

But *cure* alone, manifestly, is not the sole object of hospital care : secondary indeed, but of vast importance, is the secure and comfortable provision for that now large class throughout the country, the incurable insane. Their condition, we know, is susceptible of amelioration, and of elevation to a state of comparative comfort and usefulness.

Perhaps no more substantial proof can be adduced of the value of well organized hospital cares, than is shown in the following extracts from Dr. Stribling's report for 1851, of the institution he directs in Western Virginia ; an institution liberally sustained by the State, (as is also her other and senior hospital at Williamsburg,) and of which she may well be proud.

Among the many moral means there are none which, whilst it conduces more than any other to the contentment, health and recovery of the insane, promotes in so high a degree the pecuniary interests of the asylum, as occupation in the way of manual labor. The garden, the farm and the work shops are to the males, and the needle and ordinary house work are to the females, sources of decided benefit, both intellectually and physically ; and the burthen to the State of supporting so large an establishment is materially lessened by the products of labor thus employed.

Believing that abstracts from the books of the asylum, furnishing items in reference to these matters, might not be uninteresting or unprofitable, we have taken some care to have them properly made out, and herewith present them. The prices affixed are the estimates of the steward, and we consider them, to say the least, not too high.

“The products of the garden from the first day of October, 1850, to the 30th September, 1851, were as follows :

2,700 heads of early cabbage, at 4 cents per head,	\$108 00
3,775 heads of late cabbage, at 4 cents per head,	151 00
1,200 heads of celery, at 3 cents per head,	- 36 00
241 bushels tomatoes, at \$1 per bushel,	- 241 00
45 bushels green peas, at \$1 per bushel,	- 45 00
95 bushels turnip salad, at 50 centst per bushel,	47 50
49 bushels beets, at 50 cents per bushel,	- 24 50
57 bushels snap beans, at \$1 per bushel,	- 57 00
20 bushels Lima beans, at \$2 per bushel,	- 40 00
10 bushels carrots, at 50 cents per bushel,	- 5 00
51 bushels lettuce, at 25 cents per bushel,	- 12 75
34 bushels turnips, at 50 cents per bushel,	- 17 00
20 bushels salsify, at \$1 per bushel,	- 20 00
12 bushels parsnips, at 50 cents per bushel,	- 6 00
4 bushels late onions, for sets, at \$3 50 per bushel,	14 00
404 dozen early onions, at 6¼ cents per dozen,	25 25
422 dozen summer squash, at 12½ cents per dozen	52 75
395 roasting ears, at 12½ cents per dozen,	- 49 37½
40 gallons raspberries ar 50 cents per gallons,	20 00

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