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**REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

**FOR THE**

**CARE OF THE INDIGENT INSANE**

**OF THE**

**STATE OF NEVADA.**

*For the Years 1877 and 1878.*

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# REPORT.

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CARSON CITY, January 18, 1879.

*To the Honorable, the Legislature of the State of Nevada :*

In compliance with the requirements of law, the Commissioners for the care of the Indigent Insane of the State of Nevada, have the honor to submit the report of their proceedings for the years 1877 and 1878.

In obedience to the directions of "An Act to enable the Board of Commissioners for the care of the Indigent Insane to make certain provisions for the proper care of said insane," approved March 2, 1877, on the third day of March, 1877, we entered into a contract with Drs. Langdon and Clark, of Stockton, California, to that end. A copy of this contract is made part of this report.

During the past year, charges having been made through the press of this State, that our insane were not properly or humanely treated by the contractors, and that after recovery patients were not discharged. We requested two prominent citizens of the State, viz: Hon. R. M. Daggett and Dr. F. J. White, to visit the asylum, and examine into and report on all matters pertaining thereto, giving them their fullest powers to that end. Their findings in the premises are also made a part of this report.

We have made frequent visits to and inspection of the Pacific Asylum where our patients are treated, and have always found our contract fully complied with. Indeed, our insane are better housed and cared for in every respect than the California insane in the State Asylum at Stockton.

The report of Drs. Langdon and Clark to the commissioners are made part of this report, and gives the fullest information in regard to the percentage of discharged and cured patients.

W. W. HOBART,  
JERRY SCHOOLING,

Commissioners for the care of the Indigent Insane of Nevada.

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**EXHIBIT "A."**

**STATEMENT**

*Showing the list of Patients at Langdon and Clark's Asylum,  
California, December 31, 1876; also Patients committed  
during the years 1877 and 1878.*

**FOURTEENTH FISCAL YEAR, ENDING DECEMBER 31,  
1878.**

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## STATEMENT

Showing the list of Patients at Langdon and Clark's Asylum, California, December 31, 1876, as per Commissioner's last report; also Patients committed during the years 1877 and 1878.

No.	Name.	Date of Admission at California Asylum.	Date of Admission at Langdon & Clark's Asylum.	From what County.	Place of Nativity.	Age.	Cause of Insanity.	Remarks.
1	Rosa Hayden.....	Sept. 10, 1867.	July 15, 1871.	Ormsby.....	Ireland.....	37	Unknown.....	
2	John Brown.....	April 24, 1867.	July 15, 1871.	Ormsby.....	Ireland.....	38	Religion.....	Died May 5, 1878.....
3	Charles Ballis.....	June 10, 1867.	July 15, 1871.	Lauder.....	Unknown.....	Unknown.	Unknown.....	
4	Nicholas Miller.....	Sept. 6, 1867.	July 15, 1871.	Storey.....	France.....	43	Religion.....	
5	Richard Carl.....	Jan. 5, 1868.	July 15, 1871.	Lauder.....	Ohio.....	29	Unknown.....	
6	William M. Roberts.....	Feb. 22, 1868.	July 15, 1871.	Lyon.....	Iowa.....	11	Epilepsy.....	
7	George Speck.....	April 17, 1868.	July 15, 1871.	Lauder.....	England.....	36	Losses in business.....	
8	Frank Haskell.....	June 4, 1869.	July 15, 1871.	Ormsby.....	Austria.....	46	Unknown.....	
9	Frank Cummings.....	May 10, 1869.	July 15, 1871.	Storey.....	New York.....	22	Masturbation.....	
10	Antone Voight.....	Aug. 22, 1869.	July 15, 1871.	Ormsby.....	France.....	41	Unknown.....	
11	Levi Kittle.....	May 18, 1870.	July 15, 1871.	Storey.....	Norway.....	40	Unknown.....	
12	Moses Jordan.....	Nov. 15, 1870.	July 15, 1871.	White Pine.....	Ireland.....	25	Unknown.....	Died July 28, 1878.....
13	Henry Quail.....	June 21, 1871.	July 15, 1871.	Washoe.....	Unknown.....	28	Masturbation.....	Died October 26, 1877.....
14	Louisa Graff.....	{ April 1, 1868 } { July 15, 1869 }	Aug. 9, 1871.	Washoe.....	Unknown.....	Unknown.	Loss of children.....	
15	Lucella Thomas.....	Sept. 25, 1865.	Aug. 9, 1871.	Ormsby.....	Unknown.....	Unknown.	Religion.....	
16	Elizabeth Cuffal.....	May 9, 1871.	Nov. 15, 1871.	Ormsby.....	Unknown.....	Unknown.	Softening of the brain.....	
17	James Kelley.....	.....	Aug. 4, 1871.	Storey.....	Ireland.....	40	Loss of property.....	
18	Joseph DeRosier.....	.....	Aug. 21, 1871.	Emeralda.....	Canada.....	30	Unknown.....	
19	Rosa Landon.....	.....	Sept. 2, 1871.	White Pine.....	Ireland.....	29	Indigestion.....	
20	Richard Nolan.....	.....	Sept. 22, 1871.	Nyo.....	Ireland.....	57	Mental decline.....	

## STATEMENT A—Continued.

No.	Names.	Date of Admission at Langdon and Clark's Asylum.	From what County.	Place of Nativity.	Age.	Cause of Insanity.	Remarks.
21	Russell White . . . .	Nov. 17, 1877.	White Pine	Vermont. . . .	41	Separation from his family. . . . .	
22	Charles Holtz . . . .	Feb. 15, 1872.	Storey . . . .	Germany . . . .	36	Epilepsy . . . . .	
23	William A. Riley . . .	March 20, 1872	Washoe . . . .	Maine . . . . .	30	Masturbation. . . . .	
24	Cecil Cesar Hamlin . .	March 20, 1872	Washoe . . . .	Ohio . . . . .	42	Unknown . . . . .	
25	Alhandria Ries . . . .	March 20, 1872	Washoe . . . .	Mexico . . . . .	33	Drugged. . . . .	
26	Fredrick Kunkler . . .	June 13, 1872 .	Washoe . . . .	Switzerland. . . .	41	Epilepsy. . . . .	
27	Edwin Kerwin . . . . .	June 30, 1872 .	Storey . . . . .	Ireland. . . . .	30	Loss in stocks. . . . .	
28	John O'Brien . . . . .	July 11, 1872 . .	Lander . . . . .	Michigan. . . . .	12	Epilepsy . . . . .	
29	Edward A. Davis . . . .	Aug. 16, 1872 . .	Ormsby . . . . .	England . . . . .	36	Masturbation . . . . .	
30	Augustine Bigrass . . .	Oct. 22, 1872 . .	Lander . . . . .	Canada . . . . .	22	Unknown . . . . .	
31	Madison Lebalt . . . . .	Jan. 12, 1873 . .	Ormsby . . . . .	Virginia . . . . .	54	Hereditary. . . . .	
32	Kate Hickey . . . . .	April 8, 1873 . .	Ormsby . . . . .	Ireland. . . . .	25	Derangement of mental functions. . . . .	
33	Florence Mahoney . . .	April 14, 1873 . .	Humboldt. . . . .	Ireland. . . . .	62	Physical disease. . . . .	Died August 14, 1878
34	Ellen Callembesti . . .	May 5, 1873 . . .	Ormsby . . . . .	Ireland. . . . .	36	Mental deterioration . . . . .	
35	Pauline Leventhal . . .	May 30, 1873 . . .	Eureka . . . . .	Germany . . . . .	28	Puerperal state. . . . .	
36	Hannah Tine . . . . .	August 2, 1873 . .	Ormsby . . . . .	Texas. . . . .	35	Unknown . . . . .	
37	Unknown . . . . .	August 17, 1873 .	Storey . . . . .	Germany . . . . .	30	Masturbation. . . . .	
38	Henry Taylor . . . . .	Sept. 17, 1873 . .	Lyon . . . . .	England . . . . .	30	Religion . . . . .	
39	William Coats . . . . .	Nov. 12, 1873 . .	Eureka . . . . .	Canada . . . . .	32	Money speculations. . . . .	
40	George Deitz . . . . .	Jan. 10, 1874 . .	Storey . . . . .	Germany . . . . .	28	Onanism. . . . .	
41	C. P. Rutchford . . . .	May 29, 1874 . . .	Lyon . . . . .	Ireland. . . . .	31	Masturbation. . . . .	
42	Elizabeth Duffy . . . .	June 20, 1874 . .	Storey. . . . .	Ireland. . . . .	27	Unknown . . . . .	
43	James Martin . . . . .	June 23, 1874 . .	Humboldt. . . . .	Ireland. . . . .	33	Masturbation. . . . .	
44	Joseph Dumas . . . . .	August 9, 1874 . .	Humboldt. . . . .	Canada. . . . .	22	Unknown . . . . .	

## STATEMENT A—Continued.

No.	Names	Date of Admission at Langdon & Clark's Asylum.	From what County.	Place of Nativity.	Age.	Cause of Insanity.	Remarks.
45	William Fluddet	Oct. 15, 1874.	Washoe	Missouri	26	Masturbation	
46	Martin Cannon	Nov. 8, 1874	Lyon	Ireland	27	Losses in business	
47	Thomas Cumington	Nov 15, 1874	Elko	England	32	Epilepsy	
48	G. W. Defries	April 9, 1875	Eureka	Holland	45	Injury on the head	
49	N. B. Moore	May 22, 1875	Humboldt	Unknown	35	Onanism	
50	Francis Cordeva	June 14, 1875	White Pine	New Mexico		Unknown	
51	John Coffee	June 30, 1875	Washoe	Ireland	35	Unknown	
52	Rudolph Hopper	August 31, 1875	Lyon	Germany	50	Injury on the head	
53	Peter Zenoletti	Sept. 4, 1875	Eureka	Italy	37	Onanism	
54	Mary Herrington	Sept. 19, 1875	Storey	Ireland	47	Grief and loss of children	
55	Patrick Mahoney	Sept. 23, 1875	Humboldt	Ireland	40	Unknown	
56	Francisco	Sept. 25, 1875	Elko	Unknown	35	Unknown	
57	Eugene Lefevere	Oct. 7, 1875	Ormsby	Canada	30	Unknown	
58	Willis Peterson	Nov. 11, 1875	Humboldt	Denmark	37	Not stated	
59	J. D. Cram	Feb. 3, 1876	Storey	America	43	Masturbation	Died February 16, 1878
60	Frank Jones	Feb. 10, 1876	Storey	Wales	41	Hereditary	
61	John Lanigan	Feb. 24, 1876	Washoe	Unknown	33	Unknown	
62	Halder Hanson	March 1, 1876	Lincoln	Not stated		Not known	
63	Fred Goll	March 29, 1876	Washoe	Prussia	36	Masturbation	Discharged Mar. 24, 1877
64	Sophia O'Brien	April 11, 1876	Lincoln	Virginia	35	Not known	
65	William Bond	May 19, 1876	Washoe	England	40	Not known	
66	Michael Martin	June 14, 1876	Washoe	Ireland	41	Intemperance	Died July 1, 1877
67	John Gates	July 14, 1876	Ormsby	Canada		Self abuse	
68	Peter Thobaben	Aug. 16, 1876	Eureka	Germany	46	Disappointed expectation	Died Nov. 20, 1877
69	Isabella M. Wilkins	Aug. 26, 1876	Lincoln	Scotland	55	Change of life	Died June 7, 1877

70	E. Collins .....	Sept. 28, 1876.	Storey .....	America .....	34	Not known .....	Discharged Feb. 28, 1877
71	Ferdinando An- dretto .....	Oct. 18, 1876..	Ormsby .....	Switzerland .....		Not known .....	Escaped Dec. 17, 1878..
72	August Gieger .....	Oct. 18, 1876..	Ormsby .....	Germany .....	40	None evident .....	.....
73	Joseph McLaughlin	Oct. 19, 1876..	Washoe .....	New York .....	32	Not known .....	.....
74	Q. A. W. Baumbach	Nov. 1, 1876 ..	Washoe .....	Germany .....	44	Religion .....	Discharged Jan. 4, 1877
75	Mary Fisher .....	Nov. 13, 1876	Humboldt.	Missouri .....	23	Supposed to be caused by pregnancy .....	Discharged May 11, 1877
76	Bosine Gruseppe ..	Nov. 14, 1876	Washoe ..	Switzerland ..		Onanism .....	.....
77	Warren Slocom .....	Dec. 7, 1876 ..	Washoe ..	New York .....	30	Wound on the head .....	Died September 7, 1878
78	Adam Reber .....	Dec. 11, 1876	Washoe ..	Germany .....	54	Not known .....	.....
79	Felix Pasquire .....	Dec. 21, 1876	Lyon .....	France .....	42	Injury on the head .....	Died June 24, 1877 .....
80	Joseph Bastian .....	Dec. 21, 1876..	Storey .....	Germany .....	33	Unknown .....	.....

STATEMENT A—Continued.

Patients committed to the Asylum during the years 1877 and 1878.

No.	Names.	Date of Admission at Langdon & Clark's Asylum.	From what County.	Place of Nativity.	Age.	Cause of Insanity.	Remarks.
1	George Beale.....	Jan. 1, 1877...	Lander...	Oregon.....	20	Masturbation.....	
2	Morris Quinn.....	Jan. 23, 1877..	Storey....	Ireland.....	31	Hereditary, with injury as exciting cause.....	
3	Bessie O'Keefe....	Jan. 25, 1877..	Storey....	Ireland.....	25	Supposed to have been poisoned.....	
4	A. Bowman.....	Feb. 3, 1877...	White Pine	Canada.....	36	Unknown.....	
5	John Knox.....	Feb. 15, 1877..	Ormsby...	Unknown.....	50	Unknown.....	
6	Henry R. Holland..	March 5, 1877..	Humboldt.	Virginia...	64	Urinary troubles.....	
7	George Kornig....	March 23, 1877	Storey....	Germany...	50	Unknown.....	
8	John Nevine.....	March 30, 1877	Storey....	Ireland.....	32	Injury on the head.....	
9	Maria Harris.....	April 7, 1877..	Washoe...	Maryland...	40	Unknown.....	Died August 15, 1877
10	Patrick Morgan....	April 7, 1877..	Storey....	Ireland.....	44	Masturbation with softening of brain.....	
11	Jessie Thompson..	April 13, 1877.	Washoe...	United States		Masturbation.....	Discharged Apr. 30, 1878
12	James McMahan....	April 18, 1877.	Washoe...	Pennsylvania	36	Unknown.....	Discharged May 15, 1877
13	Charles F. Rosse..	April 25, 1877.	Nye.....	Italy.....	28	Unknown.....	
14	Tim Dooley.....	May 8, 1877...	Lander...	United States	49	Unknown.....	
15	Leonard M. Parker	May 8, 1877...	Lander...	New York...	30	Masturbation.....	
16	William Sharp.....	May 19, 1877..	Elko.....	Ireland.....	40	Loss of property.....	
17	Otto Gebaner.....	May 26, 1877..	Washoe...	Germany...	47	Unknown.....	
18	Robert Woodson..	June 1, 1877...	Storey....	America.....	46	Masturbation.....	Discharged July 7, 1877
19	W. B. Graham.....	June 19, 1877..	Ormsby...	Illinois.....	20	Unknown.....	Discharged June 27, 1877

20	John Leary	June 26, 1877	Storey	Ireland	30	Unknown	Died August 17, 1877
21	James Howley	July 2, 1877	Esmeralda	Scotland	23	Injury on the head	Discharged Oct. 8, 1878
22	Johanna Mitchell	July 13, 1877	Storey	Ireland	35	Child-bed complication	
23	John Lehe	July 21, 1877	Esmeralda	Ireland	27	Masturbation	
24	Rose Blessington	July 28, 1877	Washoe	Ireland	40	Typhoid fever	
25	Butler S. McConahy	August 2, 1877	Eureka	Ohio	35	Unknown	
26	Conn Flynn	August 8, 1877	Storey	Ireland	32	Adverse fortune	Discharged Jan. 14, 1878
27	Henry W. Calrow	August 9, 1877	Nye	United States	50	Unknown	
28	Geo. A. Richardson	August 9, 1877	Nye	United States	31	Masturbation	Discharged Nov. 29, 1878
29	W. W. Green	Sept. 20, 1877	Elko	Virginia	30	Unknown	
30	Kate Ryan	Sept. 22, 1877	Storey	Ireland	30	Unknown	
31	James McCann	Oct. 7, 1877	Lander	Ireland	50	Speculation	
32	Mary A. Dixon	Nov. 6, 1877	Eureka	New York	28	Unknown	Discharged Apr. 19, 1878
33	Joseph Payette	Nov. 20, 1877	Nye	Canada	38	Masturbation	
34	Michael Moriarty	Jan. 26, 1878	Storey	Ireland	30	Masturbation	Discharged Sept. 12, 1878
35	Johanna King	Feb. 17, 1878	Eureka	Ireland	37	Jealousy	
36	Muggins (Chinaman)	March 24, 1878	Washoe	China	40	Unknown	
37	Winfried Horan	March 27, 1878	Ormsby	Ireland	34	Unknown	
38	Daniel Dunn	April 4, 1878	Eureka	Ireland	43	Self abuse	
39	Mrs. M. M. Cupia	April 12, 1878	Storey	Ireland	50	Hereditary	Discharged Dec. 24, 1878
40	Moses Loud	April 19, 1878	Nye	Maine	38	Religion	
42	Jerome S. Glick	May 2, 1878	Washoe	Virginia	42	Exposure and overwork	Discharged May 18, 1878
42	Margaret Walker	May 9, 1878	Douglas	Ireland	40	Drowning of children	
43	China Love (Chinaman)	May 25, 1878	Douglas	China	25	Masturbation	
44	Volney Leverick	June 14, 1878	Eureka	Indiana	43	Unknown	Discharged July 10, 1878
45	O. D. Jensen	June 14, 1878	Eureka	Denmark	31	Religion	
46	Ah Low	June 26, 1878	Humboldt	China		Masturbation	
47	Thomas Burgor	July 15, 1878	Lander	Canada	43	Unknown	Discharged Dec. 28, 1878
48	Nelson Light	July 15, 1878	Washoe	Missouri	45	Unknown	
49	Mrs. Deal	August 1, 1878	Storey	Ireland	65	Unknown	
50	Ellen McCarty	August 6, 1878	Storey	Ireland	28	Hereditary	
51	Mary Gibson	August 9, 1878	Storey	Ireland	40	Unknown	

## STATEMENT A—Continued.

No.	Names.	Date of Admission at Langdon & Clark's Asylum.	From what County.	Place of Nativity.	Age.	Cause of Insanity.	Remarks.
52	Mrs. M. L. Thorn- ington .....	August 15, 1878	Ormsby...	Unknown. ....		Unknown.....	
53	G. Margaroli .....	August 31, 1878	Eureka...	Italy.....	44	Self abuse.....	
54	William Pasch .....	Sept. 25, 1878	Storey.....	Sweden.....	62	Unknown.....	Died October 26, 1878
55	Barbara Dohle .....	Oct. 13, 1878..	Storey.....	Germany.....	39	Loss of son by death.....	
56	Adam Johnson .....	Oct. 18, 1878..	White Pine	Pennsylvania	70	Intemperance.....	Died October 23, 1878
57	Frederick Klitz .....	Oct. 24, 1878..	Washoe...	Germany.....	38	Unknown.....	
58	Patrick Riley.....	Oct. 28, 1878..	Ormsby...	Ireland.....	36	Unknown.....	
59	John Myers .....	Oct. 20, 1878..	Washoe...	Maryland.....	45	Intemperance.....	
60	August McKay ...	Nov. 7, 1878 ..	Ormsby...	Canada.....	26	Excessive sexual excitement..	
61	Honoca Fagan .....	Nov. 13, 1878 ..	Storey.....	Ireland.....	28	Premature labor.....	
62	Francisco Bozzette.	Nov. 13, 1878 ..	Eureka...	Italy.....	27	Unknown.....	
63	Mary Watson .....	Nov. 18, 1878 ..	Washoe...	Ireland.....	44	Religion.....	
64	James Burke .....	Nov. 18, 1878..	Washoe...	Ireland.....	44	Unknown.....	
65	Joseph Kilpatrick..	Dec. 5, 1878 ..	Douglas...	New York...	70	Use of opium.....	Discharged Dec. 11, 1878
66	Frances Wright .....	Dec. 12, 1878..	Ormsby...	Ireland.....	41	Hereditary.....	
67	John P. Sullivan ..	Dec. 19, 1878..	Washoe...	Ireland.....	32	Intemperance.....	
68	Ah Hong (Chinaman)	Dec. 22, 1878..	Humboldt.	China.....	28	Diseased condition of brain..	
69	Margaret Robey ...	Dec. 27, 1878..	Storey.....	Mass.....	34	Morphine and whisky.....	

STATEMENT A—Continued.

*Recapitulation.*

Number of patients at Asylum, December 31, 1876 .....		80
Number of patients committed to Asylum during the years 1877 and 1878.....		69
Total number of patients .....		149
Number of patients discharged during the years 1877 and 1878.....	18	
Number of patients died during the years 1877 and 1878.....	13	
Number of patients committed suicide during years 1877 and 1878 .....	1	
Number of patients escaped during years 1877 and 1878 .....	1	
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Number of patients remaining at the Asylum December 31, 1878 .....		116

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## STATEMENT

*Showing Total Expenditures for the years 1877 and 1878.*

	Amount.	Total.
1877.		
Care of the Indigent Insane of Nevada at Langdon & Clark's Asylum, California.....	\$30,332 00	.....
Cost of transportation of patients from this State to Asylum.....	5,331 45	.....
Incidental expenses.....	425 00	.....
		\$36,088 45
1878.		
Care of the Indigent Insane of Nevada at Langdon & Clark's Asylum, California.....	\$41,332 00	.....
Cost of transportation of patients from this State to Asylum.....	5,122 62	.....
Incidental expenses.....	475 00	.....
		\$46,929 62
<b>Total expenditures for the years 1877 and 1878.....</b>		<b>\$83,018 07</b>

## EXHIBIT "C."

## COPY OF CONTRACT WITH DRS. LANGDON AND CLARK.

This agreement, made and concluded this third day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, between the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of providing for the care and maintenance of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada, a Board created by an act of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, entitled, An Act to provide for properly taking care of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada, approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and which board is authorized and directed to make this contract in the following words:

The Board of Commissioners for the care of the indigent insane of this State are hereby authorized and directed to make a contract for the proper care and maintenance of the indigent insane of this State with the parties at present in care of such insane, provided such contract shall not be for less than four years, and that the price per patient shall be the same as under the existing contract between the State and same parties, by an Act of the Legislature of said State of Nevada, entitled "An Act to enable the Board of Commissioners for the care of the indigent insane to make certain provision for the proper care of said insane," approved March second, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, party of the first part, and Samuel Langdon and Asa Clark, of Stockton, California, parties of the second part, witnesseth:

The said parties of the second part covenant and agree to and with the said party of the first part to take entire charge of the insane of the State of Nevada, at present in the asylum at Woodbridge, California, and all of those who during the continuance of this agreement shall by the proper authorities of the State of Nevada be adjudged insane, and delivered to them, the parties of the second part, at their asylum at Woodbridge, California, for the term of four (4) years from March third (3d), A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and after the expiration of said four years until the State authorities of the State of Nevada are prepared to receive them; and for this purpose the said parties of the second part agree to furnish, at their own proper cost, for the use and occupancy of said insane, a suitable and comfortable building or buildings at Woodbridge, California; all necessary medical attendance and medicines; employ all necessary persons for the proper care and comfort of the said insane; to provide for them fuel, clothing and subsistence, and to do and furnish all and everything necessary to the care and comfort of the said insane of the State of Nevada, and in the event of the death of any of them to provide proper burial. And the said party of the first part covenants and agrees to pay to the said parties of the second part for each and every insane person delivered by the State of Nevada to the care and keeping of the parties of the second part during the time he or she may remain in such care and keeping at the rate of seven (\$7) dollars, in gold coin or its equivalent per week, payable on or about the first of every month for services rendered the month previous.

It is understood by and between the parties to these presents, that the right of inspection at all times of the condition and keeping of the said insane is reserved to the party of the first part, and upon the failure of the parties of the second part to comply with the conditions of this agreement, after notification and time for hearing in defense of the parties of

the second part, the party of the first part may at any time annul and make void this agreement, on such failure being shown and proven.

In testimony whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, the day and year first above written.

L. R. BRADLEY, [SEAL.]  
Governor of the State of Nevada.

W. W. HOBART, [SEAL.]  
Controller of the State of Nevada.

JERRY SCHOOLING, [SEAL.]  
Treasurer of the State of Nevada.

Board of Commissioners for care and maintenance of the Indigent Insane of the State of Nevada.

Witness: W. GRAVALT. SAMUEL LANGDON. [SEAL.]  
ASA CLARK. [SEAL.]

WHEREAS, by the terms of the foregoing contract between the Board of Commissioners for the care of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada, and Drs. Langdon and Clark (Samuel Langdon and Asa Clark), it is provided, that said insane should be kept in the asylum located at Woodbridge, California; and, whereas, the said Langdon and Clark have provided and fitted up on a tract of land immediately adjoining the city of Stockton, a more suitable and commodious building with extensive grounds for the accommodation of said insane patients;

We, the Board of Commissioners aforesaid, believing it to be for the advantage of said patients, and of the State of Nevada, hereby consent that the said insane patients may be hereafter, and during the continuance of said contract, kept and maintained in said asylum adjoining the City of Stockton, instead of at Woodbridge, as heretofore.

L. R. BRADLEY, [SEAL.]  
Governor of the State of Nevada.

W. W. HOBART, [SEAL.]  
Controller of the State of Nevada.

JERRY SCHOOLING, [SEAL.]  
Treasurer of the State of Nevada.

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EXHIBIT "D."

*To the Honorable Commissioners for the Care of the Insane of the State of Nevada:*

GENTLEMEN: On the twenty-seventh of last month we received from your honorable Board the subjoined communication, embodying a request that we visit the Nevada Insane Asylum at Stockton, California, together with a copy of the contract, now in force between the State of Nevada and Messrs. Samuel Langdon and Asa Clark, for the care and maintenance of the insane of this State.

## LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS.

CARSON, May 27, 1878.

*Messrs. Daggett and White*—GENTLEMEN: On the third day of March, 1877, in compliance with "An Act to enable the Board of Commissioners, for the care of the Indigent Insane, to make certain provisions for the proper care of said Insane," approved March 2, 1877, we, the said Board of Commissioners, concluded a contract (a copy of which is herewith annexed) with Drs. Langdon and Clark, of Stockton, California, "for the proper care of the insane" of this State.

Within the past few weeks charges have been made in the public press of the state of abuse of our insane; inadequate accommodations and clothing, improper food and lack of medical attention, and other matters which, if true, should lead to the abrogation of this contract, and the resumption by us, on behalf of the State, of the care and custody of our insane.

You having kindly consented to investigate these matters, we desire such investigation to be full and searching, that justice be done to all interested.

After having visited the asylum and made such inquiries and inspection as within your power, you will please embody the information you have acquired in the form of a report, and especially on the following points:

1. Is there, or has there been at any time while our insane have been in charge of Drs. Langdon and Clark, any cruelty, abuse, or neglect of our patients by the contractors or any of their subordinates?
2. How are the patients housed? Have they comfortable and adequate and cleanly bedding? Are the dormitories properly ventilated? Are there spacious and proper grounds connected with the Asylum for exercise? Is there the proper number and kind of attendants connected with the institution to insure proper care and attention to the patients?
3. Are the patients comfortably clad, and what are facilities and attention paid to their personal cleanliness?
4. Is or has their food been sufficient and proper, and properly served?
5. Have they received proper medical attention, and has there been reasonable efforts made on the part of the contractors to relieve their maladies of mind and body; and have they, when recovered, been promptly discharged?
6. How does the Asylum compare as to regime, medical and other attendance, chances for mental or physical recovery, or in any other respect, with the California State Asylum at Stockton?
7. Are there any grounds, moral or legal, that will justify this Board in abrogating this contract? And if so, please state particularly such grounds.

You will please especially investigate and report on the cares of the patient Cairrow, from Lander County, now in the Asylum, and Mrs. Mary A. Dixon, recently discharged.

L. R. BRADLEY,  
W. W. HOBART,  
JERRY SCHOOLING,

Commissioners for the Care of the Insane, State of Nevada.

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE AND DR. LANGDON AND CLARK.

THIS AGREEMENT, made and concluded this third day of March, A. D. 1877, between the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of providing for the care and maintenance of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada, a Board created by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, entitled "An Act to provide for the properly taking care of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada," approved March 3, 1871, and which Board is authorized and directed to make this contract in the following words:

"The Board of Commissioners for the care of the indigent insane of this State are hereby authorized and directed to make a contract for the proper care and maintenance of the indigent insane of this State with the parties at present in care of said insane; provided, such contract shall not be for less than four (4) years, and that the price per patient shall be the same as under the existing contract between the State and the same parties," by an Act of the Legislature of said State of Nevada, entitled "An Act to enable the Board of Commissioners for the care of the indigent insane to make certain provision for the proper care of said insane," approved March 2, 1877, party of the first part, and Samuel Langdon and Asa Clark of Stockton, California, parties of the second part, WITNESSETH:

The said parties of the second part covenant and agree to, and with the said party of the first part, to take entire charge of the insane of the State of Nevada, at present in the Asylum at Woodbridge, California; and all of those who, during the continuance of this agreement, shall, by the proper authorities of the State of Nevada, be adjudged insane, and delivered to them, the parties of the second part, at their Asylum at Woodbridge, California, for the term of four (4) years, from March third (3), A. D. 1877, and after the expiration of said four (4) years until the State authorities of the State of Nevada are prepared to receive them, and for this purpose the said parties of the second part agree to furnish, at their own proper cost, for the use and occupancy of said insane, a suitable and comfortable building or buildings at Woodbridge, California; all necessary medical attention and medicines; employ all necessary persons for the proper care and comfort of the said insane; to provide for them full clothing and subsistence, and to do and furnish all and everything necessary to the care and comfort of the said insane of the State of Nevada; and in the event of the death of any of them, to provide proper burial. And the said party of the first part covenants and agrees to pay to the said parties of the second part for each and every insane person delivered by the State of Nevada to the care and keeping of the parties of the second part, during the time he or she may remain in such care and keeping, at the rate of seven (\$7) dollars, in gold coin or its equivalent, per week, payable on or about the first of every month for services rendered the month previous.

It is understood by and between the parties to these presents, that the right of inspection at all times of the condition and keeping of the said insane is reserved to the party of the first part; and upon the failure of the parties of the second part to comply with the conditions of this agreement, after notification and time for hearing in defense of the parties of the second part, the party of the first part may, at any time annul and make void this agreement, on such failure been shown and proven.

In witness whereof, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

L. R. BRADLEY, [SEAL.]  
Governor of the State of Nevada.

W. W. HOBART, [SEAL.]  
Controller of the State of Nevada.

JERRY SCHOOLING, [SEAL.]  
Treasurer of the State of Nevada.

Board of Commissioners for Care and Maintenance of the Indigent Insane  
of the State of Nevada.

Witness: W. GRAVALT. SAMUEL LANGDON, [SEAL.]  
ASA CLARK. [SEAL.]

#### SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT.

Whereas, by the terms of the foregoing contract, between the Board of Commissioners for the care of the Indigent Insane of the State of Nevada, and Drs. Langdon and Clark (Samuel Langdon and Asa Clark), it is provided that said insane should be kept in the Asylum, located at Woodbridge, California; and, whereas, the said Langdon and Clark have provided and fitted up on a tract of land immediately adjoining the city of Stockton, a more suitable and commodious building, with extensive grounds for the accommodation of said insane patients, we, the Board of Commissioners aforesaid, believing it to be for the advantage of said patients and of the State of Nevada, hereby consent that the said insane patients may be hereafter and during the continuance of said contract kept and maintained in said Asylum, adjoining the city of Stockton, instead of at Woodbridge, as heretofore.

L. R. BRADLEY, [SEAL.]  
Governor of the State of Nevada.

W. W. HOBART, [SEAL.]  
Controller of the State of Nevada.

JERRY SCHOOLING, [SEAL.]  
Treasurer of the State of Nevada.

#### REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

Agreeably to your request, we visited Stockton on the twenty-eighth of last month, provided with the credentials necessary to enable us to make a thorough examination of everything connected with the premises and patients of the Nevada Insane Asylum. We repaired at once to the asylum buildings, immediately adjoining the corporate limits of Stockton, and were promptly and without hesitation shown through the grounds, wards and buildings. The main buildings are of brick, and are ample

for the accommodation of the patients now cared for. The yards and connecting grounds, embracing an area of two or three acres, exclusive of a large kitchen garden adjoining are substantially inclosed, and adequate opportunities for out-door exercise are provided. Good water in abundance is furnished by an artesian well, and the sewerage, rendered somewhat difficult by the level plateau upon which the grounds are situated, is reasonably good.

The out-door inclosures of the male and female patients are distinct. That of the latter is especially attractive, commodious arbors of vines affording grateful shelter from the heat of the sun. The grounds for the use of the male patients are uninviting, but are undergoing improvements.

We examined the lodging rooms of the patients, the bed and bedding, the ventilation, the bathing facilities, the dining rooms, the kitchen and storehouse, the food before and after it had been prepared, and the manner of serving it. We conversed with many of the patients with special reference to their moral, medical and physical treatment. In the impression that our visit had been anticipated, we inspected the provision bills for the previous months, with the view of ascertaining the quantity and quality of the food provided.

For the purposes of comparison, we made an inspection of the California Insane Asylum (male and female) at Stockton, and diligently and earnestly endeavored to arrive at just conclusions in relation to the general treatment of our State insane at Stockton. These conclusions we herewith embody in the form of direct answers to the several questions of inquiry noted by you for our investigation:

1. Last September our insane were removed from Woodbridge to their present asylum at Stockton. We have no means of ascertaining the exact character of their treatment prior to that time, but we are satisfied, from the admissions of one of the contractors and the testimony of others, that the accommodations at Woodbridge, owing to a rapid increase in the number of patients, were inadequate, and that our insane while at that place were unavoidably deprived of many of the comforts to which they were entitled, and which they now receive. Since their removal to Stockton, however, their treatment and maintenance have been in reasonable compliance with the stipulations of the contract, and compare favorably with the methods and practices observed at the California asylum.

2. The patients are comfortably housed, and are provided with beds and bedding similar and not inferior to the accommodations furnished like classes of patients in the California asylum. The dormitories are unusually well ventilated, and the grounds connected and inclosed with the buildings are spacious and reasonably comfortable and cleanly. The number of guards and attendants seems to be adequate to secure to the patients proper care and attention.

3. The patients, where clothing can be kept upon them, are quite as cleanly and comfortably clad as at the California Asylum; and the facilities for personal cleanliness are ample, the wards being provided with bathing and cleansing accommodations with hot and cold water; and a reasonable regard to the cleanliness of the patients seems to be exercised.

4. The food of the patients is, and has been so far as we have been able to determine, ample both in quantity and quality. For the thirty days preceding our visit, the number of patients and attendants averaged about one hundred and twenty, of whom one hundred and two were patients from this State. During the month of April, the fresh meats pro-

vided, as shown by the original bills, amounted to about one hundred and fifty pounds daily, with about twelve ounces of bread to each patient. With bread and meat (generally boiled), are served soup and potatoes, and occasionally other vegetables, for dinner. The morning and evening meals are of a lighter character, but we found no complaint concerning the quantity provided. A larger variety of vegetables would be more satisfactory, we think, and would entail but small extra cost.

5. So far as we are able to determine from two days' examination, we are of the opinion that the patients receive proper medical attention; that reasonable efforts are made by the contractors to relieve their maladies of mind and body; and that they are not wilfully retained at the asylum after their recovery.

6. In medical and other attendance, and opportunities for mental and physical recovery, the Nevada Asylum compares favorably with the California Asylum at Stockton.

7. We know of no grounds now existing, or that have existed since the removal of the asylum from Woodbridge, that would warrant an abrogation of the contract with Messrs. Langdon and Clark.

In relation to the reports of cruelties practiced upon our insane, put in circulation by a recently discharged patient, Mrs. Mary A. Dixon, we failed to discover that there was any foundation for them in fact, and are compelled to believe them to have been the baseless vagaries of a still distempered imagination.

Concerning the case of the patient Calrow, to which our attention was especially directed, careful inquiry and personal examination developed the facts that he was still suffering from partial paralysis, and very marked general debility, with a constant tendency toward self-destruction, the last attempt by hanging having been made but a few weeks since. This he admitted to us privately. He also admitted that he had attempted to destroy his life three or four times before. While he may be considered as convalescent from his insanity, he is still feeble and infirm, and is certainly not in a condition either to provide for himself, or be turned upon the community.

In conclusion, we may remark that we are gratified at being able to report, that the insane of our State are reasonably well provided for and maintained at Stockton; yet, however humane may be their treatment, their increasing numbers, their distance from friends and relations, and other considerations apart from a State pride, which cannot be entirely overlooked, rise up and protest against the extending or making of further contracts for the care and maintenance of our insane beyond the boundaries of the State.

R. M. DAGGETT,  
F. J. WHITE, M. D.

CARSON, June 2, 1878.

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**EXHIBIT "E."**

**STATEMENT**

*Showing list of Patients committed to the Pacific Insane Asylum from the State of Nevada during the years 1877 and 1878.*

**FOURTEENTH FISCAL YEAR, ENDING DECEMBER 31,  
1878.**

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To the Commissioners of Insanity for the State of Nevada:

Statement showing list of patients committed to the Pacific Insane Asylum from the State of Nevada during the years 1877 and 1878.

No.	Names.	Date of Admission at Langdon & Clark's Asylum.	From what County.	Place of Nativity.	Age.	Cause of Insanity.	Remarks.
1	George Beale	Jan. 1, 1877	Lander	Oregon	20	Masturbation	
2	Morris Quinn	Jan. 23, 1877	Storey	Ireland	31	Hereditary, with injury as exciting cause	
3	Bessie O'Keefe	Jan. 25, 1877	Storey	Ireland	25	Supposed to have been poisoned	
4	A. Bowman	Feb. 3, 1877	White Pine	Canada	36	Unknown	
5	John Knox	Feb. 15, 1877	Ormsby	Unknown	50	Unknown	
6	Henry R. Holland	March 5, 1877	Humboldt	Virginia	64	Urinary troubles	
7	George Kornig	March 23, 1877	Storey	Germany	50	Unknown	
8	John Nevine	March 30, 1877	Storey	Ireland	32	Injury on the head	
9	Maria Harris	April 7, 1877	Washoe	Maryland	40	Unknown	Died August 15, 1877
10	Patrick Morgan	April 7, 1877	Storey	Ireland	44	Masturbation with softening of brain	
11	Jessie Thompson	April 13, 1877	Washoe	United States		Masturbation	Discharged Apr. 30, 1878
12	James McMahan	April 18, 1877	Washoe	Pennsylvania	36	Unknown	Discharged May 15, 1877
13	Charles F. Rosse	April 25, 1877	Nye	Italy	28	Unknown	
14	Tim Dooley	May 8, 1877	Lander	United States	49	Unknown	
15	Leonard M. Parker	May 8, 1877	Lander	New York	30	Masturbation	
16	William Sharp	May 19, 1877	Elko	Ireland	40	Loss of property	
17	Otto Gebaner	May 26, 1877	Washoe	Germany	47	Unknown	

18	Robert Woodson	June 1, 1877	Storey	America	46	Masturbation	Discharged July 7, 1877
19	W. B. Graham	June 19, 1877	Ormsby	Illinois	20	Unknown	Discharged June 27, 1877
20	John Leary	June 26, 1877	Storey	Ireland	30	Unknown	Died August 17, 1877
21	James Howley	July 2, 1877	Esmeralda	Scotland	23	Injury on the head	Discharged Oct. 8, 1878
22	Johanna Mitchell	July 13, 1877	Storey	Ireland	35	Child-bed complication	
23	John Lehe	July 21, 1877	Esmeralda	Ireland	27	Masturbation	
24	Rose Blessington	July 28, 1877	Washoe	Ireland	40	Typhoid fever	
25	Butler S. McConahy	August 2, 1877	Eureka	Ohio	35	Unknown	
26	Conn Flynn	August 8, 1877	Storey	Ireland	32	Adverse fortune	Discharged Jan. 14, 1878
27	Henry W. Calrow	August 9, 1877	Nye	United States	50	Unknown	
28	Geo. A. Richardson	August 9, 1877	Nye	United States	31	Masturbation	Discharged Nov. 29, 1878
29	W. W. Green	Sept. 20, 1877	Elko	Virginia	30	Unknown	
30	Kate Ryan	Sept. 22, 1877	Storey	Ireland	30	Unknown	
31	James McCann	Oct. 7, 1877	Lander	Ireland	50	Speculation	
32	Mary A. Dixon	Nov. 6, 1877	Eureka	New York	28	Unknown	Discharged Apr. 19, 1878
33	Joseph Payette	Nov. 30, 1877	Nye	Canada	38	Masturbation	
34	Michael Moriarty	Jan. 26, 1878	Storey	Ireland	30	Masturbation	Discharged Sept. 12, 1878
35	Johanna King	Feb. 17, 1878	Eureka	Ireland	37	Jealousy	
36	Muggins (Chinaman)	March 24, 1878	Washoe	China	40	Unknown	
37	Winfield Horan	March 27, 1878	Ormsby	Ireland	34	Unknown	
38	Daniel Dunn	April 4, 1878	Eureka	Ireland	43	Self-abuse	
39	Mrs. M. M. Cupia	April 12, 1878	Storey	Ireland	50	Hereditary	Discharged Dec. 24, 1878
40	Moses Loud	April 19, 1878	Nye	Maine	38	Religion	
41	Jerome S. Glick	May 2, 1878	Washoe	Virginia	42	Exposure and overwork	Discharged May 18, 1878
42	Margaret Walker	May 9, 1878	Douglas	Ireland	40	Drowning of children	
43	China Love (Chinaman)	May 25, 1878	Douglas	China	25	Masturbation	
44	Volney Leverick	June 14, 1878	Eureka	Indiana	43	Unknown	Discharged July 10, 1878
45	O. D. Jensen	June 14, 1878	Eureka	Denmark	31	Religion	
46	Ah Low	June 26, 1878	Humboldt	China		Masturbation	
47	Thomas Burger	July 15, 1878	Lander	Canada	43	Unknown	Discharged Dec. 24, 1878
48	Nelson Light	July 15, 1878	Washoe	Missouri	45	Unknown	
49	Mrs. Deal	August 1, 1878	Storey	Ireland	65	Unknown	

No.	Names.	Date of Admission at Langdon & Clark's Asylum.	From what County.	Place of Nativity.	Age.	Cause of Insanity.	Remarks.
50	Ellen McCarty	August 6, 1878	Storey	Ireland	28	Hereditary	
51	Mary Gibson	August 9, 1878	Storey	Ireland	40	Unknown	
52	Mrs. M. L. Thornington	August 15, 1878	Ormsby	Unknown		Unknown	
53	G. Margaroli	August 31, 1878	Eureka	Italy	44	Self-abuse	
54	William Pasch	Sept. 25, 1878	Storey	Sweden	62	Unknown	Died October 26, 1878
55	Barbara Doble	Oct. 13, 1878	Storey	Germany	39	Loss of son by death	
56	Adam Johnson	Oct. 18, 1878	White Pine	Pennsylvania	70	Intemperance	Died October 23, 1878
57	John Myers	Oct. 20, 1878	Washoe	Maryland	45	Intemperance	
58	Frederick Klitz	Oct. 24, 1878	Washoe	Germany	38	Unknown	
59	Patrick Riley	Oct. 23, 1878	Ormsby	Ireland	36	Unknown	
60	August McKay	Nov. 7, 1878	Ormsby	Canada	26	Excessive sexual excitement	
61	Honora Fagan	Nov. 13, 1878	Storey	Ireland	28	Premature labor	
62	Francisco Bozzette	Nov. 13, 1878	Eureka	Italy	27	Unknown	
63	Mary Watson	Nov. 18, 1878	Washoe	Ireland	44	Religion	
64	James Burke	Nov. 18, 1878	Washoe	Ireland	44	Unknown	
65	Joseph Kilpatrick	Dec. 5, 1878	Douglas	New York	70	Use of opium	Discharged Dec. 11, 1878
66	Frances Wright	Dec. 12, 1878	Ormsby	Ireland	41	Hereditary	
67	John P. Sullivan	Dec. 19, 1878	Washoe	Ireland	32	Intemperance	
68	Ah Hong (Chinaman)	Dec. 22, 1878	Humboldt	China	28	Diseased condition of brain	
69	Margaret Robey	Dec. 27, 1878	Storey	Mass.	34	Morphine and whiskey	

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## LANGDON AND CLARK'S REPORT TO COMMISSIONERS—Continued.

*Recapitulation.*

Number of patients at Asylum, December 31, 1876 .....		80
Number of patients committed during the years 1877 and 1878.....		69
<b>Total number of patients .....</b>		<b>149</b>
Number of patients discharged during the years 1877 and 1878.....	*18	
Number of patients died during the years 1877 and 1878.....	13	
Number of patients committed suicide during years 1877 and 1878.....	1	
Number of patients escaped during years 1877 and 1878 .....	1	
		<b>33</b>
Number of patients at the Asylum December 31, 1878 .....		<b>116</b>

\* Of the eighteen discharged, seventeen recovered, and one much improved. The percentage of recoveries on the number admitted, 24.64.

## CONCLUSION.

While manifesting a laudable interest in the welfare of the insane of Nevada intrusted to our care, some of her citizens have expressed the opinion that our percentage of recoveries does not compare favorably with that of other institutions. Feeling, as we do, that this opinion is not well founded, that it arises from a misapprehension of facts, and that this misapprehension is incident to, and is, the inevitable result of a peculiar system, which has almost universally obtained among Superintendents of Asylums in making up their statistics of recoveries, we have thought, that while making this brief statement of the results of your Asylum for the last two years, a few words in explanation of this matter might be excusable.

The unfortunate peculiarity referred to in giving statistics consists in this, that in noting cases discharged recovered, they do not necessarily refer to persons; on the contrary, it frequently happens that one person is made to represent a large number of cases. Thus it will be seen that when the statistics of an asylum containing, say a thousand patients, show thirty or forty per cent. of cases discharged recovered, it does not necessarily follow that anything like such a percentage of persons have really recovered or been discharged. In an able and valuable paper recently contributed by Dr. Pliny Earl, and published in the "American Journal of Insanity," this system has been thoroughly discussed, and its workings illustrated. It is only necessary to give a few extracts from his paper to show with what facility asylum statistics may be changed from a sombre to a cheering aspect. The Doctor states that at the State Hospital at Northampton a man was discharged recovered seven times and improved once; and subsequently committed suicide at home. Another man had been discharged recovered six times on the same number of admissions. One woman was discharged recovered eight times on as many admissions. Another was discharged recovered six times on as many admissions. These four persons, he continues, have as cases recovered twenty-seven times, and yet it is not probable that any of them have recovered. He gives the case of a woman in Bloomingdale Asylum, New York, who was admitted fifty-nine and discharged recovered forty-six times.

He states that in the Friends' Asylum, Frankfort, Penn., eighty-seven persons have contributed two hundred and seventy-four recoveries to the statistics of the institution. One patient recovered fifteen times, another thirteen times, a third nine, a fourth eight, and a fifth seven times. He goes on to say that the statistics are indebted to those five persons for fifty-two recoveries or an average of ten to each person. So while the uninformed reader believes that fifty-two persons recovered, the truth of the matter is, that no less than three of the persons died insane at the asylum, and, consequently, the cures, if any, could not at most have been but two. These illustrative cases might be continued indefinitely, but probably enough have been given to satisfy you that in order to obtain any valuable information with regard to the curability of insanity, something more than a cursory glance at the statistics of the average asylum is necessary. It might be well to add, that one Superintendent has discovered such patency in this system of statistics, that he has been able with complacency to present the pretense of one hundred per cent. of recoveries on his admissions, there is no intimation, how-

ever, of any scarcity of patients in his asylum at the end of the year. Situated as we are, living under a contract, and being under the necessity of having every case represented by a person, our statistics are utterly destitute of all such aids, and of necessity must stand upon the naked truth. Nevertheless, on comparing ours with those of other asylums, as will be shown below, we think it will be admitted that the result is not unfavorable to us.

The Maine Insane Hospital last report gives 37.6 per cent. of recoveries on admissions; Massachusetts State Lunatic Hospital, last report gives 23.9 per cent on admissions; Worcester Lunatic Hospital, last report gives 20.8; Fauntun Asylum, last report, 22.8; Connecticut Hospital for the insane, last report gives 27; Ward Island Asylum, New York, 12; Brigham Asylum, last report, 17; New Jersey, State Asylum, 15; State Hospital for the Insane, Danville, Pennsylvania, 26.6; Western Pennsylvania Hospital, for the Insane, 25.1; Friends Asylum, Frankfort, Pennsylvania, 26.66; Maryland Hospital, for the Insane, 25.7; North Carolina Asylum, 24.52; South Carolina Lunatic Asylum, 33.13; Louisiana Insane Asylum, 24; Cleveland Hospital for the Insane, 24.33; Northern Hospital for the Insane, Wisconsin, 19.4; Iowa Hospital, 21.3; The Willard Asylum, New York, which only receives chronic patients, presents a record of less than one per cent. of recoveries, while certain corporate institutions having the selection of their patients, and only receiving such as are supposed to be curable, presents a much larger percentage of cures than any that have been quoted. It will be remembered, that our asylum opened with twenty-seven chronic cases of long standing, from whom but little could be expected, in the way of recoveries; in addition to these we have received six or eight chronic cases, who have been inmates of other asylums, these last can only operate against our statistics.

The Pacific Insane Asylum, in which your patients are now received, and treated, is situated in the suburbs of the City of Stockton. It was opened about the first of October, 1877, at which time the patients formerly kept at Woodbridge were transferred to its precincts. In saying that this asylum is first-class, and ample in all of its appointments for a much larger number of patients than it now contains, we only concur with a large number of citizens of Nevada, as well as California, who have favored us with an inspection of the premises. We do not deem it necessary to describe the buildings and surroundings at length, but hope that the Commissioners of Insanity of Nevada, and those of her citizens, who may feel an interest in their insane, may come and see for themselves, so as to be able to judge of the merits of our efforts to comply with our contract to provide for your indigent insane. In conclusion we desire to thank you for this, that while we have ever found you watchful and jealous of the interests of Nevada and her unfortunate, you have never, for a moment, forgotten to be courteous, prompt, fair and honorable in your dealings with us.

Very Respectfully,

December 31, 1878.

LANGDON AND CLARK.