

eight inches. The brick are hard burned, and laid in lime and cement mortar. At an elevation of thirty-five feet it contains an iron water tank eight feet in diameter, and twelve feet deep ; and at the top of the roof of the tower, at an elevation of fifty-one feet, there is another iron tank of eleven feet diameter, and nine feet deep. These are made of three-sixteenths C. No. 1 iron, and riveted with one-half inch rivets at a red heat.

The new water works were completed in May, the water being put in the tanks May nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven. They are situated in the rear of the buildings, and outside the inclosures occupied by the patients. They cost three thousand three hundred and twenty dollars, as per contract with Confer and Robbins, and in addition one hundred and thirty-two dollars and eighty cents, the sum paid the architect and superintendent of construction, making the total cost three thousand four hundred and fifty-two dollars and eighty cents.

#### COST OF MAINTENANCE.

The Superintendent in his report expresses gratification at the financial showing made during the past year. It appears from the Treasurer's report that the quarterly estimates and the requisitions on the State Controller were less than the appropriations for the same periods. The cost of maintenance, during the year was forty-one cents per day for each patient. This, the Superintendent observes, is not merely the personal expense of each individual patient, independent of the general expense of the establishment, but is computed on the entire current expenditures of carrying on the institution, embracing salaries and maintenance of physicians, wages and board of employes, ordinary repairs, etc., as well as all the patients themselves consume or have provided for them by the State. This is the lowest annual per capita ever reached in the Asylum.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors of the Asylum consists of five members, as follows : Frank T. Baldwin, President, Stockton ; Robert Watt, Vice President, San Rafael ; Caleb Dorsey, Stanislaus County ; Frank Stewart, Stockton ; S. A. Holmes, Fresno County. Treasurer—William B. Austin, Stockton.

The regular meetings of the Board are held at the Asylum on the 10th, day of each month, unless the 10th falls on Saturday or Sunday, in which case the meeting is held on the Friday preceding the 10th.