

verted into the State Treasury to the credit of the general fund.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commandant's Last Report.

gives interesting facts and figures concerning the Home. It is as follows:

Headquarters Michigan Soldiers' Home, June 30, 1904.

To the Board of Managers, Michigan Soldiers' Home:

Gentlemen:—Herewith I have the honor to make my fourth biennial report of the management of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, this being for the two years ending June 30, 1904.

I commenced my last report by stating that the population of the Home was slowly but steadily increasing. This increase still continues. June 30, 1902, our membership was: Men, 914; women, 94; total, 1,008. At this date the membership is: Men, 934; women, 101; total, 1,035. I see no reason for believing that the limit has yet been reached, and think an increase in the population of the Home may be looked for for some years yet.

The death rate is also increasing. Two hundred thirty-seven members of the Home, 215 men and 22 women, have died in the past two years. This shows an increase of 48 men and 5 women, as compared with the previous two years. This is due entirely to the advancing years and feebleness of our members, as there have been no epidemics, or unusual sickness in the Home.

During the past two years the expenditures of the Home have been kept within the limits of the appropriations made for them. A new elevator in the main building, ample for all demands that may be made upon it; electrical machinery for the elevator in the hospital, in place of the inefficient hydraulic machinery originally installed, and new machinery for the laundry, in place of the worn out plant which had been in operation more than fifteen years, were provided for by special appropriations made by the last Legislature. These have all been installed, and are now in