

for public patients, \$26,935.28; from articles sold \$379.34. This is an increase in revenue of \$8,276.32 over that for 1894.

The total expenditure connected with the direct working of the hospital, that is, irrespective of moneys spent on new buildings, embellishment of grounds, and interest on debt, was \$43,867.21. Of this sum \$41,398.19 was chargeable to maintenance, and \$2,469.02 to capital account. Surplus of revenue over expenditure, \$2,523.03.

The per capita cost per annum for maintenance was \$160.97, as against \$174.85 in 1894, and the total per capita expenditure \$170.57, as against \$187.74. This is a yearly decrease per head for maintenance of \$13.88, and for total expenditure of \$17.17.

It will thus be seen that the present report marks a red letter day in the annals of the hospital, inasmuch as it is the first in which I have been able to say that the ordinary revenue, received at the institution, exceeds the ordinary expenditure therefor. Looking back at our pitiable condition of five years ago, who can deny that all those connected with the hospital have a just right to feel proud of this great result of their labors? Nor has it been arrived at by stinting our patients in the least degree. In every respect their comfort and well-being have been guarded as carefully as in previous years.

RESTRAINT.

I rejoice to say that still another year has passed without our being obliged to resort to restraint, and withal, I think, that for good order, our institution will compare favorably with any. The more restraint the more violence, disorder and destructiveness has been my own experience in an asylum life of over twenty years. The following very apt explanation of this seeming paradox was given by Dr. Bondurant, in one of the reports of the Alabama Insane Hospital:—"A patient who is brought to us and finds that, however excited, he is not assaulted and held by his nurses, is not put in solitary confinement, is not strapped to a chair nor trussed up helpless in a strait-jacket, is not even drugged into insensibility, forgets to be violent in his surprise at finding that no cause for violence is given him."

EMPLOYMENT.

As we are still lacking in properly equipped workshops, with proper instructors in a diversity of trades, our employments have been limited to those of previous years.

The annexed table shows the number of days' work done by patients during the several months. The daily average number of patients employed throughout the year was 167 out of a daily average population of 257, that is, about 65 percent of our patients worked daily. The average of workers is necessarily lowered by the fact that a considerable proportion of our population is made up of private patients of the better class, for whom, with our limited means, it is impossible at present to find congenial employment.