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## OFFICERS OF THE ASYLUM.

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### DIRECTORS:

FRANK T. BALDWIN, PRESIDENT ..... Stockton.  
ROBERT WATT, VICE-PRESIDENT ..... San Rafael.  
CALEB DORSEY ..... Stanislaus County.  
S. A. HOLMES ..... Fresno County.  
FRANK STEWART ..... Stockton.

### TREASURER:

WILLIAM B. AUSTIN ..... Stockton.

### RESIDENT OFFICERS:

G. A. SHURTLEFF, M. D. .... Superintendent.  
W. T. BROWNE, M. D. .... Assistant Physician.  
W. R. LANGDON, M. D. .... Assistant Physician.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT.

INSANE ASYLUM OF CALIFORNIA, }  
STOCKTON, October 10th, 1879. }

*To His Excellency, William Irwin, Governor of California :*

SIR: In pursuance of the official duty imposed on us by law, as Directors of the State Asylum for the Insane at Stockton, we hereby respectfully submit our biennial report for the two years ending July 1st, 1879.

We also herewith submit the two annual reports of the Superintendent of the Asylum, which together embrace the two years ending as above stated.

We beg leave to call your Excellency's attention to the remarks of the Superintendent in reference to the partial relief from the crowded state of the Asylum, obtained by the plan employed by your Excellency therefor, and the necessity of continuing the same restriction on the commitments to this institution until the number is reduced to one thousand, as originally proposed.

We also concur with the Superintendent in his recommendation that certain inferior wards, with inadequate accommodations both as to space and character, and the wooden buildings only designed for temporary use originally, but now employed ten years, should, as soon as practicable, be vacated and removed or taken down, and new and proper accommodations of brick be substituted therefor.

The Asylum during the past two years has prospered. The results of its management are highly satisfactory. The executive duties appear to have been successfully and faithfully performed, with a harmonious coöperation generally on the part of those appointed and employed to aid therein.

Expenditures have been guarded with characteristic prudence and with a view to economy, and none have been recommended or incurred which did not have the approval of the Directors, and were not only regarded as justifiable but of obvious necessity.

Some permanent and very valuable and important improvements have been advisedly recommended to be made, which were found to be so absolutely indispensable to the proper operation and protection of the female department of the institution that they were ordered to be carried out. We refer particularly to the grading and graveling the thoroughfare between the buildings of the male and female departments, without which the latter is liable in the rainy season to be inaccessible by any heavy or loaded carriage, and hence cut off from the usual method of obtaining heavy articles of supplies, and the most efficient means of extinguishing accidental or incendiary fires.

It will be observed that the cost of the maintenance of the Asylum

for the 29th fiscal year was 43 cents a day, and for the 30th fiscal year only 40 cents a day for each patient, making the average for the two years 41½ cents per capita daily. It will be seen by reference to other years that the per capita expense during the year just closed is less than it has ever been before. It may be repeated, that the 40 cents per capita embraces every expense of maintaining the Asylum—improvements and repairs for the year, and not only the bedding, food, and clothing of the patients, but the board, lodging, salaries, and wages of the physicians and employes, numbering over 100 persons in addition to the patients.

The graveling and expenses incident thereto, involving the building of a new wooden stable in place of the old one, situate in the center of the street to be improved, it will be observed, were not sufficiently advanced for any part of the payment therefor to come within the 30th fiscal year, the last embraced in this report. The work was not fairly commenced until about the 1st of July, hence the bills therefor pass into the 31st fiscal year. For this reason, being able hereafter to determine more reliably the amount of surplus which may remain unexpended of the appropriation for the support of the Asylum for the 30th and 31st fiscal years, we postpone, at present, making any estimate of the amount necessary to be appropriated for its support for the following year, or the 32d fiscal year.

For further and full financial statements of the condition of the institution in that respect, we refer you to the biennial report of the Treasurer, herewith submitted and made a part of this.

F. T. BALDWIN, *President*,  
ROBT. WATT, *Vice-President*,  
CALEB DORSEY,  
S. A. HOLMES,  
FRANK STEWART,  
Directors.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF THE  
INSANE ASYLUM OF CALIFORNIA,  
STOCKTON, July 1st, 1879. }

*To the Board of Directors of the Insane Asylum of California:*

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the by-laws of the institution, I have the honor to present the following biennial report of the receipts and disbursement of all moneys, from all sources, commencing July the 1st, 1877, and ending June the 30th, 1879:

### GENERAL FUND.

#### *Receipts.*

July 1, 1877, balance as per last biennial report.....	\$27,283 00
July 12, 1877, Warrant No. 2,453.....	16,666 65
August 14, 1877, Warrant No. 2,796.....	16,666 79
September 13, 1877, Warrant No. 3,033.....	16,666 65
October 13, 1877, Warrant No. 59.....	16,000 00
November 13, 1877, Warrant No. 316.....	16,000 00
December 13, 1877, Warrant No. 578.....	16,600 00
February 6, 1878, Warrant No. 1,075.....	16,000 00
February 12, 1878, Warrant No. 1,196.....	16,000 00
March 12, 1878, Warrant No. 1,759.....	16,000 00
April 12, 1878, Warrant No. 3,391.....	16,000 00
June 13, 1878, Warrant No. 5,041.....	16,000 00
July 12, 1878, Warrant No. 6,120.....	16,000 00
August 12, 1878, Warrant No. 6,469.....	18,734 08
September 13, 1878, Warrant No. 6,410.....	18,734 08
October 14, 1878, Warrant No. 6,733.....	18,734 09
January 15, 1879, Warrant No. 4,524.....	7,000 00
January 15, 1879, Warrant No. 5,254.....	16,000 00
February 16, 1879, Warrant No. 5,634.....	16,000 00
March 17, 1879, Warrant No. 5,897.....	16,000 00
April 14, 1879, Warrant No. 5,980.....	16,395 00
May 12, 1879, Warrant No. 6,332.....	16,000 00
June 12, 1879, Warrant No. 6,596.....	16,000 00
June 30, 1879, amount received from pay-patients for board and clothing:	
For the year ending June 30, 1878.....	\$8,291 29
For the year ending June 30, 1879.....	5,763 65
	14,054 94
June 30, 1879, amount received from Steward's sales:	
For the year ending June 30, 1878.....	\$1,231 41
For the year ending June 30, 1879.....	497 81
	1,729 22
	\$396,664 41