

will not be until there is an addition to the roll from the counties.

There has not been at any time in the last twenty years a prevalent febrile, contagious or inflammatory disease in the Hospital. The physical health of the older inmates in the last two years, excepting those with whom it was broken down when they were admitted, or became so after a slow process of deterioration in the vital functions, has been, in general, good.

The same course of moral; medicinal and hygienic management which has been heretofore pursued, with the addition of such advantages as longer experience has contributed, remains in daily operation; and a continued supervision is exercised over the details in the proceedings of the household to promote its welfare, mentally and physically.

Among the improvements which have of late years been made, none has surpassed in value the introduction of the new heating apparatus by means of the circulation of hot water in pipes, permanently arranged throughout the main building. Formerly the method of heating was by means of thirteen hot air furnaces and five coal stoves, all within the Hospital. It was not only a most inefficient method compared with the present one, but it was attended with various annoyances now no longer experienced; for example,—the wheeling of coal into the interior, and passing with it by the sitting and bed-rooms of patients in the wards where the furnaces were placed; the diffusion of the dust from ashes and coal whenever the furnaces were undergoing either a raking or cleaning; and the risk of a conflagration taking place with so many fires in blast during the winter. The only fire now required inside is that of the kitchen. The new apparatus has not been long enough in use to enable me to report the amount of coal which it will consume in a winter. It is probable, however, from present data that the consumption will be less than formerly.

Statements are prefixed to this report, exhibiting the general cash account, the financial condition and the revenue of each of the two years. These statements, in connection with the book accounts and vouchers, have been examined by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee have zealously continued to keep themselves acquainted with the affairs of the Institution, and have rendered valuable counsel and co-operation whenever there has been occasion for their services.

In the month of November last, Dr. Fisher, the President of the Hospital, at a visit thereto, after as usual making an inspection of the several wards, and conversing with the officers in charge of the Institution as to some of its needs, at the moment of leaving, handed a check to the Medical Superintendent payable to the order of the Treasurer for