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STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,

FOR THE

YEAR 1900.

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SUMMARY ON EACH ACCOUNT.

Maintenance received:	
Balance left from last year.....	\$ 1,685 32
Amount appropriated.....	70,000 00
Amount received from patients.....	5,271 31
Amount received from sale of flowers, cattle, &c....	281 40
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	\$77,238 03

EXPENDED.

For maintenance.....	\$73,809 50
Extra building purposes.....	3,026 10
Leaving balance.....	402 43
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	\$77,238 03

The item for extra building includes the cost of extending the brick wall in front of the new Asylum, fencing the rear courts, and minor constructions, for which there was no special appropriation.

If the cost of maintenance, \$73,809.50, be divided by 520, (the average number of patients,) we shall find \$141.94 to be the *per capita* expense for the year. Last year it was \$153.24—a difference of \$11.30.

FURNISHING NEW ASYLUM.

Of the \$3,000 received, \$2,091.34 were expended, leaving balance to credit \$8.66.

FOR PURCHASING LAND.

The purchase has been made for the amount appropriated, \$4,000, but the money will not be paid until the titles are perfected.

FOR PURCHASING ENGINE AND BOILER.

For these a contract has been made for \$1,150, which is \$50 less than the appropriation. This balance will probably be absorbed by the cost of belting and connections.

FOR BUILDING LAUNDRY AND WORK SHOP.

Amount appropriated.....	\$3,000 00
" expended.....	3,094 45
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Making a deficit of.....	\$94 45

When we were called upon to make an estimate for this building no definite plan had been adopted, and we could therefore only state what we supposed it would cost. It has turned out that one of sufficient size and proper arrangement could not be built for less than \$4,100.

In view of the urgent necessity of this improvement, it was decided to go on with the work and to ask for an additional appropriation to make up the deficiency.

BUILDING ACCOUNT No. 1.

Balance on hand.....	\$2,166 33
Amount expended.....	2,062 50
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Amount transferred to building account No. 2.....	\$103 83

This account relates to the appropriation the year previous for the two first sections of the new wing. On their completion the balance left was transferred to the fund appropriated for the final sections of the wing, which constitute

BUILDING ACCOUNT No. 2.

To balance from last year.....	\$ 6,200 22
" appropriation this year.....	20,983 00
" amount transferred from building account No. 1.....	103 83
By amount expended.....	\$28,786 82
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Making deficit.....	1,499 77
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	\$28,786 82

This deficit resulted from the omission to include in the estimates the architect's commissions and from the necessity of borrowing, during the first half of the year, the money necessary to carry on the work.

Attention has been repeatedly called in these Reports to our annual loss from being without funds from November to June, which is as early as we can collect any part of the appropriation. Last year we paid on accounts over \$800 as interest.

The following table shows the leading expenditures for the year:

Groceries and provisions.....	\$24,035 24
Salaries and wages.....	23,025 98
Dry goods.....	5,828 03
Beef and sausages.....	5,054 45
Fuel.....	4,474 79
Lights and gas.....	1,738 98
Poultry and eggs.....	792 45
Shoes.....	731 83
Postage and telegrams.....	114 38
Stationery.....	78 75
Improvements and repairs.....	3,910 79
Drugs and hospital stores.....	1,028 33

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR.

It may safely be assumed that the average number of patients will be 585, which, multiplied by \$141.94, the *per capita* cost last year, would make \$83,034.90; \$80,000 would give a *per capita* of less than \$140, which is extremely low compared with other institutions and cannot be prudently reduced.

Besides the deficiency on the contract for the laundry building, improved machinery is needed in this department and also in the work shop. For the centre building, your Committee recommend an appropriation for \$30,000. What its entire cost will be may now be easily estimated from the full specifications made by an experienced architect.

To sum up, our estimates are:

For maintenance.....	\$80,000 00
For deficit on contract for laundry.....	1,194 45
For machinery for laundry.....	800 00
For machinery for work shop.....	700 00
For deficit on appropriation for completing North wing of new Asylum.....	1,499 77
For centre building.....	30,000 00
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	\$114,194 22

FARM.

The seasons of the past year have been favorable to the operations of the garden and farm. The detailed statement in the Appendix of expenses and of products show gratifying results. To those who think that the estimated values are too high, I would state that they are based on the current prices in this city. Compared with other farms the profit

may seem inordinate, but it must be noted that we have more labor than we can employ which costs us nothing. The only paid employees are two farmers, one attendant and one milker at the dairy.

I am glad to report that we have succeeded in purchasing the adjoining farm, for which we received a special appropriation. There are about 100 acres in the tract, and it will add considerably to our means of furnishing healthy employment to the inmates, which, after all, is the chief advantage of land to an Asylum.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

For full information on this subject, I beg to refer to the accompanying Report of our devoted Chaplain.

AMUSEMENT AND OCCUPATION.

As the importance of these has been so often urged in these Reports, I need not detain you by detailing the various employments and recreations of the year. It is sufficient to say that we continue to practice the customary methods now happily found in all Asylums.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Rev. E. A. Bolles, Dr. Miot and Mr. R. L. Bryan have continued their kind habit of distributing newspapers and magazines among the inmates. I acknowledge with special pleasure a contribution by the ladies of Society Hill of a box of books and magazines. An unusually large number of the patients took advantage of the liberality of the President, Mr. Duncan, to visit the State Fair and, highly enjoyed the varied attractions.

I again cordially thank the proprietors of the principal newspapers of the State for gratuitous copies of their journals.

The following are regularly received:

Dailies.

Palmetto Yeoman, Columbia.
Columbia Register, Columbia.
News and Courier (half price), Charleston.

Weeklies.

Anderson Journal, Anderson.
Barnwell Sentinel, Barnwell.
Kershaw Gazette, Camden.
Camden Journal, Camden.
Christian Neighbor, Columbia.

IOUS DISEASES.

against the possible invasion of small-pest has twice entered our gates during it appeared in the department for nurses were attacked, through none fatally. The infection was through the clothing of a nurse who had had the disease the previous year. The disease developed in a ward for patients produced by a newly committed emergency, the neglect or carelessness of County Board and others contracted the disease, and was absent.

By vaccination and the isolation of patients it did not spread from the wards on which it occurred, only one case in each series was

In reference to this subject, these statements of 1,200 people—the patients in the regiment in numbers—crowded together on forty acres, the possible outbreak of a disease of great moment. All patients were vaccinated and many revaccinated, but no more was put in force during the year. As the Board gave instructions in June 1876, recently successfully vaccinated patients have been continued through the year, met with the approval and cooperation of officials and physicians.

It is an inexplicable unwillingness on the part of officers to assist in protecting so many insane hospital contains, against so many fatalities did not detract from the protection afforded by vaccination of the disease, must be ascribed to the haste with many fatalities did not detract from their haste to get rid of a lunatic, the possible danger to patients and a possible case of infectious disease. In the absence of a possible case of infectious disease, the expense of this tax on our already limited re-

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strate the superiority in our climate of separate pavilions for housing the insane, as compared with the large block structures which impede rather than facilitate the circulation of air and the access to sunlight, which their overcrowded population so much need.

IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS.

The last General Assembly made a specific appropriation of \$10,000 for improvements and repairs. With this fund it has been possible to make several long needed improvements. The first of these was the erection of a new bakery, consisting of a central portion containing the mechanical apparatus for baking and two large ovens, and two wings assigned respectively for storerooms for flour and bread. The dimensions of this building are: Frontage, 78 feet; depth of centre, 45 feet; depth of wings, 28 feet; height, 15 feet. The cost of the building was \$1,624.64.

Upon the completion of this work receiving and distributing rooms were added to the Northern and Southern ends of the laundry building, thus bringing that department up to a better standard of usefulness. The cost of these additions was \$822.02.

The need of more room for white male patients was emphasized in the last report. After mature deliberation it was finally determined in September that the balance of the fund should be applied to the foundation of a building for excited patients, thus separating them, so far as possible, from the quieter classes. After making necessary excavations and securing material, the cornerstone for this new building was laid November 26th. It was determined by your Board, in the absence of your President, to name this building for Dr. B. W. Taylor, who has been a member of your honorable body since 1876.

In view of the great gain to the institution through this appropriation for improvements, it is to be hoped that the General Assembly will make another appropriation of like amount to carry the Taylor Building towards completion.

Improvements in the plumbing and sewer construction have been continued through the year by renewing all the plumbing in the white men's department and nearly completing that for the wards for white women. The effects of this work has been shown by the absence of typhoid fever from patients throughout the year. Several hundred feet of terra cotta pipe have been laid in place of the open