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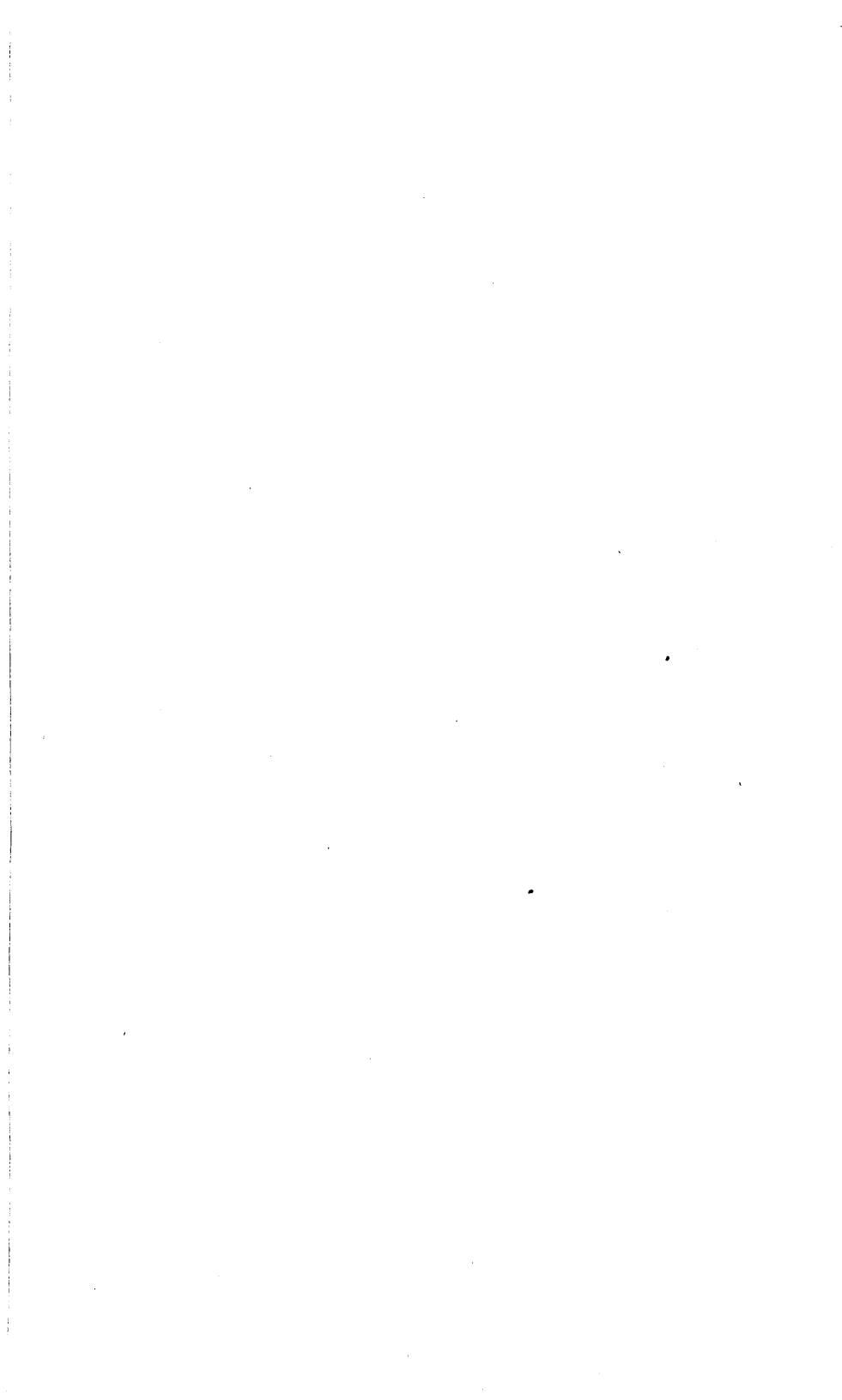
REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

INSANE HOSPITAL.



Officers of the Institution.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

REUEL WILLIAMS, EDWARD KENT,
LEVI J. HAM, JOHN H. HARTWELL,
MOSES MASON, EDWARD S. JARVIS.

ISAAC RAY, M. D., SUPERINTENDENT.

JOSHUA S. TURNER, STEWARD AND TREASURER.

HORATIO S. SMITH, M. D., ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN.

MARIA JOHNSON, MATRON.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital at Augusta, in compliance with the provisions of the act of March 22d, 1843, make to the governor and council the following

REPORT:

That during the past year, Mrs. Maynard resigned the office of matron, and Maria Johnson has been appointed to that situation.

The monthly visits have been regularly made, except on one occasion, when there was but one Trustee in attendance; and visits by three of the Trustees have been made quarterly, when the treasurer's accounts were examined and settled. At the last settlement, made Nov. 30th, there was a balance of \$53,06 in his hands, and the balances then due to the institution were \$3334,40.

The number of patients at our last annual visit on 25th and 26th of December, inst. was eighty-one—fifty males and thirty-one females.

From this statement it is seen, that the financial condition of the institution is very nearly the same as it was last year. There was then due to the treasurer \$206,70 which has been paid; and there is now due from patients \$339,42 less than was due last year. Within the year \$550 was received from the state, part of which

was expended in making and painting a picket fence around the hospital, and the residue in other improvements and repairs.

The charge for female patients has been continued at \$1,50 per week, as proposed in our last report, and their number has been increased from 23 to 31, and there is yet room for 20 more. If the rooms were filled and all the patients' bills could be collected, there would be no occasion for aid from the state; and even now the Trustees do not propose to ask any more than \$300 to cover the expense of boarding and clothing, for the past year, John Wheeler, Ellen Herbert and George W. Ewer, (who are unable to pay, and have no settlement within the state,) and Moses Butterfield who was sent to the hospital under the resolve of March 19, 1844, and who has not sufficient property to support himself. Should the number of female patients be much enlarged, additions of furniture for their comfort and accommodation must be made, but the Trustees will not ask an appropriation for that object at present.

The affairs of the institution are well managed, and all of the officers discharge their duties faithfully and promptly; and it is to be regretted that more of our citizens who are suffering the ills and tortures incident to the insane, when out of the hospital, are not sent here for restoration and the advantages of this institution.

Letters were addressed by one of the Trustees, early in the season, to the overseers of the poor in all the cities and towns of the state, asking information as to the number of insane persons and idiots in their respective cities and towns, the average weekly expense of their support, and what number of them were supported by themselves or friends, and what number by the towns. Answers have

been received from only 153 out of 357 towns written to, and some of these are so deficient upon some points as to render it difficult to arrive at satisfactory conclusions ; but from them it is seen that in

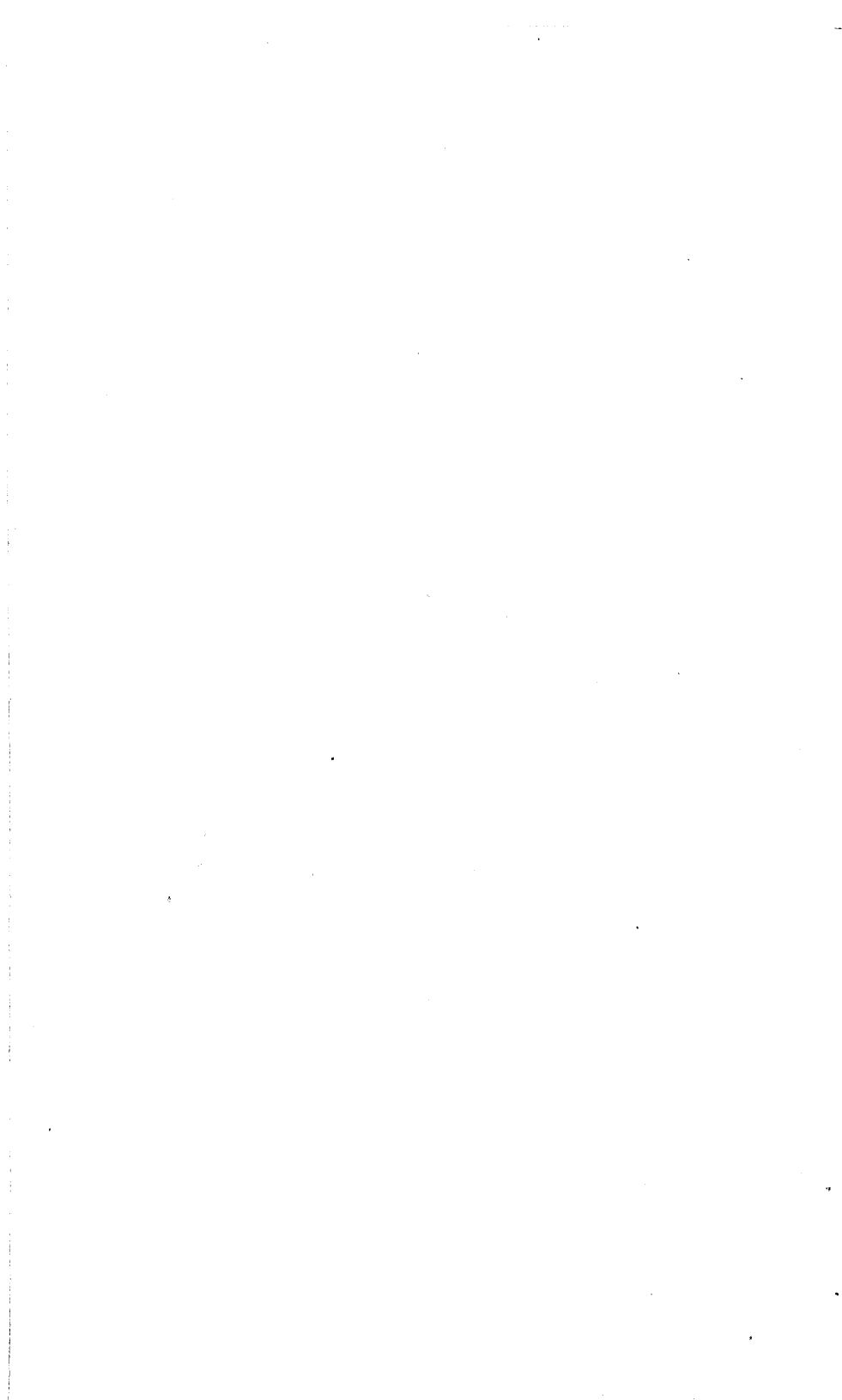
		Insane.	Idiots.
12 towns in York county there are		48	46
10	“ Cumberland “	33	36
19	“ Lincoln “	51	61
15	“ Oxford “	15	26
7	“ Somerset “	9	4
5	“ Aroostook “	2	3
14	“ Kennebec “	45	29
4	“ Waldo “	9	2
14	“ Penobscot “	9	13
7	“ Franklin “	6	8
16	“ Piscataquis “	7	7
16	“ Hancock “	21	28
14	“ Washington “	8	6
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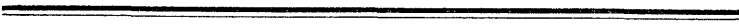
If the number of insane persons and idiots, in towns not heard from, should be, according to their population, as in the towns above stated, there would be 613 insane, and 627 idiots in the whole state, which is nearly double the number given in the last census, and much greater than has been generally supposed, and calls loudly upon the legislature to ascertain if the fact be so, and to make such further provision for their comfort and restoration as the deplorable condition of the most of them demands.

REUEL WILLIAMS,
LEVI J. HAM,
MOSES MASON,

Augusta, Dec. 31, 1844.

J. H. HARTWELL.





REPORT

OF THE

STEWARD AND TREASURER

OF THE

INSANE HOSPITAL.



REPORT.

To the Hon. Trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital.

In conformity with the provisions of a law requiring the Steward and Treasurer of the Maine Insane Hospital to make an annual detailed report of his receipts and expenditures, and of the financial affairs of the institution, he submits the following REPORT,

The Treasurer charges himself with the amount received on account of the hospital, from December 1843 to November 30th, 1844, viz :

Received from the state treasury, . . .	\$550 00
“ of the bequest of Bryce McLellan, Esq., . . .	30 00
“ for one pair of oxen sold, . . .	88 00
“ board of patients, . . .	8,578 51
“ one horse sold, . . .	100 00
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	<u>\$9,346 51</u>

The expenditures for the year ending November 30th, 1844, are as follows, viz :

For provisions and groceries, . . .	\$2,933 69
“ fuel,	841 53
“ oil,	180 39
“ hay,	64 29
“ improvements,	459 82
“ repairs,	340 67
“ furniture,	378 64

For clothing for patients,	477 40
“ labor,	2,186 25
“ medical supplies,	121 21
“ manure,	43 44
“ books and stationery,	52 38
“ soap,	79 01
“ two horses,	115 00
“ miscellaneous,	408 35
“ one yoke of oxen,	88 00
“ one cow,	25 00
“ one two horse wagon,	77 50
“ grass seed,	14 35
“ postage,	39 65
“ cash to defray expenses of patients home and cash refunded,	36 34
“ grafting apple trees,	8 00
“ expenses to Boston in May and October,	24 00
“ toll, this and balance of last year,	67 74
“ cash paid treasurer to balance account of last year,	207 30
Cash in treasury,	53 06
	\$9,346 51

The balance due from towns and individuals November 30th, 1844, is \$3,334 40

The balance due from towns and individuals November 30th, 1843, was 3,673 82

The debts due the institution, \$339 42
less than they were at the close of the last year.

Estimate of the quantity and value of the products of the farm the year past.

20 tons of hay, \$7,	.	.	.	\$140 00
1000 bushels of potatoes, 1s. 6d.,	.	.	.	250 00
14 " wheat, 6s.,	.	.	.	14 00
30 " corn, 4s.,	.	.	.	20 00
54 " barley, 2s. 6d.,	.	.	.	22 67
250 " apples, 1s.,	.	.	.	41 67
40 " oats, 30c.,	.	.	.	12 00
65 " turnips, 1. 6d.,	.	.	.	16 25
25 " carrots, 1s. 6d.,	.	.	.	4 25
30 " beets, 1s. 6d.,	.	.	.	5 00
5 tons of straw, \$4,	.	.	.	20 00
1600 lbs. squashes, 1 1-2c.,	.	.	.	24 00
3667 " pork, 5c.,	.	.	.	163 35
1150 " beef, 3 1-2c.,	.	.	.	40 25
Pasturing 6 cows, \$4,	.	.	.	24 00
Vegetables consumed during the summer,	.	.	.	25 00
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				\$822 44
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The improvements on the farm are in a progressive state, but with our limited means, it will be some time before it can be made as productive as could be desired.

J. S. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

November 30, 1844.