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OF THE

Trustees, Superintendent and Treasurer

OF THE

ILLINOIS WESTERN HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

AT WATERTOWN.

JULY 1, 1900.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

HON. JOHN R. TANNEER, *Governor of Illinois.*

SIR:—We have the honor to submit herewith the second biennial report of the trustees, superintendent, and treasurer of the Illinois Western Hospital for the Insane. Two years ago the institution had been open for patients but six weeks and this, therefore, is the first complete report we have had occasion or opportunity to make. At that time the buildings were insufficient and incomplete, and were surrounded by grounds whose naturally unfavorable character was increased by the disorder attendant upon building operations. There was room for but 360 patients; we had an inadequate lighting and heating plant, without reserve power for emergencies; we had neither store nor barns, save of the most primitive and temporary nature, and there were no roads nor walks, it then being almost impossible to approach the building in wet weather.

It is with a sense of pride which can but be deemed justifiable that we view the condition surrounding the entire institution at the present time. The new wards have been for some time completed and occupied, there now being over 600 patients in the institution; a store and cold storage building has been constructed and fully equipped; an additional boiler, engine and dynamo have been installed; two barns and various smaller farm buildings have been erected; a good road has been built to the hospital; cement walks have been laid around the buildings, and a good beginning made towards bringing the grounds to the same degree of beauty which is so marked in other institutions of Illinois. It must be self-evident that the accomplishment of these improvements has involved a vast amount of work, the details of which appear in the report of the superintendent.

The statistics bearing upon the medical department of the hospital can be but satisfactory, indicating as they do 169 patients discharged as recovered, out of a total of 878, of which number 554 were old cases, having been transferred from other institutions.

The same careful economy which marked the completion and furnishing of our buildings has prevailed during the two years in which our hospital has been in actual operation, and despite the small size of our institution our per capita cost has at all times compared favorably with that of the older and larger insane hospitals of the country.

Because of the strong advance in all building materials it was not thought best to immediately undertake the construction of an infirmary with the \$20,000.00 granted by the last General Assembly for that purpose and work was deferred until this summer. The structure is now well under way and will soon afford accommodations for 40 invalid patients.

After a careful consideration of the needs of the institution, and the disadvantages under which it labors, we heartily approve of the recommendations for ordinary expenses and improvements by the superintendent, and urgently request the following appropriations by the next General Assembly:

For ordinary expenses for year beginning July 1, 1901.....	\$66,000 00
.. ordinary expenses for year beginning July 1, 1902.....	91,000 00
.. society hall.....	12,500 00
.. male dormitory and furnishing the same.....	5,500 00
.. laundry building.....	2,500 00
.. parole ward and furnishing the same.....	6,000 00
.. grounds, including grading, rip-rapping, walks, roads, bridges, etc.....	10,000 00
.. refrigerating plant.....	2,500 00
.. iron fence.....	1,500 00
.. farm fences, per annum.....	1,000 00
.. library.....	250 00
.. repairs and improvements.....	2,500 00

All of which is very respectfully submitted,

F. W. GOULD, *President.*
 ALLAN M. CLEMENT,
 J. I. McCAWLEY,

Trustees.

WATERTOWN, Illinois, August 20, 1900.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Board of Trustees:

In compliance with the law, I beg to submit to you the second biennial report of the management and operation of this institution, together with an estimate of its additional needs.

By referring to the following tabulated statements you will see that at the beginning of the present term, July 1, 1898, we had 354 patients, most of whom were received from other institutions during the previous month of May. Since then we have received 208 patients from other institutions and 316 direct from county authorities. During the two years 76 patients have died, a majority being old, decrepit, chronic cases. We have on parole 28 patients and have discharged 169, leaving in the institution on the 1st day of July, 1900, 620 patients. During the two years the general health of the patients has been good. We have had no contagious diseases and the patients have been absolutely free of typhoid and malarial fevers, which I think is due to the purity of our water and healthy surroundings.

With the aid of patients, and at little expense to the institution, we have done the following work:

Moved 21,000 cubic yards of earth in making fills around the building.

Made 1,100 feet of rock gutter.

Made $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of gravel road, hauling 831 loads of gravel one mile for the same.

Laid 650 feet of sewer pipe and 4,500 feet of drain tile from the buildings.

Laid 4,000 square feet cement walk.

Set 400 feet stone curbing.

Laid 17,000 square feet of sod.

Excavated infirmary basement, 1,500 yards.

Excavated store basement, 600 yards.

Excavated two root cellars, 1,200 yards.

Made one-half mile of dirt and cinder road.

Grubbed and trimmed thirty acres for proposed park.

Set structural iron for infirmary now under construction.