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Report of Commission for County Asylum.

To the Warden and Municipal Council of Cumberland,

Gentlemen :—

We, your Commissioners for the County Asylum for 1898, beg leave to submit to you the following as our annual report :

We have during the year given the financial matters in connection with the institution careful attention and special attention was given to the system or method of book-keeping as commented on in your commissioners last annual report, and we are much pleased to report, as a consequence a marked improvement in the state we now find the books in. We have examined the different wards of the institution and would here call your attention to the urgent need of better ventilation throughout the building, as well as, in the opinion of your Commissioners, the necessity in the interest of the health of the inmates of the institution of a small specially constructed building in which to lodge the filthy patients of whom there are now ten at the Asylum and whose presence in the main building now endangers the health of the institution. We have examined the quarterly and annual accounts and reports and with the exception of table No. 2 in the annual report of the Superintendent, where an amount of \$24 00 for 12 tons of hay bought has been credited to the farm in error, we find them to be correct, and that the cost of maintainance for the year has been \$3473.11, making the cost per week per inmate \$1.47, which we find since the accounts have been put in better shape, to be as low as in any year since the opening of the institution. There is an amount owing to the county for the maintainance of a patient who was admitted as a private paying patient. The parties furnished at the time of admittance the necessary bond with the name of H. J. Embree as bondsman. At a meeting of your commissioners

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