

The Steward has kept an account of the vegetables raised and consumed. Charging them at the market prices, his account shows that what have been supplied have amounted in value to \$583 63, from 1st January to December 31st. The amount is not included in the statement of receipts, but it has diminished to that extent the aggregate of expenditures.

The Committee on repairs and Improvements have given their careful attention to such matters as have required their supervision and direction. The rule with them, during the year, has been to order such repairs as were immediately necessary and to abstain from undertaking any which could be postponed without detriment to the buildings and to the comfort of the household. The expenditures made by their direction have been for renewing and repairing thirteen hot air furnaces constituting the heating arrangement, for repairing the water fixtures of the closets, &c., for repairing the kitchen ranges, and for carpenter's work and materials in various house repairs and in the transfer of a long line of a high fence, from a place where it was no longer of use, to the north part of the new western boundary of the grounds. The chief improvement effected by this committee in the course of the year has been the introduction of water from the high reservoir, 217 feet above tide, through the north grounds by pipes connecting with the high main of Monument street. An abundant supply of water is now conveyed to the interior of the Hospital, the upper stories of which had been inadequately supplied by the low main of Jefferson street. The new arrangement is connected with a fire-plug near the front of the centre building and also supplies the dwelling of the Medical Superintendent. An extension of pipes across the grounds, connecting the two mains, renders it possible in an emergency to obtain water from the Jefferson street main, whenever for a time it must be cut off from the high one.

The Executive committee have made many visits to the Hospital in the course of the year, to inspect it and to consult with the Medical Superintendent upon such important subjects as, from time to time, have required their official attention and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

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