H. A. BUTTOLPH, M. D.

*Assistant Physician,*  
 CHARLES HODGE, Jr., M. D.

*Steward,*  
 CALEB SAGER.

*Matron,*  
 MISS MARY TABER.

*Treasurer,*  
 JASPER S. SCUDDER, Trenton.

## MANAGERS REPORT.

*To His Excellency, Rodman M. Price, Governor of the State of New Jersey:*

The Managers of the State Lunatic Asylum, in presenting their tenth annual report, beg leave to state that the affairs of the Institution in all its departments, have been conducted in a manner highly satisfactory to them, as well as to the comfort and welfare of those who, during the past year, have been inmates of the Asylum.

The requirements of the law relative to the Asylum, have been regularly complied with, the meetings of the Board have been stately held, and an effective inspection of the institution maintained.

The duties of the superintendent, and all the officers, have been faithfully performed, and the patients have received all the care and attention their wants required and the condition of the institution would allow.

On the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, there were two hundred and thirty-three patients in the Asylum; one hundred and sixty-eight have since been admitted, making the whole number under treatment during the year, four hundred and one.

Of this number, seventy-three have been discharged recovered, thirty-four improved and three unimproved, one has escaped, and twenty-seven have died, leaving two hundred and sixty-three patients in the Asylum on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Most of the deaths that occurred, were among that large class of chronic cases which it has been the policy of the counties to continue in the institution, with but little hope of improvement in their condition, until, by consumption or exhaustion of the vital powers, a fatal termination ensues.

The annual appropriation from the State Treasurer, with the ordinary income of the institution from other sources, has, under the judicious management of the Steward, been sufficient to meet its current expenses during the year, and leave a balance in the Treasury to the credit of the institution on the first day of January, 1857, of \$22 81.

The report of the Managers, made January 2d, 1856, exhibited the progress of the work in the erection and furnishing of the new wings to the Asylum, as authorized by the act of the Legislature in 1854, and that there had been expended and paid thereon up to that period, the sum of \$39,953 01  
That there has been paid since, 2,953 36  
And that there are bills remaining unpaid, 4,777 94

Total expenditure to this date, \$47,684 31  
There has been paid out of the appropriation for this purpose (less the interest) \$43,000 00

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Making the excess of expenditures above the appropriation,        | 4,684 31   |
| To pay which, with interest thereon, about                        | 500 00     |
| To flag around the new wings estimated,                           | 500 00     |
| To finish and furnish new wings, "                                | 1,500 00   |
| To enclose additional ground for garden,                          | 300 00     |
| To paint and make necessary repairs about buildings,              | 1,000 00   |
| And to procure pipes and hose to protect the buildings from fire, | 500 00     |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$8,984 31 |

All which will be required, and the managers would therefore respectfully ask of the Legislature an appropriation for those purposes. An inventory of the personal property has been made, according to law, and amounts to the sum of \$22,417 26, being an increase of that of the previous year of \$1,757 43.

The reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer are herewith submitted.

In concluding this report, the Managers express their conviction of the superior efficacy of asylum over private treatment in the management of the insane. And that the institution, since its establishment in 1848, furnishes many gratifying evidences of success in the treatment of this class of patients; thus realizing in its practical operation, not only the cherished anticipations of its benevolent founders, but gladdening the hearts of those who have looked to this institution (surrounded as it is, by all the happy influences that art and skill can command) as the only available means of restoring the wandering intellects of the poor and unfortunate lunatics of the State, gathered within its walls, an effective instrument in their restoration to their families and friends, again to become valued and useful members of society.

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| JAMES PARKER,    | JOHN H. PHILLIPS,  |
| ELI F. COOLEY,   | CHARLES S. OLDEN,  |
| CHARLES RIDGWAY, | CHAS. C. STRATTON, |
| JAMES S. GREEN,  | THOS. J. STRYKER,  |
| HENRY A. FORD,   | ALEXANDER WURTS.   |

*New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum, Jan. 2, 1857.*

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following statement of the fiscal concerns of the New Jersey Lunatic Asylum for the year, commencing December thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and ending December twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, is respectfully submitted to the board of managers.

## RECEIPTS.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Balance in the Treasurer's hands,      | \$ 1 40     |
| Received from the State of New Jersey, | 7,316 34    |
| Revenue account from Asylum,           | 35,361 04   |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$42,678 78 |

## PAYMENTS.

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid for the Steward's accounts, | \$42,655 97 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands,    | 22 81       |
|                                  | <hr/>       |
|                                  | \$42,678 78 |

All which is respectfully submitted, by

JASPER S. SCUDDER,

*Dated Trenton, Dec. 30, 1856.*

*Treasurer.*

We certify that the above statement has been examined by us, and the amounts paid compared with the vouchers, and that the same are correctly stated and balanced.

JAMES S. GREEN,

THOS. J. STRYKER,

*Auditing Committee.*

The annexed is the abstract of the account rendered by the Steward to the Treasurer, showing, in detail, the different receipts and mode of expenditures for the above amount.

## PAYMENTS.

*N. J. State Lunatic Asylum in account with J. S. Scudder,  
Treasurer, from Dec. 29, 1855, to Dec. 29, 1856. Dr.*

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| To amount paid for Provision account, | \$11,129 54 |
| “ “ Traveling expense account,        | 4 16        |
| “ “ Stock “                           | 223 00      |
| “ “ Fuel “                            | 4210 63     |
| “ “ Light “                           | 749 05      |
| “ “ Petty current expense “           | 485 29      |
| “ “ Smith & wheel-wright “            | 216 98      |
| “ “ Laundry “                         | 251 18      |
| “ “ Freight “                         | 126 40      |
| “ “ Harness “                         | 19 19       |
| “ “ Newspaper “                       | 20 00       |
| “ “ Medical “                         | 382 22      |
| “ “ Books and stationery “            | 87 74       |
| “ “ Fixtures “                        | 780 88      |
| “ “ Grounds and grading “             | 54 78       |
| “ “ Clothing “                        | 3137 04     |
| “ “ Refunding “                       | 299 10      |
| “ “ Flour “                           | 3557 03     |
| “ “ Feed “                            | 852 73      |
| “ “ Farm and Garden “                 | 516 20      |
| “ “ Fruit “                           | 188 48      |
| “ “ Incidental “                      | 371 63      |
| “ “ Groceries “                       | 3045 59     |
| “ “ Furniture “                       | 871 21      |
| “ “ Funeral expenses “                | 299 92      |
| “ “ Wages “                           | 9373 58     |
| “ “ Straw “                           | 216 75      |
| “ “ Postage “                         | 127 09      |
| “ “ Repairs “                         | 1058 58     |
|                                       | <hr/>       |
|                                       | \$42,655 97 |
| Balance,                              | 22 81       |
|                                       | <hr/>       |
|                                       | \$42,678 78 |

*N. J. State Lunatic Asylum, in account with J. S. Scudder,  
Treasurer, from Dec. 29, 1855, to Dec. 29, 1856. Cr.*

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Balance from last year,                   | \$ 1 40               |
| Received from State Treasurer,            | 7316 34               |
| “ Provision account,                      | \$78 61               |
| “ Traveling expense acc't,                | 36 22                 |
| “ Incidental “                            | 59 25                 |
| “ Damage “                                | 20 39                 |
| “ Funeral expense “                       | 235 96                |
| “ Postage “                               | 83 98                 |
| “ Board and clothing<br>private patients, | 12,622 24             |
| “ Board and clothing<br>county patients,  | 22,224 39—\$35,361 04 |
|   | <hr/>                 |
|   | \$42,678 78           |
|   | <hr/>                 |
| 1856, December 29, by balance,            | \$22 81               |

Respectfully submitted to J. S. Scudder, Treasurer.

CALEB SAGER,

Steward.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Managers of the Asylum :

GENTLEMEN :

In compliance with the law for organising the Asylum, the Superintendent submits his annual report :

|   | Men.       | Women.     | Total.     |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Patients in the asylum, on the 31st of December, 1855 | -          | 107        | 233        |
| Received since, to 1st January, 1857,                 | 80         | 88         | 168        |
| <b>Under treatment during the year,</b>               | <b>187</b> | <b>214</b> | <b>401</b> |
| Discharged recovered during the year,                 | 31         | 42         | 73         |
| “ improved “  | 16         | 18         | 34         |
| “ unimproved “  | 2          | 1          | 3          |
| Escaped   | 1          | 0          | 1          |
| Died  | 13         | 14         | 27         |
| <b>Total discharged during the year,</b>              | <b>63</b>  | <b>75</b>  | <b>138</b> |
| Remaining, December 31st, 1856,                       | 124        | 139        | 263        |
| <b>Of this number there are</b>                       | <b>42</b>  | <b>148</b> | <b>73</b>  |
|   | Pauper.    | Indigent.  | Private.   |

|  | Men.  | Women. | Total. |
|--|-------|--------|--------|
| Whole number received from opening of asylum, May 15th, 1848, to January 1st, 1857 - - | 513   | 551    | 1064   |
| Of this number there have been discharged, recovered - -                               | 192   | 219    | 411    |
| Discharged, improved - -   | 108   | 108    | 216    |
| "    unimproved - -  | 15    | 16     | 31     |
| Escaped - - - -  | 3     | 0      | 3      |
| Died - - - -   | 71    | 69     | 140    |
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| Total discharged and died -  | 389   | 412    | 801    |
| Remaining, December 31st, 1856   | 124   | 139    | 263    |
| <hr/>  | <hr/> | <hr/>  | <hr/>  |
| Total discharged and remaining   | 513   | 551    | 1064   |
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Rept. for 1856  
Jan. 1, 1857

#### GENERAL RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS.

The number of persons received and treated the past year was four hundred and one, of whom seventy-three were discharged recovered, thirty-four improved, three unimproved, and twenty-seven died.

The number of deaths was comparatively large, from its frequent occurrence from general exhaustion and consumption, in chronic cases of insanity of long standing; about two-thirds of the whole number being of this character. The general health of the inmates has otherwise been unusually good through the entire year.

Forty-nine more cases have been under care during the past than in any preceding year, and the results of treatment, shown by the number of those discharged, recovered and improved, (one hundred and seven,) is of the most gratifying and encouraging character.

Much embarrassment has been experienced during the whole year, from the over-crowded state of the wards for men, and it is hoped that means may be provided by the Legislature at an early day for furnishing all the apartments of the new wing on that side, so that they may be brought into use.

When this is done, the building will afford very satisfactory accommodations for two hundred and seventy-five patients, in nine full and twelve partial classes, or divisions of each sex.

The patients have derived much advantage and pleasure during the year, from the use of the Calistheneum and Museum buildings, described in previous reports. The enclosed grounds

also, which are becoming increasingly attractive by the annual improvements made by the extension of walks, planting of trees, &c., have been much resorted to by the female patients, and are thus made valuable auxiliary means in their moral as well as physical treatment. In view of the advantages of ample facilities for exercise abroad, it is earnestly hoped that some kind friend or friends may at an early day, place the means at our disposal for converting the extensive grove of timber land adjoining the building, into a pleasure ground, by clearing the undergrowth and laying out suitable walks, carriage drives, &c., &c. During several months of the warm season, the exposure from the sun, attendant upon exercise in the open grounds or public roads, is so great as nearly to overcome the advantages of going out. At such times, the use of shady walks and drives would be highly useful.

The usual farming and gardening operations have gone forward during the past year, aided much by the voluntary labor of patients, and have been, as heretofore, productive of valuable results, by supplying many choice vegetables for the table.

By a careful system of economy, the expenditures of the institution for the year have been limited to the current receipts, so that no debt has been incurred.

It should be stated, however, that many needed repairs of the building, alluded to in the last annual report, and now urgently required for its preservation, have been omitted for the want of means for this purpose. If small sums were appropriated for this object, for renewing furniture, for extending fixtures, for generating and containing gas, to meet the wants of the enlarged building and for laying pipes and procuring hose to be used in case of fire, much needless expense from wear, and perhaps entire destruction of property by fire, would be prevented.

The improved arrangement of fixtures for warming, effected last year, have worked successfully and contributed much to

the safety of the building and to the comfort of the inmates.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

To the clergymen of Trenton, and the vicinity, we would renew the expression of our obligation and thanks for their kindness in conducting the religious services of our chapel on many Sabbaths of the year.

From C. H. Shipman, of Newark, we have received the liberal sum of \$250, for finishing and furnishing Calistheneum, in addition to former advances; from Thomas Milnor, of Burlington, \$10; from J. Garside, of Newark, \$5; from A. R. Mount, of New York, \$10; from T. Schorp, of Plainfield, \$5; from Dr. Taylor and Judge Haywood, of Burlington county, a large number of ornamental trees for grounds; from Miss D. L. Dix, 100 engravings and prints, and many interesting and curious specimens for the Museum; from C. Scott, of Trenton, eight volumes for patients' library, and handsome inkstand, case, &c., for office; from W. A. Benjamin, of Trenton, several volumes of United States statistics; from W. B. Gulick, of Washington, D. C., valuable reports of United States Exploring Expeditions, made by Lieutenants Gilliss, Herndon and Gibbon; from Dr. Barnes, W. White and Jacob Taylor, of Trenton, and other persons, various contributions to the Museum collection.

We have also received gratuitous copies of the following daily and weekly papers and periodicals, from their publishers, for which we beg to renew the expression of our thanks in behalf of many readers:—West Jerseyman, Camden; Mirror, Princeton; Reformer, Trenton; Mirror, Mount Holly; True American, Trenton, (Daily); Banner, Morristown; Messen-

ger, Somerville; Herald, Mount Holly; Standard, Keyport; Journal, Elizabeth; Pioneer, Bridgeton; Dollar Newspaper, Burlington; Tribune, Elizabeth; Monthly Religious Magazine, Boston, Massachusetts; Phrenological and Water Cure Journal, New York.

To the Board of Managers, I am indebted for much kindly counsel and sympathy, in the discharge of duties necessarily arduous from the persevering application and effort required to meet the emergencies and multiplied details of a large institution.

Charles Hodge, Jr., M. D., of Princeton, has held the post of Assistant Physician, since July last, and has engaged in the duties of his station with an earnest desire to be useful.

The places of Steward and Matron are still filled by Mr. Caleb Sager and Miss Mary Taber, to both of whom I am under obligation for the most self-sacrificing devotion to the interests of the institution and the welfare of the patients.

It gives me pleasure also to refer to many conscientious attendants and assistants, of both sexes, who have faithfully discharged the duties of their respective stations. These duties are often arduous in the extreme, and demand the highest exercise of the best faculties and feelings to secure the ends sought—the cure and comfort of the insane.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. BUTTOLPH.

NEW JERSEY STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM, }  
Trenton, January 1, 1857.

## APPENDIX.

### ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

#### PRIVATE PATIENTS,\*

Or those supported by themselves or their friends, are admitted to the asylum, 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 patients be sent with them, or that they be accompanied by a person capable of giving such information; that a "request for their admission" be made by some friend; that a "certificate of insanity," by one respectable physician, 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.

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

The price of board per week, for those supported at public charge, is two dollars; for those supported by friends, three dollars, fifty cents and upwards, according to the nature of the case and their ability to pay.

The forms of "request for admission," "certificate of insanity," and "bond for support," &c., are as follows:

FORM OF REQUEST.

*To the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum:*

The undersigned, of the township of \_\_\_\_\_, in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, is desirous of placing in the state lunatic asylum, at Trenton, and hereby requests the admission therein of \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of the township of \_\_\_\_\_, in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, who is aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, and has been [here state what the occupation, profession, or business of the person has been.] He (or she) is a native of \_\_\_\_\_, in the state of \_\_\_\_\_, and is [here state what the relationship or circumstances of connection may be] of the undersigned.

[Then should follow a written history of the case, stating the alleged cause of insanity, when it commenced, and all the particulars of the case.]

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 185 .

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF INSANITY.

I, A. B., physician of the township of \_\_\_\_\_, in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that I have examined into, or am

acquainted with the state of health and mental condition of C. D. of the township of \_\_\_\_\_, in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, and that he is, in my opinion, insane, and a fit subject to be sent to the state lunatic asylum.

Signed,

A. B.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 185 .

[The law requiring the certificates of two physicians, under oath, was repealed by supplement of March first, eighteen hundred and fifty.]

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 lunatic asylum, and his successors in office, in the sum of five hundred dollars, for the payment of which we jointly and severally bind ourselves firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 185 .

Whereas, \_\_\_\_\_, of the township of \_\_\_\_\_, in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, a lunatic, has been admitted a boarder in the New Jersey state lunatic asylum, at Trenton: Now therefore, the condition of this obligation is, that if the said obligators shall pay to the said 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 asylum, with such extra charges as may be occasioned by \_\_\_\_\_ requiring more than ordinary care and attention, and shall provide for \_\_\_\_\_ suitable clo-

thing, and pay for all such necessary articles of clothing as shall be procured for \_\_\_\_\_ by the steward of the asylum, and shall remove \_\_\_\_\_ from the asylum whenever the room occupied by \_\_\_\_\_ shall be required for a class of patients having preference by law, or in the opinion of the superintendent, to be received into said asylum; and if \_\_\_\_\_ should be removed at the request of \_\_\_\_\_ before the expiration of six calendar months after reception, then if such obligors shall pay board for twenty-six weeks, unless \_\_\_\_\_ should be sooner cured, and if they shall also pay not exceeding fifty dollars for all damages \_\_\_\_\_ may do to the furniture or other property of the asylum, 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 and after the time it becomes due, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in force.

Signed and sealed in presence of,

FORM OF ORDER, &C., FOR JUDGES.

I, A. B., 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 in behalf of C. D., a resident of the township of \_\_\_\_\_, in said county, alleged to be insane, (and in indigent circumstances, or a pauper, as the case may be,) and that pursuant to an act of the legislature in such cases made and provided, I have called before me Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, a respectable physician, and other credible witnesses, to wit, (state their names,) and having examined them and fully investigated the case, and not deeming it necessary to call a jury, I do hereby decide and certify that satisfactory proof has been adduced before me, showing the

said C. D. to be an insane person, and that \_\_\_\_\_ has not sufficient estate or means to support \_\_\_\_\_ under said visitation of insanity.

Given under my hand at \_\_\_\_\_, in the county and state aforesaid, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

A. B.

county, ss.—I, A. B., being duly sworn according to law, do certify and declare that I have examined into the state of health and mental condition of C. D., of the township of \_\_\_\_\_, said county of \_\_\_\_\_, and that I am of opinion that \_\_\_\_\_ is insane.

A. B.,  
*Physician.*

Sworn and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
A. D. 185 .

A. B.,  
*Judge, &c.*

Endorse on certificate—"Approved"—A. B., and C. D., chosen freeholders of the township of \_\_\_\_\_, and county of \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, }  
county.

I, A. B., 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 of the certificate of Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, thereto appended, as filed in my office, that the foregoing is a true copy of the endorsement thereon, and that A. B. and C. D., whose names are signed to the said endorsement of approval are members of the board of chosen

freeholders of said township in said county, and that said signatures are in their proper handwriting.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 185 .

A. B.,

[L. s.]

Clerk.

#### INDIGENT PERSONS,

Or those possessing but little property, and not paupers, are admitted to the asylum, and supported at the expense of the counties from which they are sent for three years, if not sooner cured, agreeably to section twenty-one of "Act to organize the asylum," and section five of supplementary act, which are as follows:

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That when a person in indigent circumstances, not a pauper, becomes insane, application may be made in his behalf to any two judges of the court of common pleas in the county where he resides; and said judges shall call two respectable physicians, and other credible witnesses, and fully investigate the facts of the case, and, either with or without the verdict of a jury, at their discretion, shall decide the case as to his insanity and indigence; and if the said judges unite in a certificate that satisfactory proof has been adduced showing him to be insane, and his estate insufficient to support him and his family (or if he has no family, himself) under the visitation of insanity, on their certificate, authenticated by the county clerk under the seal of the court, he shall be admitted into the asylum, and supported there at the expense of the county until he shall be restored to soundness of mind, if affected in three years; the said judges in such case shall have requisite power to compel the attendance

of witnesses or jurors, and shall file the certificate of the physicians, taken under oath, and other papers relating thereto, with a report of their proceedings and decision, with the clerk of the county, and report the fact to the board of chosen freeholders, whose duty it shall be, at their next annual meeting, to raise the money requisite to meet the expenses of support, and as soon thereafter as practicable, pay it to the treasurer of the asylum.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the investigation required by the twentieth and twenty-first sections of the act to which this is a supplement, to be made with the assistance of two respectable physicians, shall be sufficient, if made with the assistance of one such physician, whose certificate shall be sufficient; and that the application required to be made in the twenty-first section of the said act, to any two judges of the court of common pleas, shall be sufficient, if made to one such judge, as is therein mentioned, who shall be competent to discharge all the duties assigned to the two judges in said section mentioned.

Persons in indigent circumstances, who have been supported in the asylum by their friends for six months, may be continued therein at the public expense for one year, agreeably to the provisions of section twenty-second, as follows:

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted*, That when an insane person, in indigent circumstances, shall have been sent to the asylum by his friends, who have paid his bills therein for six months, if the superintendent shall certify that he is a fit patient, and likely to be benefitted by remaining in the institution, the chosen freeholders of the county of his residence are authorized and required, upon an application under oath in his behalf, to raise a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses of his remaining there a year, and pay the same to the treasurer of the asylum; and they shall repeat the same for two succeeding years, upon like application, and the production of

a new certificate each year, of like import, from the superintendent.

PAUPER PATIENTS,

Are admitted on the order of a judge of the court of common pleas of the county, as directed in section twenty of act, and sections, second, third, fifth and sixth, of supplement, which are as follows:

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any pauper may be insane, it shall be the duty of the overseer of the poor in the township wherein he resides, to make application in his behalf, to any judge of the court of common pleas of the county: and said judge shall call two respectable physicians, and fully investigate the facts of the case; and if satisfied, after such examination, that the disease is of such a nature as may be cured, he shall issue an order to such overseer, requiring him, without delay, to take such insane pauper to the lunatic asylum, where he shall be kept and supported at the expense of the county in which is his residence, until he shall be restored to soundness of mind, if effected in three years; the judge, in such case, shall have power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and shall file the certificate of the physicians, taken under oath, and other papers relating thereto, and a report of the proceedings and decision, with the clerk of the county, who shall report the facts to the board of chosen freeholders, whose duty it shall be, at their next annual meeting, to raise the money requisite to meet the expenses of support, and, as soon thereafter as practicable, pay it to the treasurer of the asylum.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if the judge to whom application shall be made on behalf of any insane pauper shall be satisfied, upon the examination of the case made in the

manner prescribed in the twentieth section of the act to which this is a supplement, that such insane pauper cannot be provided for by the overseers of the poor of the township, or at the poor house of the township or county upon which he is chargeable, with comfort, and without danger or prejudice to himself or others, the said judge shall order the said pauper to be removed to the lunatic asylum, to be kept and supported in the manner and for the time in the said twentieth section mentioned.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if the board of chosen freeholders of the county upon which any insane person may be chargeable shall, at any regular or special meeting, request that such patient be continued at the lunatic asylum for a period of time beyond the three years mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement, the said patient shall be kept and supported at the asylum for such period of time at the expense of the said county, to be raised and paid in the manner prescribed by the said act; *provided*, that the said board of chosen freeholders may at any time revoke the said request; and further, that such patient may be discharged or sent back to the overseers of the poor, or the poorhouse of the township or county whence he came, in the manner and for the reasons mentioned in the thirty-sixth section of the said act.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the investigation required by the twentieth and twenty-first sections of the act to which this is a supplement, to be made with the assistance of two respectable physicians, shall be sufficient if made with the assistance of one such physician, whose certificate shall be sufficient; and that the application required to be made in the twenty-first section of the said act, to any two judges of the Court of Common Pleas, shall be sufficient, if made to one such judge, as is therein mentioned, who shall be competent to discharge all the duties assigned to the two judges in said section mentioned.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That in all such cases as are provided for in the twentieth section of the act to which this is a supplement, a certificate from the clerk of the county, under his official seal, that such order has been issued, as is mentioned in said section, shall be sent with the pauper, and filed by the superintendent of the asylum.

The attention of all township and county officers is requested to the provision of section twenty-six of act, as follows:

SEC. 26. *And be it enacted*, That all town and county officers, sending a patient to the asylum, shall, before sending him, see that he is in a state of perfect bodily cleanliness, and is comfortably clothed and provided with suitable changes of raiment, as prescribed in the by-laws.

#### CRIMINAL PATIENTS,

Or those acquitted of criminal charges on the ground of insanity, and those under indictment, &c., may be sent to the asylum, agreeably to the provisions of sections twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, and twenty-ninth of act, and section seventh of supplement, which are as follows:

SEC. 27. *And be it enacted*, That when a person shall have escaped indictment, or have been acquitted of a criminal charge upon trial, on the ground of insanity, upon the plea pleaded of insanity or otherwise, the court, being certified by the jury, or otherwise of the fact, shall carefully inquire and ascertain whether his insanity in any degree continues, and if it does, shall order him in safe custody, and to be sent to the asylum; the county from which he is sent shall defray all his expenses while there, and of sending him back, if returned; but the county may recover the amount so paid from his own

estate, if he has any, or from any relative, township, city or county that would have been bound to provide for and maintain him elsewhere.

SEC. 28. *And be it enacted*, That if any person in confinement under indictment or under sentence of imprisonment, or for want of bail for good behaviour, or for keeping the peace, or appearing as a witness, or in consequence of any summary conviction, or by order of any justice, or under any other than civil process, shall appear to be insane, the judge of the circuit court of the county where he is confined, shall institute a careful investigation, call two respectable physicians and other credible witnesses, invite the prosecutor of the pleas to aid in the examination, and if he shall deem it necessary, shall call a jury, and for that purpose is fully empowered to compel the attendance of witnesses and jurors; and if it be satisfactorily proved that he is insane, said judge may discharge him from imprisonment, and order his safe custody and removal to the asylum, where he shall remain until restored to his right mind; and then if the said judge shall have so directed, the superintendent shall inform the said judge, and the county clerk, and the prosecutor of the pleas thereof, whereupon he shall be remanded to prison, and criminal proceedings be resumed, or otherwise discharged; the provisions of the last preceding section, requiring the county to defray the expenses of a patient sent to the asylum, shall be equally applicable to similar expenses arising under this section, and the one next following.

SEC. 29. *And be it enacted*, That persons charged with misdemeanors, and acquitted on the ground of insanity may be kept in custody, and send to the asylum, in the same way as persons charged with crimes.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the words "under sentence of imprisonment," in the twenty-eighth section of the act to which this is a supplement, be, and the the same is hereby repealed.

*Supplement of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, relative to the approval of chosen freeholders of townships, in the case of pauper and indigent insane.*

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey,* That when an investigation of a case of lunacy shall be made by one judge and one physician, pursuant to the fifth section of the supplement to the act entitled "An act to authorise the establishment of the New Jersey Lunatic Asylum" approved March the ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, they shall present their certificate and proceedings to the two chosen freeholders of the township in which the lunatic is found, who shall examine the same: and, if satisfied that the said lunatic has a legal settlement in their county, as defined by the act entitled "An Act for the settlement and relief of the poor," approved April the tenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and is entitled to the relief afforded by the act to which this is a supplement, and the supplement thereto, shall endorse the word "approved upon said certificate and proceedings, and shall sign official names thereto.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said certificate and proceedings, endorsed as aforesaid, shall be filed with the clerk of the county, and authenticated by him as provided by the twentieth and twenty-first sections of the act to which this is a supplement; and thereupon it shall be the duty of the chosen freeholders of said county to provide for the expenses of the support of said lunatic, and to pay the amount thereof, as soon as practicable, to the treasurer of the asylum.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if said chosen freeholders shall not approve of sending such lunatics to the asylum at the expense of the county, they shall endorse on said certificate and proceedings the words "not approved," and shall sign their official names thereto, and the same shall then be

filed with the clerk of the board of chosen freeholders; and said lunatic shall not be admitted to the asylum at the expense of the county.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That if there be by law but one chosen freeholder in any township, or if one of two chosen freeholders be dead or incapable of acting by reason of sickness or otherwise, the same duties hereinbefore required to be performed by two chosen freeholders, may be, and are hereby required to be performed by one chosen freeholder, and his acts in the premises shall have the same validity as the acts of two.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved February 30th, 1852.

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COUNTIES LIABLE FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AND INDIGENT.

So much of the act organizing the asylum as authorizes the counties or the treasurer of the asylum to recover from townships or cities the expenses of maining patients sent to the asylum, by virtue of the order of any judge or court, was repealed by supplement of March 1st, 1850.

JOINT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

*The Joint Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as refers to the Lunatic Asylum, ask leave to report—*

That they have visited the asylum, inspected carefully the buildings, furniture, food and clothing of the inmates, and found everything in the most satisfactory condition. They believe there is no institution in this country, perhaps not in the world, where the physical wants of the insane are better provided for; and so far as they could judge, they believe the means, both medical and moral, used to restore the unhappy inmates, are equally deserving of praise.

It has been stated that the cost of maintaining patients "is beyond that of similar institutions" in other states; the cost necessarily varies according to the number of patients; a large number being taken care of at a less price per head than a smaller number. But your committee, in order to determine this question, have examined reports from other institutions, and find the following facts. (See Appendix marked A.)

From this statement it appears that the cost of maintaining patients at our institution, is less than it is at any of them except Harrisburg, which is six cents per week per patient less than ours.

Aware of the necessity of practicing the strictest economy in our expenditures, we examined the books, and submit herewith a statement of the employees, with their salaries. (See Appendix marked B.)

The number we do not consider excessive, nor the pay large, considering the disagreeable duties they are called on to perform, in taking proper care of such a number of insane persons.

It will be recollected, that last year the managers of the institution asked an appropriation of six thousand dollars to meet liabilities already incurred; and to furnish the west wing, and make some necessary repairs and improvements about the building. The legislature were disposed to grant the appropriation, but the exhausted state of the treasury forbade it.— This year they renew the application, but ask nine thousand dollars; this seems a large sum, but a reference to the manager's report will show, that it is imperatively required to make the institution what the legislature contemplated. The institution cannot sustain itself whilst compelled by law to keep patients at less than it costs, and the legislature, by imposing that restriction, became liable for its indebtedness. We therefore recommend the passage of an act appropriating the nine thousand dollars, and submit a bill herewith.

J. R. RIGGS,  
S. K. MARTIN,  
ROBERT C. BACOT,  
WILLIAM B. BALDWIN,  
ISAAC LEIDA,  
ELIAS DOUGHTY,  
DOWNS EDMUNDS, JR.

## EXHIBIT A.

## STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM, UTICA, NEW YORK.

|  |             |
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| Average number of patients for eighteen hundred and fifty-six, | 455,        |
| Total expenditures for the year, including salaries,           | \$93,508 58 |
| Expenses for each patient per year, including salaries,        | 205 13      |
| Expenses for each patient per week, including salaries,        | 3 94        |
| Expenses for each patient per year, exclusive of salaries,     | 192 45      |
| Expenses for each patient per week, exclusive of salaries,     | 3 70        |

## NEW JERSEY STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM:

|  |             |
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| Average number of patients for eighteen hundred and fifty-six, | 254,        |
| Total expenditures for the year, including salaries,           | \$46,178 78 |

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|---|-----------|
| Expenses of each patient per year, including salaries,  | 181 80    |
| Expenses of each patient per week, including salaries,  | 3 50      |
| Total expenditures, exclusive of salaries,  | 42,678 78 |
| Expenses of each patient per year, exclusive of salaries,                                     | 168 02    |
| Expenses of each patient per week, exclusive of salaries,                                     | 3 24      |
| Total cost of 65 private patients, exclusive of salaries,                                     | 12,622 24 |
| Expenses of each patient per year, exclusive of salaries,                                     | 192 65    |
| Expenses of each patient per week, exclusive of salaries,                                     | 3 70      |
| Total cost of 189 county patients, exclusive of salaries,                                     | 29,540 73 |
| Expenses of each patient per year, exclusive of salaries,                                     | 156 29    |
| Expenses of each patient per week, exclusive of salaries,                                     | 3 00      |
| Three dollars per week, includes board, clothing, attendance, washing, mending, and medicine. |           |
| Difference in favor of New Jersey Lunatic Asylum, average number,                             | 24 43     |

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| PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, PHILADELPHIA.                |             |
| Average number of patients for eighteen hundred and fifty-six, | 233         |
| Total expenditures for the year, including salaries,           | \$59,732 88 |
| Expense of each patient per year, including salaries,          | 256 36      |
| Expense of each patient per week, including salaries,          | 4 93        |

## BLOOMINGDALE ASYLUM, NEW YORK.

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| Average number of patients for eighteen hundred and fifty-six, | 140         |
| Total expenditures for the year, including salaries,           | \$41,833 12 |
| Expenses for each patient per year, including salaries,        | 299 16      |
| Expenses for each patient per week, including salaries,        | 5 75        |
| Expenses of each patient per year, exclusive of salaries,      | 270 93      |
| Expenses of each patient per week, exclusive of salaries,      | 5 21        |

## STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM, HARRISBURGH.

|  |             |
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| Average number of patients for eighteen hundred and fifty-six, | 250         |
| Expenditure per year,  | \$53,442 86 |
| Deduct for extra work,   | 12,000 00   |
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|  | 41,442,86   |
| Add salaries,  | 3,449 98    |
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|  | 44,892 84   |
|  | <hr/>       |
| Cost per year,   | 52,179 21   |
| Cost per week,   | 3 44        |

N. B.—A portion of the expenditure of \$12,000 for extra work, probably for same kind as is charged in our account for fixtures and repairs, which, together, makes the sum of \$1,839 46.

## EXHIBIT B.

## NEW JERSEY STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

| PERSONS EMPLOYED.                    | NO. | RATE PER MONTH.          | TOTAL.   |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|----------|
| Attendants upon patients, male.....  | 13  | @ \$14 per month.....    | \$182 00 |
| Attendant upon patients, " .....     | 1   | 15 " .....               | 15 00    |
| " " " .....                          | 1   | 16 " .....               | 16 00    |
| Attendants upon patients, female.... | 19  | 9 " .....                | 171 00   |
| " " " .....                          | 2   | 10 " .....               | 20 00    |
| Fireman..... in winter               | 1   | 18 " .....               | 18 00    |
| " " " .....                          | 1   | 14 " .....               | 14 00    |
| Coachman.....                        | 1   | 15 " .....               | 15 00    |
| Baker.....                           | 1   | 16 " .....               | 16 00    |
| Night watch.....                     | 1   | 15 " .....               | 15 00    |
| " " " .....                          | 1   | 9 " .....                | 9 00     |
| Tailor.....                          | 1   | 18 " .....               | 18 00    |
| Farmer.....                          | 1   | 14 " .....               | 14 00    |
| Gardner.....                         | 1   | 25 " .....               | 25 00    |
| Assistant-gardner.....               | 1   | 14 " .....               | 14 00    |
| Gas-maker (also attends pump).....   | 1   | 15 " .....               | 15 00    |
| Painter.....                         | 1   | 14 " .....               | 14 00    |
| Dairyman.....                        | 1   | 15 " .....               | 15 00    |
| Laundry (1 man, 7 women).....        | 8   | 108 (without board)..... | 108 00   |
| Carpenter.....                       | 1   | 25 per month.....        | 25 00    |
| IN KITCHENS.                         |     |                          |          |
| Housekeeper.....                     | 1   | 12 " .....               | 12 00    |
| Man.....                             | 1   | 14 " .....               | 14 00    |
| ".....                               | 1   | 11 " .....               | 11 00    |
| Girls.....                           | 2   | 7 75 " .....             | 15 50    |
| Woman.....                           | 1   | 9 " .....                | 9 00     |
| Chambermaid.....                     | 1   | 7 75 " .....             | 7 75     |
| ".....                               | 1   | 8 " .....                | 8 00     |
| Ironers.....                         | 2   | 9 " .....                | 18 00    |
| Seamstresses.....                    | 2   | 9 " .....                | 18 00    |
| Seamstress.....                      | 1   | 10 " .....               | 10 00    |
| Table girl.....                      | 1   | 7 " .....                | 7 00     |
| Dressmaker.....                      | 1   | 10 " .....               | 10 00    |
| ".....                               | 1   | 9 " .....                | 9 00     |
| Assistant to matron.....             | 1   | 10 " .....               | 10 00    |
| Clerk in office.....                 | 1   | 14 " .....               | 14 00    |
|                                      | 76  |                          | \$912 25 |