

State Park in as good repair as possible. This tends to more efficient care of the patients, and, in the long run, to less expense to the State. We regret to report that during the past year, due again to the manpower shortage, we have not been able to make repairs which under normal conditions we would have carried through. This means that at some time in the future we will have a greater item of expense under this heading than normally should appear.

### GENERAL CONDITION OF THE HOSPITAL

We are happy to report that in spite of the difficulties above set out the hospital, both at the main plant in Columbia and at State Park, has come through the year in a fairly satisfactory manner. The general health of the patients and employees has been good. We have had no epidemics.

Once again we are proud to report that in spite of the rising cost of many items, we were able to close the year without a deficit. As a matter of fact, the Legislature kindly made available for the support of the hospital the sum of \$200,000.00, which was in fact a reserve fund which the Board was authorized to spend with the consent and approval of the Budget Commission. Of this amount \$37,000.00 was expended and the balance remained in the State Treasury.

### DEATH OF DOCTOR HORGER

On October 22, 1943 Dr. Eugene Leroy Horger passed away. He had been a member of the medical staff of the South Carolina State Hospital for twenty-eight years, and for twenty years had been clinical director. As an evidence of its appreciation of the splendid and unselfish service which Dr. Horger rendered the mentally sick of South Carolina, the Board has caused a picture of Dr. Horger to be incorporated in this report, and has also printed as a part thereof a tribute to him.

### THE BROWN BEQUEST

In reference to the bequest made under the Will of the late Mrs. Grace Ensor Brown whereby a substantial sum of money was placed in the hands of Dr. C. F. Williams, Mr. Gustaf Sylvan and Mr. Christie Benet as trustees for the purpose of furthering

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research work at the hospital, the litigation which was necessary in regard thereto has been completed and the money has been turned over to the trustees. The income therefrom is now and will be used for research work which, in the opinion of the Board, in the years to come will work great benefit to the patients in the hospital and the people of the State.

### APPRECIATION

During the year the Board has had splendid support and consideration from Your Excellency, from the members of the Budget Commission and from other State officers, for which we here record our grateful thanks. We have also had consistent and understanding cooperation from the various Selective Service Boards of the State, and, as already stated, from all State and Federal agencies and from the officials of the City of Columbia.

We again call attention to the fact that many of our former nurses, attendants and other employees are with the armed forces and rendering valuable service throughout the world. We are proud of their record and look forward to the day when all of them will return to the State Hospital.

Finally, we pay a tribute to those faithful employees who have stayed with us during these troublous times and have done all in their power to maintain the high standards of the hospital. To the superintendent, the members of the medical, nursing and attendant personnel, the treasurer and all other employees connected with the hospital we express our thanks and appreciation. Due to the shortage of help and difficulties in securing necessary and satisfactory supplies, the burden carried by our personnel, both medical and lay, has been again heavy, but we can but feel that the various situations arising have been met and the duties discharged in a creditable manner.

Respectfully submitted

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