

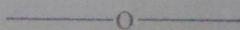
SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA LUNATIC ASYLUM,

FOR THE

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## IMPROVEMENTS.

Much work has been done by the patients and attendants in grading the grounds in front of the new Asylum, and in planting such trees and shrubs as we thought most suitable to form, in a few years, an attractive park.

A large room, built of brick, has been added to the laundry, to take the place of the wooden shed put up last year for the separate washing of filthy clothing.

In the old Asylum a kitchen, near the centre, has been arranged to supply the place of those at the end of each wing, which could not be properly supervised by a single housekeeper.

The sewer leading from the old Asylum to the main sewer was improperly constructed, having a broad, flat bottom and insufficient fall. This has been replaced by twelve-inch terra cotta pipe, which has an increased fall of four feet. A new sewer has also been laid from the Lodge for colored males. These changes, requiring over a thousand feet of pipe, give us a system of sewerage which is believed to be as perfect as can be made.

In August the Centre Building was finished and occupied. This becomes an important event in the history of this institution, when considered as the completion of the new Asylum, which was begun as long ago as 1857. Two sections of the South, or male, wing had been built, when the war put a stop to further progress of the work. During the ten years of political disturbance which followed the close of the war, nothing more was done beside the completion of that wing by adding the third section.

Soon after the reorganization of the Board of Regents, in 1877, the new administration formed the purpose, which they have steadily pursued, of gradually finishing the entire structure as originally projected.

By earnest appeals to the Legislature, they have obtained such annual appropriations as enabled them to build by sections the North or Female Wing, and finally the imposing Centre Building, which completes the structure.

It should be gratifying to the people of the State to know that they have in this new Asylum a building which, in beauty of design, in solidity of construction, in sanitary provision, and arrangement for the comfort of its inmates, will bear comparison with the best hospitals of the country.

It is not probable that the State will ever be called on to erect another Asylum as expensive as the one just finished.

When it becomes necessary to make further provision for the con-

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