

MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTION.

A careful investigation into the past management of the affairs of the Institution reflects great credit upon the present Board of Directors, of which Mr. John Hurst is the worthy President. During the past five years, under the management of the present Board, the Institution has rapidly paid off many outstanding liabilities, and we find the affairs of the Institution in a most healthy condition, in a financial point of view. Their declared object has been to render it "self-sustaining," and we have no hesitation in saying that it can be successfully rendered self-sustaining with proper economy in the management of its finances, if sufficient room were given for the regular employment of the convicts, but unless some immediate relief is granted, it must in its present condition, become a very heavy burden upon the State. In spite of the present high prices of everything used in the Institution, we find that in the past year the Directors have so far succeeded in economizing the expenses of the Institution as to have reduced the cost of supporting the prisoners to 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per diem, which exhibits great care in management. The various buildings furnish ample proof of cleanliness and good order throughout. The Board of Directors, as at present composed, are gentlemen of the highest standing in the community, and in the discharge of their duties seem to have had thoroughly at heart, the best interests, and welfare of the State. The pleasant duty therefore devolves upon us, in conclusion of saying that the affairs of the Institution have been carefully and most discreetly managed, and we believe both Directors, Wardens and Officers have done their whole duty.

A NEW BUILDING REQUIRED.

Having been thoroughly convinced of the absolute necessity for immediate and decided action by the Legislature for the removal of the evils complained of, your Committee have carefully examined and weighed the matter, and are unanimous in their decision that a "new Penitentiary" is required as the old Institution is not fitted in any way, shape or form, for the purpose required. Over one-fourth of the entire area within the walls is now covered by the buildings and so crowded are the premises that the contractors have not room to store their material required in the prosecution of their business. It would, therefore, be utterly impossible to erect new buildings within the present inclosure, even if those already in use were adapted as Prison buildings. The necessity, therefore, arises for more extended accommodations, and taking this view, your Committee carefully examined a number of sites for the purpose, in the city.

THE COST OF AN EXTENSION.

The first inquiry made by us was, as to the cost of "an