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Ques. State about the financial management of the hospital during the years of your service. Ans. I think the financial management would compare well with that of any institution that I have known or read about. At the time I made this examination I think I did not find but one hospital where the charges were so small as ours. Previous to about 1870 the hospital was in debt, every year for many years from one to four thousand dollars; the treasurer owed money at the bank in Auguste and the hospital paid the interest. Since 1872 there have been great improvements made at the hospital from money received from the patients without calling upon the state for aid, such as the purchase of a piece of land, the waterworks, the ventilation, the reconstruction of the laundry.

Ques. Whether the price of board has been reduced from time to time. Ans. I understand that the price now is \$3.50. It was about \$4.00. when I was a member of the board. This \$3.50. boards the patients some 440 in number