

This section of the female asylum was opened July first, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and its construction completed the entire structure on the plan originally adopted, at an aggregate cost of two hundred and forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars. It will comfortably accommodate three hundred and twenty-five patients.

During eighteen hundred and seventy-five the asylum property was enclosed with a substantial and comely fence, with appropriate gateways. The whole length of fence is nine thousand one hundred and forty-nine feet, and it cost, including the gates, curved flanks corresponding with width of streets at the three entrances, and two coats of paint over the entire fence, fourteen thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars.

In January, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, a new cemetery was purchased for the use of the asylum. It contains about fourteen acres, is situated west of and adjoining the "Stockton Rural Cemetery," and cost two thousand seven hundred and fifty-one dollars.

The Asylum grounds proper contain one hundred and seven acres, or thirty-six blocks with the inter-current streets on the plan of the city survey. The land was nearly all donated to the State by Captain C. M. Weber, when the Asylum was permanently located at Stockton in eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

HISTORY OF INSANITY IN CALIFORNIA.

During the year eighteen hundred and fifty, there were fourteen insane persons sent to the Station House in San Francisco. It is estimated that at the close of the year the whole number of the insane was twenty-two. They were accommodated in San Francisco. Some received care and medical treatment in the State Marine Hospital, and others were temporarily secured on the old prison brig "Euphemia."

In eighteen hundred and fifty-one, the State hospitals at Sacramento and Stockton afforded accommodations for the insane. During the year, (eighteen hundred and fifty-one), the hospital at Sacramento received thirty-four and the one at Stockton thirteen, making the whole number forty-seven.

In eighteen hundred and fifty-two the Legislature ordered all the insane to be sent to Stockton and placed in the Stockton Hospital. During this year one hundred and twenty-four patients were admitted into the Insane Department of the State General Hospital, including those transferred from the receptacles in San Francisco and Sacramento.