

The Medical Report shows the cost of maintenance per capita this year to be \$174.85, as compared with \$176.32 for the year ending December 1893, and \$196.27 for the previous year.

Compared with similar institutions our cost of maintenance is low.

For the State of New York, with an insane population of between eight and nine thousand, the cost per capita for one year was \$195; for the five hospitals in Pennsylvania with a population of from five to six thousand, \$196.60; in the North Dakota Hospital, which much resembles our own in population and the large consumption of coal (one of our heaviest items of expenditure) the cost for the year ending October 1893 was \$256.78.

From the above comparisons it will be seen that the cost of maintenance with us has been reduced as low as possible, consistent with the welfare of the patients.

In connection with this and other matters, the Board of Management had an interview by appointment with the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, some six months ago, when he voluntarily stated that the Government recognized the fact that we were not receiving sufficient compensation, and gave us to understand that in the new arrangement this would be remedied.

The question of the erection of a new building for idiots was also brought before the Honorable Secretary's notice with the view of getting Government aid in the erection of it, either by appropriation or guaranteeing the loan which would have to be made for the purpose.

This was also favorably considered by him, and of course will be borne in mind by those who undertake the negotiations with the Government.

It is again extremely gratifying to be able to report that during the past, as in previous years, there has not been a single case where it was necessary to use restraint—another evidence of the advanced and enlightened treatment which has been identified with the administration of this Hospital.

In non-restraint it is necessary to provide means for employment and amusement, and, in this respect unfortunately, our Institution is deficient.

Properly equipped workshops, representing a variety of trades, with proper instructors in each, is a greatly felt want, but one that we hope in the near future will be remedied.