

The average time in residence of those who died was a little over 15 months, and their average age about 47 $\frac{3}{4}$  years; 4 were over 50 years of age, 3 over 60, and 4 over 70.

#### COST OF MAINTENANCE.

At the end of the year the number of private patients in residence was 43, of public 148. The income derivable from the former was \$224.50 per week, the average weekly payment for each being \$5.22. The total sum received from this source during the year was \$12,563.47, while the amount receivable from the Government for the board of public patients was \$18,681.35. The sum realized from articles sold was \$559.76, making the total receipts from these sources \$31,804.58. The total expenditure connected with the direct working of the hospital was \$34,542.10, of which \$33,042.29 was for maintenance and \$1,499.81 for repairs, improvements, &c.

The per capita cost per annum for maintenance was \$176.32, a considerable reduction below that for 1892, which was \$196.27. The total per capita expenditure, that is inclusive of the amount spent on capital account, was \$184.32, as against \$209.50 the previous year.

I would here state that it must be clearly borne in mind what the term maintenance implies. It does not merely mean food, as many seem to imagine, but includes food, clothing, medical attendance, employees' wages, fuel, light, supplies of all kinds and ordinary repairs to buildings and furnishings,—in fact everything expended for the care of the inmates except the cost of new buildings and furniture for these, the laying out of grounds, extraordinary repairs and interest account.

When it is considered that our per capita cost covered the maintenance of private as well as public patients, I do not think it can be deemed excessive, indeed, not a few would say it was on the low side as compared with similar institutions elsewhere. Were it not for the extensive donations of clothing, &c., by our many generous friends it would be very largely increased.

In the North Dakota Hospital for Insane, which I select as closely resembling our own in its population and large consumption of coal, one of our heaviest items of expenditure, the cost for the biennial period ending October 31st, 1892, (the latest information at my command) was \$256.78 per capita.

The State Asylum at Morristown, N.J., with an average daily population of 930, cost, in 1892, \$233.28 per capita, exclusive of repairs and additions of the nature of new work.

In the 1893 report of the Government Hospital for the Insane at Washington, D.C., the supplies asked are based on an estimated annual per capita cost of \$220, with an average daily population of 1,650.