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INSANE ASYLUM OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

The above institution, which is located in Stockton, is one of the largest and best managed institutions of the kind in the United States. Its history being a matter of public interest we append the following from the very elaborate report of Dr. G. A. Shurtleff, Medical Superintendent, made July 1st, 1876:

## HISTORY OF THE ASYLUM.

This being the centennial year of our national existence, and hence employed by recommendation and common practice in historical reviews and records of the past, I herewith present, in addition to the usual annual statements, a full and detailed history of the institution from its beginning to the present time.

Twelve years ago I undertook the task of collating and tabulating the general statistics of the asylum from its opening, with regard to the patients. I then found, to my great embarrassment, that the records of the institution did not furnish the data for the completion of the desired work. The deficiencies were supplied only by recourse to the appendices to the legislative journals, to contemporaneous newspapers, and personal knowledge. From such sources the tables were completed with tolerable accuracy, and they have since been continued from year to year with mathematical exactness. Much valuable information was thereby rescued from irretrievable loss. The following history of the dates and cost of the numerous improvements and additions to the Asylum and other events connected therewith, I found,