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MANAGERS' REPORT.

To His Excellency Leon Abbett, Governor of New Jersey:

In obedience to the charter and in compliance with the provisions of the statute under which the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum was organized, the Board of Managers respectfully submit their forty-third annual report. The reports of the Superintendent, Treasurer and Steward give in detail the facts relating to the general condition of the Asylum, and the management of their several departments for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1890.

The inventory and appraisal of the personal property owned by the Asylum, made in compliance with the law by Uriel T. Scudder and John W. Brooke together with the Steward, duly appointed by the Board to appraise the same, amounted to the sum of one hundred and forty-four thousand nine hundred and eighty-six dollars and twenty cents (\$144,986.20), an increase over the inventory valuation of last year of six thousand eight hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty cents (\$6,819.60).

The new building having been completed and furnished during the past year is now entirely occupied. Over two hundred (200) patients have been removed from the old or main building to the new.

The new road which was under construction at the last report has been completed.

The officers of the Asylum have exercised the same watchful care and supervision over the institution and its inmates as in previous years, to which the neatness and orderly appearance of the buildings and the grounds surrounding them, as well as the condition and comfort of the large number of patients, bear testimony.

During the past year one hundred and seventy-seven (177) patients have been received into the institution.

The whole number in the Asylum at the present time is seven hundred and eighty-seven (787), and of these three hundred and ninety-one (391) are men and three hundred and ninety-six (396) are women. The whole number under care during the year was nine hundred and fifty-five (955). Of this number fifty-six (56) have been discharged as cured, thirty-one (31) as improved, three (3) as unimproved, two (2) as not insane, and seventy-six (76) have died.

The completion of the new building has given us the long-wished-for opportunity to better classify the patients and thus facilitate the treatment of recent and more curable cases. The Asylum has never, during the many years of its existence, been so thoroughly equipped for work as at the present time. From the report of the Steward it will be readily seen that the farm, garden and dairy have been successful, and their management very satisfactory to the Board of Managers. The net profit from these sources was three thousand six hundred and twenty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents (\$3,627 94), which is largely in excess of previous years, and of which the Steward should be justly proud.

The several visiting committees appointed by the Board have performed their duties as required by the statute with the same untiring zeal.

The condition of the institution at the present time is such as to reflect credit upon the Superintendent and all associated with him who have so heartily co-operated with him.

The resident officers of the Asylum continue the same as at our last annual report, except in the changes made by the resignation of the Fourth Assistant Physician, Dr. Alexander F. H. Gale, and the appointment in his place of Dr. John C. Felty, and the resignation of the Matron, Mrs. S. J. Clark, and the appointment in her place of Mrs. R. L. Ball.

The Board of Managers feel that all the officers of the institution merit their kindest mention for services faithfully performed, and for the interest manifested by them in everything that has for its end the comfort and welfare of those entrusted to their care.

Thankful for the watchful care and guidance of our Heavenly Father in the past, we earnestly invoke his blessing for the future.