

lunatics was 9s. 8½d. stg. per week, or \$2.35 of our money, say \$122.20 for each lunatic per annum. This estimate, which includes only the care and maintenance of the patients, would be very much larger, if the interest on the large expenditure incurred by the Government in housing them, were added and divided *per capita* among the patients.

France.—We extract the following lines from the Report of 1862 on the support of lunatics in the *Département de la Seine*, page 18:

“The actual expense incurred by the management of public charities for the maintenance at Bicêtre and at the Salpêtrière merely of lunatics confided to their care, amounts, deduction being made for the cost of their return to their homes and their transport, which is reimbursed and wholly paid into their hands, to the sum of 1,513,915 fr. 45c.

“This sum, divided by the number of days’ residence, in the asylum, of the patients treated, gives for daily expenditure, 1fr. 97-10 for the males, 1fr. 63-73 for the females.

“Each lunatic costs 682fr. 92c. per annum, or \$136.58; but here again the sum expended for building the asylums not included.”

United States.—Dr. Hughes, Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum for the State of Missouri, in his report for the year 1870, gives, in a very elaborate table, the average cost of the care and maintenance of the lunatics placed in the various asylums (59) of the United States. He, moreover, supplies the amounts paid for the building of each asylum and concludes his table, at the forty-ninth page of his report, as follows: “The average cost of the care and maintenance of each patient in the asylums of the United

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