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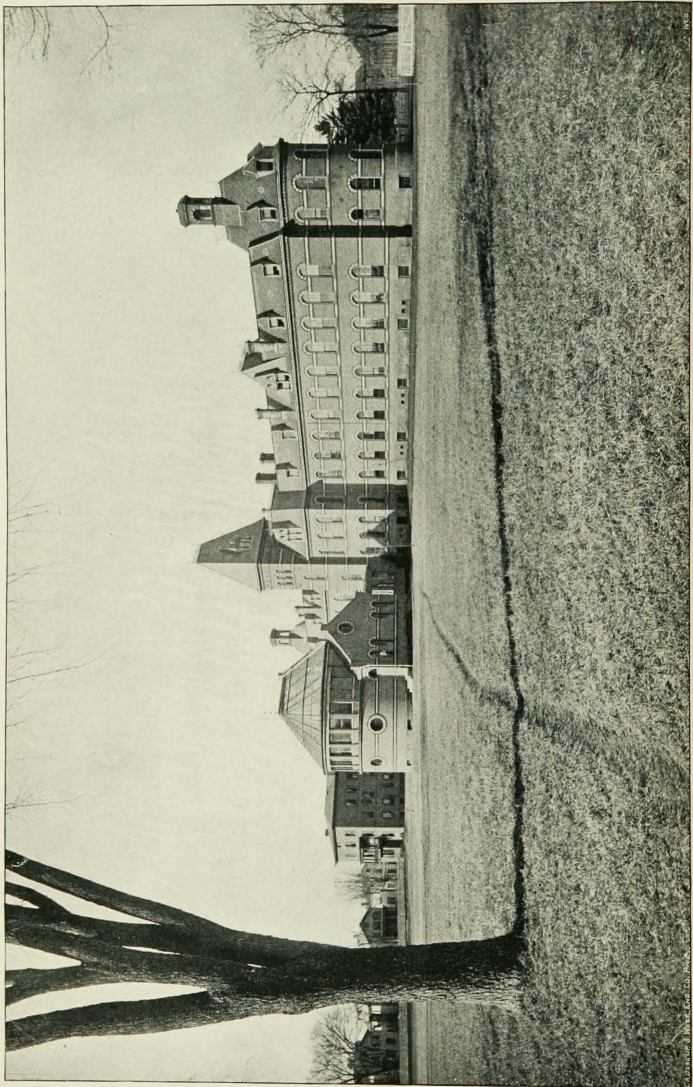


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EASTERN VIEW OF NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT,

For the Year 1891.

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Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 28th, 1892.

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## ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

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1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the hospital, the Superintendent, as the representative of the Prudential Committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the wards is \$7.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$15.00 or more per week, according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriations, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$5.00 per week.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, or in the quotas of other States if residents of Connecticut at the time of enlistment, and now residents, are admitted as State patients on an order from the executive officer of the Soldier's Hospital Board.

7. Sailors whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund are admitted on the order of the collector of the port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Insane persons* and those suffering from *contagious diseases* are not admitted.

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OF THE

## GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

1892

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1895.

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HERBERT E. SMITH, M.D.

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REUBEN A. LOCKHART, M.D.      H. ALFRED ELCOCK, M.D.  
CHAS. E. B. FLAGG, M.D.

### *Apothecary.*

ARTHUR C. ROBERTSON.

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Dr. Robert S. Ives,	

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Eugene S. Bristol,	Rev. Hazlet McKim,
Louis H. Bristol,	Robert Morgan,
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Isaphene Hillhouse,	George H. Tuttle,
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Dr. William H. Hotchkiss,	Francis Wayland,
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Tredwell Ketcham,	

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A donation of \$25 constitutes the donor a member for ten years.

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Dr. Thos. H. Russell, from Jan. 29, 1885.	L. L. Meigs, from May 8, 1889.
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Edward H. Jenkins, from Jan. 28, 1886.	N. Easterbrook, Jr., from Jan. 30, 1891.
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*Jonathan Knight, M.D.,	1842-1865
*Hon. W. W. Boardman,	1865-1871
*E. H. Bishop, M.D.,	1872-1880
Hon. Francis Wayland,	1880-1884
*Hon. James E. English,	1884-1887
Samuel E. Merwin,	1887-

\* Deceased.

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*Hon. Henry Peck,	1866-1867
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*Virgil M. Dow, M.D.,	1835-1840
*E. H. Bishop, M.D.,	1840-1844
*P. A. Jewett, M.D.,	1844-1864
S. G. Hubbard, M.D.,	1864-1865
C. A. Lindsley, M.D.,	1865-1879
F. L. Dibble, M.D.,	1879-1880
T. H. Bishop, M.D.,	1880-

\* Deceased.

## FREE BEDS.

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A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to nominate patients to a free bed for one hundred years, or during the lives of any three persons whom he may nominate.

A donation of \$2,500 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed, for six months in each year, for one hundred years, or during the lives of any three persons whom he may nominate; or to nominate patients to a free bed during his life.

A donation of \$1,000 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed for any three months in each year during his life.

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## FREE BED FUNDS.

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1874—The Henry Farnam,	One.
1874— “ William Fitch,	“
1874— “ James E. English,	“
1878— “ Ellen M. Gifford,	“
1881-83—The Henry Bronson,	Two.
1883—The Thanksgiving,	One.
1885— “ Henry Hotchkiss Memorial,	“
1886— “ William O. Armstrong,	“
1886— “ Mary Webster Southgate Trowbridge Memorial,	“
1888-90—The Dr. Thomas Wells Memorial,	“
1888—The Mary P. Wade, of Trinity Church,	“
1890— “ Harmanus M. Welch,	“

### FREE BEDS FOR SIX MONTHS.

1886—The Dwight Place Society,	One.
1886— “ Trinity Church,	“
1888— “ Home for the Friendless,	“

### FREE BED FOR THREE MONTHS.

1883—The Rose A. Porter,	One.
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### THE MARETT FUND.

For the support of free beds for poor patients.  
In 1891 the income supported 107 patients for 759 weeks

THE JAMES E. ENGLISH FUND.

For the support of free beds for poor patients.  
In 1891 the income supported 9 patients for 98 weeks.

THE ELLEN M. GIFFORD FUNDS.

These funds are for the support of the Ellen M. Gifford Home for Incurables, and the income will be used for that purpose as soon as the Home is completed.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

*Item.* I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of — dollars, to be paid by my executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the treasurer of said institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the directors thereof to the humane purposes of said institution.



## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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The Board of Directors has the honor to present herewith to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its sixty-fifth annual report as prepared by the Prudential Committee.

The number of patients under treatment in the hospital during the past year was 1034, an increase of 157 over the year before, and an increase of 137 over the year 1886, which was the year of greatest activity previous to 1891.

The daily average number of patients was 103.7, an increase of 2.2 over 1890, but less by 9.8 than in 1886. Consequently the average number of weeks spent in the hospital by each patient showed a marked decrease, as follows :

1886	1890	1891
6.6	6.	5.2

Of the 118 deaths, 22 occurred within twenty-four hours after the patients were admitted.

The number of surgical cases treated and operations performed each year for the last five years indicates to a certain extent the steady increase in the work of the hospital and the especially noticeable increase in 1891 :

	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891
Surgical cases treated.....	404	418	435	446	492
"    operations .....	105	112	125	135	178

Out of the entire number of patients cared for, only 76 paid the full cost of their support. 793 were partially, and 165 were wholly supported by the funds of the Society.

It is gratifying to note the great increase in the strictly charity work of the hospital. The following figures give the number of weeks occupied by charity and free bed patients, each year for the last four years :

1888	1889	1890	1891
386 $\frac{5}{7}$	459 $\frac{6}{7}$	961 $\frac{2}{7}$	1107 $\frac{4}{7}$

This increase was, of course, entirely due to and made possible by the Marett and English funds and one additional free bed endowed in 1890. The first Marett fund patients were received in November 1889, and the first English fund patients January 1, 1891.

The Marett fund supported 107 patients who occupied  $759\frac{1}{4}$  weeks, or an average of 7.1 weeks for each patient. 40 were classed as incurables.

The income from the fund was.....	\$6,281.81
Support of Patients.....	\$5,895.50
Less cash paid by Patients.....	150.43
	5,745.07
Balance to credit of premium <i>q/c</i> .....	536.74

The English fund supported 9 patients who occupied  $98\frac{1}{7}$  weeks, or an average of 10.9 weeks for each patient.

The income from the fund was.....	\$703.80
Support of patients.....	762.17
	58.37
Overdraft.....	58.37

The income from the fund is estimated at \$1,003.80 for the present year.

It should be borne in mind that whatever balance remains in these funds at the close of the year still belongs to them, and cannot be diverted to other uses than those specified in the bequests, and that it is necessary to add a certain amount annually to each fund in order to make good the premiums paid on bonds purchased.

The 152 calls responded to by the ambulance during the year demonstrate the value of this service. This number is an increase of 46 over the previous year.

The proportion of female patients has increased during the last two years from  $26\frac{3}{4}\%$  to  $31\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the whole number. This increase has at times resulted in overcrowding the women's and children's wards, and has necessitated the use of the old operating room on the third floor of the administration building as an overflow ward. The eight additional beds thus provided have all been occupied.

The Superintendent's report shows that the current receipts for the year were \$36,808.72; the current expenditures, exclu-

sive of \$691.24 spent for special improvements, were \$42,746.53, making a deficit of \$5,937.81. Owing to the failure of the Legislature to make the usual appropriations, the State Comptroller refused to issue orders for the payment of our bills after July 1st. Governor Bulkeley has paid \$2,500 on the annual appropriation account, but the amount due for the last quarter, \$1,250, and bills for the care of soldier patients amounting to \$964.02, still remain unpaid. If these bills had been paid, the deficit would have been reduced to \$3,723.79, or with special improvements added, to \$4,415.03.

These figures differ but slightly from those for 1890. Excluding special improvements, the deficit for 1891 was larger by \$200.32.

The Hospital Sunday Collections for the present year have fallen off about \$250. Thus far \$1,498.10 has been received by the treasurer.

The cost per week per patient was somewhat less, having been \$7.836 in 1890, and \$7.766 in 1891, but on the other hand the daily cost of food per inmate rose from  $28\frac{3}{8}$  c. to  $29\frac{6}{10}$  c. This last mentioned increase was partially due to the advance of  $1\frac{1}{8}$  c. per lb. in the price of meat.

The special improvements were a new bath room and closets for ward 3 East, a large plate glass window in Farnam ward, and the extension of the house telephone system to the superintendent's house.

Among the minor improvements were a new range in the kitchen and the rebuilding of the refrigerator.

A full description of the plans for the Ellen M. Gifford Home for Incurables, and the Chapel, was given in the last annual report. Contracts were made as early in the spring as possible and work was commenced in May.

The first work done was to remove the superintendent's house to a convenient point in the grounds fronting on Cedar Street, and far enough to the north of the main entrance to leave ample space for the construction at some future time of a new wing to correspond with the present East wing. The house was improved by the addition of a kitchen with servant's room above, and a front piazza. The entire expense, including moving, was \$2,607.

Work on the new buildings has continued without interruption since ground was first broken and there is no doubt that they will be completed at the time specified in the contracts, viz: the first week in May, 1892. It is estimated that the total cost of the two buildings, including furniture, will be nearly \$90,000.

At the quarterly meeting, held July 17th, the directors, appreciating the immediate necessity of a new steam heating system, authorized the prudential committee to proceed at once with its construction, and to borrow, if necessary, a sum not to exceed \$7,000, in order to complete it. Prof. Charles B. Richards was consulted, plans decided on, contracts made, and work commenced soon after the middle of August. Mr. L. W. Robinson, the architect, describes the plant as follows:

“The new steam plant is planned to supply steam for heating, power, and cooking, to the present buildings, and at the same time arranged so that the system can be extended to any new buildings that may be built, without any material change to the present work.

All of the boilers are located in the boiler house, which has been built in the rear of the laundry, towards Howard Avenue. This boiler house includes under one roof a boiler room and coal storage.

Three 70 horse-power boilers have been installed in this boiler room, which are of ample capacity to supply the present system, and there is space left for two more boilers of the same capacity, or even larger, in case the system should be enlarged or extended for new buildings. The boilers are connected to the steam heating main so as to work together or separately. The steam heating main runs from the boiler room through the laundry cellar, and from thence underground in a tunnel to the cellar corridor, at about the middle of the administration building. At this point the main branches both ways; running in the corridors to the east to supply the East, West, and Farnam wards, and to the west to supply the Gifford Home and Chapel.

The power pipe and steam heating returns are arranged in the same general manner and follow the same general course.

The boilers are run at as high pressure as required for power, and this pressure is reduced to any degree required in the steam heating main, by a reducing valve on said main just back of the boilers.

From this description it will be seen that the whole system is under the control of the engineer in the boiler room, and that all the fires, fuel, etc., are concentrated at this point."

This new system has been in operation for more than a month, and all the buildings except the superintendent's house, pavilions, and morgue, are heated by it. It is impossible at this time to state the exact cost of the improvement, as some work still remains to be done, and the final bills have not been presented. It will be, however, not far from \$17,000. To provide for this outlay, friends, a list of whom will be found in another part of this report, have generously contributed \$6,054; appropriations of \$5,000 from the Gifford funds, and \$1,000 from the general fund have been made, and the managers of the Training School have paid \$420 towards the cost of the necessary changes in the Nurses' Home; making a total of \$12,474, but still leaving a balance of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to be provided. It is earnestly hoped that some way may be found to pay a large part, if not the whole, of this debt during the present year.

The hospital has sustained a severe loss in the death, during the year, of three officers of the Society.

Dr. J. K. Thacher died April 20th.

At the quarterly meeting, held July 17th the following was ordered to be entered on the minutes:

"We desire to express our deep sense of the loss which the hospital has suffered in the death of Dr. James K. Thacher, which occurred April 20th. From 1883 to his death, he served as one of the attending physicians, and during that time commanded the universal respect of those connected with the management of the institution, both on account of his great skill as a physician and his untiring energy and devotion to duty. His loss will be felt not alone in the medical work, but as a member of this board and in all that concerns the affairs of the hospital his counsel was valued and relied on.

We wish also to acknowledge the valuable gift from Mrs. Thacher of the greater part of his medical library, and many of his instruments, together with a book case, which has been appropriately inscribed and placed in the medical board room."

Dr. Levi Ives died November 30th.

Dr. Ives' connection with the hospital began as attending physician in 1845. He served at different times in this capacity until 1864, when he was transferred to the consulting staff, and in 1867 he was elected director. The last two offices he retained until his death, and although of late years he did not take an active part in the administration of the hospital, he was always one of its earnest friends and well wishers.

Hon. Henry G. Lewis died December 25th.

Mayor Lewis was first elected a director in 1863, and served continuously until his death. During all this long term of years he maintained the same active and intelligent interest in the affairs of the hospital that he did in everything pertaining to the welfare and prosperity of New Haven, and on several occasions when the institution was in financial straits he rendered valuable service by personal solicitation in its behalf.

We gratefully acknowledge the many donations made to the hospital during the year 1891, a statement of which will be found in the appendix. Besides those already mentioned some of the more important were, 256 garments from the Hospital Aid Society; \$600 in addition to the \$1,000 mentioned in the last report, from the estate of the late Henry J. Prudden; \$250 from the United Society out of the bequest for charitable purposes made to it by the late Dr. E. H. Bishop; and Dr. F. L. Dibble, who has in former years shown his appreciation of the value of the hospital in promoting medical education, by many gifts of books and pamphlets, has this year contributed \$250 as the nucleus of a fund for the maintenance of a medical library.

We are also indebted to our President, General S. E. Merwin for his continued liberality in ornamenting the grounds, and making them attractive with flowering plants during the summer.

The Boards of Visitors have faithfully discharged their duties; clergymen have conducted religious services; and friends have continued to provide musical entertainment for the patients on Sunday afternoons throughout the year.

Miss Rose Porter, with the aid of friends, has paid the salary of a kindergarten teacher, who has given acceptable instruction to the children.

Both the superintendent, and the officers and nurses of the Training School, deserve special mention for the efficient manner in which they have performed their unusually exacting and arduous duties.

ELI WHITNEY, JR., } *Prudential*  
W. H. CARMALT, } *Committee.*  
THOMAS HOOKER, }

January 28th, 1892.

# REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Jan. 28, 1892.

*To the Board of Directors of the New Haven Hospital:*

GENTLEMEN—The following statement of the medical, surgical and gynecological work in the hospital, for the year 1891, is hereby respectfully submitted, as the report of the Medical Board.

W. W. HAWKES, M.D.,  
*Secretary Medical Board.*

## DISEASES TREATED DURING 1891.

Abortion .....	2	Dysentery .....	3
Alcoholism, acute .....	41	Dyspepsia .....	3
"    chronic .....	1	Eczema .....	3
"    acute and mitral regurg.,	1	"    and hemorrhoids .....	1
"    "    nephritis, chr.	1	Empyema .....	2
Anæmia .....	2	"    and consolidation of lung,	1
"    retroversion and erosions of		Epilepsy .....	6
uterus .....	1	"    and alcoholism acute .....	1
Anasarca .....	2	Febricula .....	2
Aortic regurgitation .....	1	Fever, intermittent .....	9
Apoplexy .....	3	"    "    and debility .....	1
Asphyxia, (drowning) .....	1	"    "    "    neurasthenia .....	15
Asthma .....	2	"    remittent .....	1
"    and bronchitis .....	1	"    typhoid .....	28
Bronchitis, acute .....	2	"    "    and paraplegia .....	1
"    "    and senility .....	1	"    "    "    pneumonia .....	3
"    chronic .....	1	Gastritis, acute .....	3
Carcinoma of stomach .....	1	"    alcoholic .....	3
Cardiac asthenia .....	1	"    chronic .....	2
"    neuroses .....	1	"    sub-acute .....	3
Cerebral hemi-anæsthesia .....	1	"    chronic and constipation .....	2
Chorea .....	1	"    "    "    debility .....	1
Cirrhosis of liver .....	1	"    "    "    eczema .....	1
Clavus .....	1	"    "    "    nephritis diar-	
Constipation .....	2	rhœa .....	1
"    and hypochondriasis .....	1	Gastric ulcer .....	1
Cystitis and irritable urethra .....	1	Gout .....	1
Debility .....	3	Heat exhaustion .....	2
"    and vertigo .....	1	Hemi-paresis .....	1
Delirium tremens .....	7	Hemiplegia .....	9
Dementia .....	1	"    embolism and heart lesions .....	1
Diabetes mellitus and ulcers of leg .....	1	Hepatitis, alcoholic .....	2
Diarrhœa, chronic .....	2	"    and pleurisy, chronic .....	1
"    "    and gastritis .....	1	Hydro-thorax .....	1
Duodenitis .....	1	Hypo-chondriasis .....	2



Hysteria .....	1	Phthisis and nephritis, chronic .....	1
Hystero-epilepsy .....	1	Pleuritis, acute .....	1
Idiocy .....	1	"    "    and nephritis, chronic .....	1
Injury to head and traumatic delirium	1	Pneumonia .....	8
Insanity .....	1	"    and delirium tremens .....	1
"    and otorrhœa .....	1	"    "    nephritis, acute .....	1
Intercostal neuralgia .....	2	"    "    "    chronic .....	1
<i>La grippe</i> .....	17	"    "    pleuritis with effu-	
"    and locomotor ataxia .....	1	sion .....	1
"    "    pneumonia, catarrhal:	3	Poisoning, arsenical .....	1
Laryngitis, chronic .....	1	"    illuminating gas .....	3
Locomotor ataxia .....	4	"    lead, acute .....	1
Lumbago .....	1	"    opium .....	1
Mania, acute .....	3	"    rhus .....	1
"    puerperal .....	2	"    strychnine .....	1
Mitral regurgitation .....	5	Pregnancy .....	25
"    "    and aortic stenosis	1	"    and chorea .....	1
"    "    and pulmonary		"    "    vulvitis .....	1
regurgitation	1	Psoriasis .....	1
"    stenosis .....	1	Puerperal eclampsia .....	1
Meningitis, cerebral .....	2	Purpura hemorrhagica .....	1
Myalgia .....	2	Renal colic .....	1
Myelitis, acute .....	1	Retention of urine .....	1
"    "    cholera morbus and		Rheumatism, acute .....	17
prolapse of rectum .....	1	"    chronic .....	11
"    chronic .....	1	"    sub-acute .....	5
Nephritis, acute .....	1	"    and aortic stenosis .....	1
"    chronic .....	5	"    chr. and debility .....	1
"    "    and ascites .....	1	"    "    incontinence	
"    "    "    debility .....	2	of urine .....	1
"    "    "    arterio-sclero-		"    "    laryngitis, chr.	1
sis .....	1	"    "    polyuria .....	1
Nervous palpitation and paraesthesia	1	Rheumatoid arthritis .....	3
Neuralgia .....	3	Scarlatina .....	1
Neurasthenia .....	16	Scabies .....	2
Neuritis .....	3	Sciatica .....	3
"    multiple .....	3	"    and angina pectoris .....	1
Opium habit .....	2	Senility .....	4
"    "    and pneumonia, catarrh.	1	Stomatitis, gangrenosa .....	1
"    "    "    suppurat. of antrum	2	Stricture of œsophagus .....	1
Paralysis, diphtheritic .....	1	Syphilis, congenital .....	1
Paraplegia .....	3	"    tertiary .....	6
Paresis, generative .....	1	Tœnia, barbæ .....	1
Peritonitis .....	1	"    medio-canellata .....	1
"    septic .....	1	Tic douloureux .....	1
Pharyngitis, follicular .....	3	Vertigo .....	1
"    and tonsillitis .....	1	Vesical incontinence .....	1
Phthisis .....	34	"    tenesmus .....	1
"    and gastritis, acute .....	1		
"    "    hepatitis .....	1	Total .....	474
"    incipens and hysteria .....	1		

## BIRTHS.

January .....	3	September .....	3
February .....	1	October .....	1
March .....	1	November .....	2
April .....	1	December .....	2
May .....	5		
June .....	2	Total .....	22
August .....	1		

Of these there were still births, 5.

## SURGICAL CASES TREATED DURING 1891.

Abdominal tumor	1	Chancroids and bubo	2
Abrasion of face	2	Chancre	3
“ leg	1	Cleft palate	3
“ thigh	1	Concussion of brain	7
Abscess of back	1	“ “ injury to body	1
“ face	1	“ “ and pneumonia	1
“ gluteal region	2	“ “ spine	2
“ hip	1	Conjunctivitis	4
“ jaw	1	Compd. comminuted fracture, leg	1
“ neck	1	“ “ both legs	1
“ scrotum	1	Contraction of stump after amputation	1
Adenoma of breast	1	Compression of brain	1
Anal fissure	1	Crush of arm	4
Anterior-tibial curves	1	“ finger	1
Appendicitis	2	“ foot	9
“ and peritonitis	1	“ face	1
Axillary abscess	1	“ hand	1
Bowed legs	2	“ knee	1
Bruises of body	2	“ leg	5
“ and alcoholism	1	“ thumb	1
“ of face	1	“ thorax	1
“ “ and legs	1	“ “ fracture of humerus	1
“ foot	2	“ toe	6
“ knee	2	Cut of arm	2
“ leg and sprain of ankle	1	“ chin	1
“ shoulder and chest	1	“ face	3
Bubo	4	“ forehead and head	1
Bullet wound of chest	2	“ foot	1
“ thigh	1	“ hand	2
Burns	2	“ head and ear	3
“ of abdominal walls	1	“ knee	1
“ back and thigh	1	Cystitis	5
“ eyelids	1	“ and dementia	1
“ fingers	2	“ “ hæmorrhagica	1
“ face and arm	1	Cyst of gum	1
“ foot	1	Detached retina	1
“ head	1	Disintegration of eye	3
“ leg	2	Dislocation, double of femurs, congenital	1
“ palm	1	“ of humerus	2
“ from sulphuric acid	1	“ “ old	1
Bursitis	1	“ jaw	1
Carcinoma of arm	1	Eczema and leg ulcer	1
“ breast	10	Ectropion and lupus	1
“ “ recurrent	1	Ectopic gestation	1
“ descending colon	1	Elongated prepuce	1
“ eyelid	2	Enlarged glands of neck	1
“ face	1	Empyæma	1
“ glands of neck	1	Epistaxis	1
“ hand	2	Epididymitis	3
“ lip	3	Femoral hernia and hydrothorax	1
“ penis	1	Fistula in ano	8
“ tongue	1	“ “ and eczema	1
Cataract	4	“ side	3
“ double	2	Foreign body in nostril	1
Cellulitis of arm	3	“ “ orbit	1
“ foot	1	Fracture of clavicle	2
“ fingers	1	“ Colles'	2
“ hand	3		
Chancroids	3		

Fracture external malleolus.....	1	Injury to back.....	1
“ of femur.....	4	“ eye.....	2
“ “ old.....	1	“ shoulder.....	1
“ “ compound.....	2	Intestinal obstruction.....	1
“ “ and morbus cox- arins.....	1	Irritable stump.....	1
“ fibula.....	3	Ischio-rectal abscess.....	1
“ hip and clavicle.....	1	Keratitis.....	2
“ humerus.....	7	Kerito-iridocyclitis.....	1
“ “ and bruise of ankle.....	1	Laceration of arm and face.....	1
“ jaw, compound.....	2	“ eyelid, etc.....	1
“ leg.....	3	“ elbow and leg.....	1
“ nasal bones, compound.....	1	“ face and eyelid.....	4
“ Pott's.....	1	“ finger.....	2
“ patella.....	3	“ foot.....	1
“ both patellæ.....	1	“ hand and face.....	1
“ skull, comp.....	1	“ leg.....	2
“ “ “ with depres- sion.....	1	“ palm.....	1
“ “ “ and thigh.....	1	“ scalp.....	2
“ styloid process.....	1	“ thigh.....	2
“ skull and amputation of arm.....	1	“ throat and pneumonia.....	1
“ skull and radius.....	1	“ “ dementia.....	1
“ “ base.....	1	“ toes and face.....	1
“ “ spine.....	2	Lachrymal abscess.....	1
“ radius, ulnar, etc.....	4	Lipoma of shoulder.....	1
“ ribs.....	3	Lupus.....	1
“ tibia and fibula.....	3	Lympho-sarcoma of neck.....	1
“ “ “ comp.....	3	Morbus coxarius.....	14
“ “ “ and ribs.....	1	Mastitis.....	2
“ tibia, compound.....	2	Neoplasm of loin.....	1
“ ulna.....	2	Necrosis of ankle.....	2
Frost bites of feet.....	1	“ femur.....	1
Gangrene, embolic.....	1	“ jaw.....	2
“ of toe, senile.....	1	“ parietal bones.....	1
Glaucoma, chronic.....	1	“ tibia.....	4
Gleet.....	2	“ tarsus.....	2
“ and gonorrhoeal rheumatism.....	1	“ toe.....	2
Gonorrhœa.....	4	Old abscess of hip.....	1
“ and bubo.....	2	“ “ groin.....	1
“ balanitis.....	2	“ amputation.....	1
“ chancroids.....	2	Orchitis.....	1
“ dysentery.....	1	Osteitis of femur.....	1
“ epididymitis.....	3	Ovaralgia.....	1
Gonorrhœal conjunctivitis.....	1	Palmer abscess, thecitis.....	1
Granular lids and keratitis.....	1	Pannus.....	1
Gunshot wounds of foot.....	1	Panophthalomitis.....	2
Hare lip and cleft palate.....	1	Periostitis of jaw.....	3
Hamstring contraction.....	1	“ finger.....	1
Hæmaturia and bruises.....	1	Phlebitis.....	1
Hæmorrhoids.....	2	Pott's disease.....	4
“ and anal fissure.....	1	Retention of urine.....	1
“ “ prolapse rectum.....	1	Scalp wounds.....	2
Hydrocele, double.....	1	Sprain of ankle.....	5
Hypertrophy, prostate.....	6	“ hip and back.....	1
“ “ and retention.....	1	“ knee.....	1
“ tonsils, etc.....	1	“ toe.....	1
Incontinence of urine and cystitis.....	1	Spinal curvature.....	1
Inguinal hernia.....	1	Stab wound of chest.....	1
		Staphyloma, double.....	1
		Suppurating ankle and foot.....	1
		“ bubo and chancroids.....	1
		“ glands of neck.....	1

Syphilis, primary .....	3	Ulcer of leg and opium habit .....	1
“ secondary .....	1	Ulceration of jaw .....	1
Syphilitic necrosis .....	1	Urethral stricture .....	9
Synovitis of knee .....	2	“ “ and retention .....	1
Talipes varus .....	4	“ “ “ scrotal fistula .....	1
Thoracic fistula .....	1	“ “ “ uræmia .....	1
Tetanus .....	3	Urinary fistula .....	1
Traumatic cephalalgia .....	1	Uterine fibroids .....	2
Tuberculosis of ankle .....	2	Venereal warts .....	2
“ knee .....	2	Vesical calculi .....	4
Tumor of arm .....	1	Wound of cornea .....	2
“ orbit .....	1	“ “ and lens .....	1
“ rectum .....	1	“ elbow .....	1
“ thigh .....	1	“ foot .....	1
Ulcer of cornea .....	2	“ scalp and concussion .....	1
“ side .....	1		
“ leg .....	12	Total cases treated .....	492

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. TUTTLE, M.D., *House Surgeon.*

## OPERATIONS, 1891.

Amputation of arm .....	3	Hysterectomy, abdominal .....	2
“ breast .....	12	“ vaginal .....	2
“ fingers .....	7	Herniotomy .....	2
“ “ and toes .....	1	Incision for appendicitis .....	1
“ foot .....	2	“ abscess of thigh .....	4
“ hand .....	3	“ arm for cellulitis .....	1
“ at knee .....	1	“ fistula in ano .....	8
“ of leg .....	4	“ lachrymal abscess .....	1
“ shoulder .....	1	“ phimosis .....	1
“ thigh .....	4	Iridectomy .....	5
“ toes .....	3	Irreducible dislocation of jaw .....	1
“ vicious stump .....	1	Laparotomy for ectopic gestation .....	1
Amygdalotomy .....	1	“ and intestinal anastomo-	
Appendectomy .....	1	sis .....	2
Cauterizing anal vegetations .....	1	“ explorative .....	2
“ hemorrhoids .....	3	“ uterine fibroids .....	1
Circumcision .....	3	Ligation of carcinoma of rectum .....	1
Cystotomy, suprapubic .....	2	“ hemorrhoids .....	1
Divulsion, urethral stricture .....	6	“ internal carotids .....	1
Enucleation of eye .....	4	Litholapaxy .....	3
Excision, carcinoma of eyelid .....	1	Lithotomy suprapubic .....	1
“ “ face .....	1	Oöphorectomy .....	3
“ “ hand .....	1	Osteotomy .....	6
“ “ lip .....	2	Ovariotomy .....	2
“ of enlarged cervical glands .....	2	Paracentesis thoracis .....	1
“ mammary tumor .....	1	Paralysis of sphincter ani .....	1
“ lipoma of shoulder .....	1	Plastic operation for ectropium .....	1
“ fibroma of thigh .....	1	Reduction of dislocation of humerus .....	3
“ tumor of arm .....	1	Scraping ankle for necrosis .....	1
Exsection of head of femur .....	1	“ frontal and parietal bones	
“ phalanges .....	1	for necrosis .....	1
“ ribs .....	1	“ femur for necrosis .....	1
Extraction of bullet, thigh .....	1	“ humerus “ .....	1
“ “ tongue .....	1	“ metatarsus “ .....	1
“ cataract .....	4	“ jaw for “ phosphor. .....	1
Fasciotomy plantar .....	1	“ tibia for “ .....	7
Glossotomy .....	1	Sequestromy .....	4

Suturing laceration of abdominal wall	1	Trephining	4
“ “ arm	1	Urethrotomy, external	1
“ “ foot	1	“ internal	2
“ “ trachea	1	Uniting hare lip	1
Staphylorrhaphy	2	“ tendons in wounds	1
Tenotomy	2		
Thoracotomy	1	Total operations	178

CHAS. A. TUTTLE, M.D., *House Surgeon.*

#### GYNÆCOLOGICAL CASES TREATED IN 1891.

Antiflexion and neurasthenia	1	Ovaritis and neurasthenia	2
Absence of vagina and retention of menstrual fluid	1	“ salpingitis	1
Cervical erosion	1	Ovaralgia and neurasthenia	1
Cystocele and fissure of vulva	1	Ovarian tumor	4
Cystitis and hysteria	1	Pelvic cellulitis	4
Cervical endometritis	2	Prolapsus uteri	1
Colpitis	1	Retroflexion and parametritis	1
Epithelioma of vulva	1	Salpingitis	1
Endometritis, chronic	3	Ulcers of vulva	1
Lacerated cervix	11	Uterine fibroids	5
“ “ and perineum	3	Uterine polypus and miscarriage	1
“ perineum	3	Uterine carcinoma	2
“ cervix and neurasthenia	1	Vesico-vaginal fistula	1
“ “ erosion	2	Veneral warts	1
Metrorrhagia	5	“ “ and gonorrhœa	1
“ and retroflexion	1		
Ovaralgia	3	Total	68

Respectfully submitted,

H. ALFRED ELCOCK, M.D., *House Gynæcologist.*

#### OPERATIONS.

Opening of vagina and cervical atrisia	1
Amputation of vulva for carcinoma	1
Perineorrhaphy	3
“ and trachelorrhaphy	2
Trachelorrhaphy	3
Evulsion of uterine polypus	1
Closure of vesico-vaginal fistula	1
Total	12

Respectfully submitted,

H. ALFRED ELCOCK, M.D., *House Gynæcologist.*

#### CAUSES OF DEATH, 1891.

Abscess, cervical	1	Carcinoma of sigmoid flexure	1
“ of chest and diabetes mellitus	1	“ stomach	1
Apoplexy	3	“ uterus	1
Appendicitis and peritonitis	1	Cardiac asthenia	1
Bronchitis and senility	1	Chorea and pregnancy	1
Burns	1	Compression of brain	1
“ of back and thigh	1	Concussion of brain and wound of scalp	1
“ by sulphuric acid	1	Crush of arm	1
Carcinoma of lip	1	“ knee-joint	1

Crush of leg .....	1	Myelitis, acute, cholera morbus and	
“ thorax .....	2	prolapse of rectum .....	1
“ “ fracture of humerus,		Necrosis of shoulder and pericarditis,	
compound .....	1	acute .....	1
Cut of head, lacerated ear and bruises		Necrosis of toe and senility .....	1
of body .....	1	Nephritis, chronic .....	3
Cystitis .....	1	“ “ and debility .....	1
“ hemorrhagica .....	1	“ “ ascites .....	2
Delirium tremens .....	3	Paresis, general .....	1
Diarrhœa, chronic .....	1	Peritonitis, septic .....	1
Empyema .....	1	Phthisis .....	14
Erysipelas and morbus coxarius .....	1	Pleuritis, acute and nephritis, chron.	1
Fever, remittent .....	4	“ suppurative .....	1
“ typhoid .....	4	Pneumonia .....	4
“ “ and pneumonia .....	2	“ catarrhal and senility .....	2
Fracture of femur, comp. com. .....	1	“ and delirium tremens .....	1
“ “ and clavicle and		“ (tubercular) and nephritis,	
nephritis chron. .....	1	chronic .....	1
“ humerus and mania .....	1	“ and pleurisy with effusion	1
“ Pott's and tetanus .....	1	Poisoning, arsenical .....	1
“ skull .....	2	“ illuminating gas .....	1
“ “ comp. comm. and		Purpura hemorrhagica .....	1
fract. of radius .....	1	Rheumatoid arthritis .....	1
“ “ comp., femur and		Rheumatism, chronic .....	1
radius comp. ....	1	Salpingitis .....	1
“ spine .....	1	Senility .....	2
Hemiplegia .....	4	“ and asthenia .....	1
“ embolic and valvular le-		Stricture of œsophagus and dementia	1
sions .....	1	“ urethra .....	1
Hydro-thorax and femoral hernia .....	1	“ “ and uræmia .....	1
Injury to head and traumatic delirium	1	Syphilis, congenital .....	1
Laceration of throat .....	1	“ tertiary .....	2
“ “ and melancholia .....	1	Tetanus .....	1
Lympho-sarcoma .....	1	Uterine fibroid and diabetes mellitus	1
Meningitis, cerebral .....	1		
Mitral regurgitation .....	1	Total .....	118
Morbus coxarius .....	1		

Of these 22 died within 24 hours and 6 others within 48 hours after entering Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN A. LOCKHART, M.D., *House Physician.*

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Jan. 22, 1892.

*To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.*

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith respectfully submit the sixty-fifth annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients treated in the hospital, and other items of information and interest connected with the business of the year 1891.

The number of patients remaining in the hospital, December 31st, 1890, was 95 ; 67 males, and 28 females ; admitted during the year 1891, 939 ; 639 males, 300 females ; making a total of 1034 under treatment. Of this number 465 were discharged cured, 270 improved, 64 unimproved, 118 died, and 117 remained under treatment December 31st, 1891.

There were 17 births, 11 males and 6 females. Also 5 still births which are not included in the number of deaths.

The whole number of weeks occupied was  $5407\frac{1}{7}$ , of which  $2086\frac{2}{7}$  were occupied by town patients, receiving the benefit of the State appropriation, at the rate of \$2.40 per week.

The patients admitted, came from 91 different towns and villages in this State, and from 13 other states or countries ; 480 were residents of the town of New Haven.

The largest number of patients any one day was 126 ; the smallest number 90 ; the daily average,  $103\frac{7}{10}$  ; the attendants and other inmates averaged  $74\frac{4}{10}$  ; making a total of  $178\frac{1}{10}$  ; of these  $32\frac{1}{10}$  were nurses (and matron) of the Training School.

The current receipts, less amount refunded to patients, were \$36,808.72 ; the current expenses were \$42,746.53 ; excess of expenses over receipts, \$5,937.81. There is due, however, from the State, the appropriation for the 4th quarter, \$1,250, and for the support of soldier patients for 3d and 4th quarters, \$964.02 ; total \$2,214.02, which, owing to the complications in the State government, has not been paid. This would reduce the excess of expenses to \$3,723.79.

The Marett fund furnished free support and treatment to 107 patients, occupying 759½ weeks. The English fund furnished free support and treatment to 9 patients occupying 98½ weeks.

The ambulance responded to 152 calls during the year.

The average cost of supporting each patient in the hospital, was \$7.76 $\frac{6}{10}$  per week.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT in account with GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

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1891. To amounts received.	
From Balance .....	\$ 167.04
U. S. Marine patients .....	1,631.00
State Soldier patients .....	919.36
Town patients .....	10,324.05
Self-paying patients .....	13,058.05
Marett fund, patients .....	5,895.50
State Appropriation .....	3,750.00
English fund, patients .....	762.17
Board .....	755.02
Sales .....	375.22
Sundries .....	96.47
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	\$37,733.88
Orders on Treasurer .....	40,679.88
"    "    Gifford funds .....	69,554.56
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	\$147,968.32

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1891. By amounts expended.	
For Flour, 3,332 lbs. ....	\$ 94.80
Meal and Rice, 3,957 lbs. ....	164.52
Bread and Crackers, 35,817½ lbs. ....	1,102.48
Cake .....	192.00
Butter, 6,686 lbs. ....	1,762.96
Cheese, 644 lbs. ....	82.81
Meat, 56,825½ lbs. ....	5,702.63
Poultry, 7,275 lbs. ....	1,276.34
Fish, 9,245½ lbs., Oysters, 103½ gals. ....	1,086.73
Vegetables and Fruit .....	1,902.31
Eggs, 5,245 doz. ....	1,327.90
Groceries .....	1,604.75
Milk, (skim, 4,450 qts..) 67,107½ qts. ....	2,925.50
Ice, 210,820 lbs. ....	284.65
Liquors .....	471.50



Ale and Beer .....	\$ 198.81
Medicines .....	1,730.12
Ipstruments .....	517.07
Surgical Dressings .....	861.86
Fuel, (Coal, 628½ tons) .....	2,495.30
Gas, 847,800 ft. ....	1,213.80
Water .....	275.05
Furniture and Crockery .....	819.76
Cloths and Bedding .....	943.40
Repairs and Improvements .....	2,132.19
Postage, Printing and Stationery .....	480.88
Barn and Farm Expenses .....	319.05
Tools .....	10.58
Salaries and Wages .....	9,298.75
Potash and Soap .....	191.78
Insurance .....	143.93
Sundries .....	1,132.32
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	\$42,746.53
Refunded to Patients .....	758.12
Deposited with Treasurer .....	34,114.83
Boiler House .....	14,667.56
Gifford Building .....	54,962.52
Special Improvements .....	691.24
Balance .....	27.52
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	\$147,968.32
Total current hospital expenses .....	42,746.53
Less board superintendent's family, and extra nurses .....	755.02
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	\$41,991.51
Number of weeks of hospital care, 5,407½	
Cost per week per patient .....	7.76 $\frac{6}{10}$
Total cost of food .....	19,225.73
Average daily number of inmates, 178 $\frac{1}{10}$	
Cost of food per inmate per day .....	.29 $\frac{6}{10}$

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER, *Superintendent.*

# APPENDIX.

## DONATIONS.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR NEW CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM.

Joseph Porter .....	\$1000.00
Mrs. Lucy H. Boardman .....	500.00
S. E. Merwin .....	500.00
Timothy H. Bishop for L. B. B. ....	500.00
Henry F. English .....	500.00
Friend .....	500.00
Mrs. Ann S. Farnam .....	1000.00
Henry W. Farnam .....	250.00
Robbins Battell .....	100.00
Daniel Trowbridge .....	100.00
F. L. Dibble .....	200.00
Louis H. Bristol .....	250.00
S. E. Baldwin .....	100.00
Friend .....	50.00
E. Whitney .....	50.00
W. E. Downes .....	250.00
Thomas Hooker .....	50.00
L. W. Robinson .....	154.60
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	\$6054.60

### HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER, 1891.

From E. S. Dana .....	\$ 15.00
Mrs. T. D. Woolsey .....	10.00
Mrs. F. B. Dexter .....	25.00
Stanley Wheeler .....	1.00
Friends .....	1.75
F. B. Dexter .....	10.00
J. H. Niemeyer .....	5.00
Robert Morgan .....	25.00
United Church .....	271.52
Center Church .....	486.55
St. John's Episcopal Church .....	14.13
Trinity Church .....	407.15
St. Thomas' Church .....	20.00
Church of the Redeemer .....	195.31
Christ Church, Guilford .....	16.61
Westville Congregational Church .....	23.20
Birmingham Congregational Church .....	15.00
First Congregational Church, Fair Haven .....	52.55

North Haven Congregational Church.....	\$ 10.00
German Lutheran Trinity Church.....	15.00
St. John's R. C. Church.....	50.00
Congregation Mishkan Israel.....	111.00
Congregation Mishkan Israel Sunday School.....	13.08
West Haven Congregational Church.....	12.72
College Street Church.....	22.95
Humphrey Street Church.....	113.82
N. Easterbrook, Jr.....	25.00
Church of the Ascension.....	5.00
S. H. Moseley.....	25.00
All Saints' Chapel.....	1.60
Calvary Baptist Church.....	70.00
Howard Avenue Church.....	14.75
Trinity Methodist Church.....	35.00
Dwight Place Church.....	51.35
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	\$2171.04
Estate of Henry J. Prudden.....	\$600.00
United Society.....	250.00
F. L. Dibble for Medical Library fund.....	250.00

## RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1891.

Publishers have kindly furnished the Hospital with the *Conn. Republikaner*, the *New Haven Daily Palladium*, the *New Haven Daily Register*, the *New Haven Morning News*, the *New York Medical Journal*, the *Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin*, *Annals of Gynecology*. A friend has also subscribed for the *Independent*.

## BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND PAPERS.

Charles Hudson, No. 3 Engine Co., L. W. Cogswell, Robt. E. Day, Mrs. E. S. Dana, Wm. T. Bartlett, C. P. Wurts, W. M. Gilbert, H. T. Blake, Chas. H. Farnam, Mrs. Julia M. Alling, S. H. Moseley, C. J. Monson, D. S. Cooper, Mrs. D. Machol, Mrs. G. O. Cruttenden, Y. W. C. A., Mrs. F. R. Bliss, Mrs. J. Davis, Mrs. A. S. Davies, Ellery Camp, Edna Tuttle (West Haven), Mrs. S. Hawkins, Philip Pond, Mrs. Chapman, J. M. Scott, Miss G. R. Lovis, Mrs. Wm. A. Warner, Mrs. Ezekiel H. Trowbridge, Mrs. John Camp, Mrs. Hoadley, Prof. Geo. E. Day, Mrs. A. C. Jones, Mrs. Emily Fitch, Henry B. Harrison, Max Adler, Dr. Du Bois, Mrs. Mary E. Sanford, Wm. L. Kingsley, Capt. J. Griffin, J. H. G. Durant, Wm. O'Brien, Mrs. W. H. Bradley, Mrs. J. A. Hull, Frank L. Trant (New Britain), Mrs. M. Jarvis, Mrs. H. B. Ives, Mrs. C. M. Kendall, Moses Thomas, Oliver Blakeslee, E. Killam, Mrs. Hiram Stevens, Mrs. E. W. Baldwin, Mrs. J. E. S. Porter, Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, Mrs. Gideon L. Platt (Waterbury), Mrs. Dr. Leavenworth, many unknown friends.

## CLOTHING, OLD LINEN AND OLD COTTON.

Mrs. Heermance, Hon. H. B. Harrison, United Church S. S., Mrs. W. T. Bartlett, Mrs. Harriet Fitch, Dr. Wm. E. Lockwood, Mrs. Lamont, Miss Yale, Dr. G. W. Lawrence, Mrs. J. W. Merrels, Mrs. Jones, S. H. Moseley, Mrs. W. H. Allen, Mrs.

Fred'k Ives, Mrs. Geo. F. Newcomb, Grace Higby, Alice Judd, Mrs. Chas. English, Mrs. Manning, Dr. Thacher, Mrs. John Earle, Mrs. Trowbridge, Mrs. Babbett, Mrs. Wm. Atwater, Home for the Friendless, Mrs. Rogowski, Mrs. E. A. Ives, Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. C. B. Bowers, Mrs. J. K. Thacher, Mr. Butler, Mrs. Virginia Curtis, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. John A. Porter, Mrs. Dr. S. D. Gilbert, Mrs. H. B. Harrison, Mrs. Mary E. Sanford, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Schmidt, Mrs. J. Murray, Mrs. John R. Cramer, Mrs. Wm. D. Whitney, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. H. G. Little, Mrs. Jas. English, Mrs. John C. English, Mrs. Geo. R. Kelsey, Mrs. Latham, Mrs. Bean, Mrs. C. H. Fowler, Susan Trowbridge, Mrs. Martha C. Read, Mrs. W. S. Pardee, Miss Cornelia Bulford, Mrs. R. M. Everit, Mrs. T. P. Merwin, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Samuel H. Crane, Mrs. J. C. Hollister, Mrs. R. J. Miner, Mrs. Chas. Kimberly, Mrs. B. R. English, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Smith G. Weed, Mrs. John Fitch, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Chamberlin, Miss Betts, Mrs. Shepard, Needle Work Guild Soc., Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Evelyn T. Pierpont, Mrs. John Griffing, Mrs. W. F. Day, Mrs. Gallup, Mrs. E. F. Austin, Mrs. Geo. F. Holcomb, and many unknown friends.

#### FROM THE HOSPITAL AID SOCIETY.

Mrs. J. B. Sargent, President; Mrs. C. H. Stilson, Vice President; Miss Emma Fitch, Secretary and Treasurer. 256 garments.

#### FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Bethany Church S. S., King's Daughters United Church, Mrs. Geo. Pierce, Mrs. Martha C. Read, Mrs. Harriet Lester, King's Daughters of First M. E. Church, Mrs. R. J. Miner, Miss Willard, Progressive Circle King's Daughters, Mrs. John Griffing, Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, Mrs. Everit.

#### FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

Gen. S. E. Merwin, \$20; Miss Emma Day Porter, \$2; Mrs. Merwin, \$1; Mr. E. Barum, \$2; Prof. H. W. Farnam, \$10; Mrs. Ann S. Farnam, \$50; Miss Emily Betts, \$5; Mrs. E. C. Read, 6 chickens; Jacob Broschart, 1 turkey; Mrs. Emily Fitch, 1 turkey; Mrs. T. G. Bennett, 1 turkey and box oranges; Prof. Francis Wayland, 1 turkey; Mrs. E. H. Trowbridge, 1 turkey, 4 chickens; Robt. Morgan, 2 turkeys; Dr. T. H. Bishop, 1 turkey; Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, 8 turkeys; Miss English, 1 box oranges; Mrs. John S. Griffing, basket of fruit; Mrs. T. H. Bishop, 1 turkey.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Porter, ice cream for the children; Ella Gilbert and Hattie Quigley, picture cards; First M. E. Church, scrap books; Miss Rose Porter, toys and books for children; Miss Florence Truman, toys and books for children; Mrs. Oscar Dickerman, toys and books for children; Christian Endeavor Soc. (Peacedale R. I.), large scrap book; Miss Eveline E. Wardsworth, Xmas cards; Dr. E. H. Bishop, books for medical library; Dr. F. L. Dibble, books for medical library; Mrs. Thos. G. Bennett, 1 box oranges, 20 doz. eggs; Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, discount on printing annual reports, \$50; Dr. T. H. Bishop, carpet pieces; Dr. C. W. Hartwell, braces, splints and crutches; Dr. Du Bois, hot air transmitter; Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, 48 cups jelly; Mrs. A. C. Raymond, 1 air cushion and trusses; Mrs. C. M. Kendall, rolling chair, rocking chair, glass urinal; Chas. S. Blackman, rolling and closet chairs, crutches, galvanic battery, etc.; a friend for the amusement of the children, \$15; Mrs. F. E. Morgan, \$20 for the children.

## FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY.

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The only fund belonging to the Society, the income of which is unrestricted, is the General Fund and that amounts to only \$12,600, as follows :

1874, Irene Larned .....	\$5,000.00
1878, Nelson A. Hotchkiss .....	5,000.00
1885, Mary A. Miller .....	1,000.00
1890, Henry J. Prudden .....	1,600.00

The Marett, Gifford and English Funds are Charity Funds and the income can only be used for the support of poor patients. There seems to be a general impression that these funds have made the Hospital rich, and that it does not need more money. This impression is an erroneous one. The funds mentioned are a very great help to the institution in carrying on its strictly charity work, but there still remains each year the same failure of receipts to meet expenses, due to the fact that so-called self-paying, town and state patients do not pay the cost of their support.

With regard to the Free Beds, it must be borne in mind that the income from the endowment of each bed (\$5,000) is not sufficient to support a patient continuously throughout the year.

### SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER.

#### GENERAL AND FREE BED FUNDS.

3 Notes secured by mortgage .....	\$14,500.00
5 Bonds, Housatonic R. R., 5% .....	5,000.00
3 " Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R., 6% .....	3,000.00
7 " N. H. & Derby R. R., 6% .....	7,000.00
1 " Jersey City, 7% .....	1,000.00
1 " Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., 5% .....	1,000.00
700 Shares, N. H. County National Bank stock .....	7,000.00
100 " Merchants " " .....	5,000.00
15 " Second " " .....	1,500.00
150 " Yale " " .....	15,000.00
60 " N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. " .....	6,000.00
5 " Naugatuck R. R. stock .....	500.00
70 " Danbury & Norwalk R. R. stock .....	3,500.00
47 " Bridgeport Electric Light Co. stock .....	1,175.00

## MARETT FUND.

9 Notes secured by mortgage.....	\$61,300.00
14 Bonds, Housatonic R. R., 5%.....	14,000.00
1 " N. Y. Providence & Boston R. R., 7%.....	1,000.00
17 " Danbury & Norwalk R. R., 5%.....	17,000.00
5 " Louisville & Nashville R. R., 7%.....	5,000.00
1 " Colchester R. R., 7%.....	1,000.00
4 " Denver Water Co., 7%.....	4,000.00
150 Shares, N. H. County National Bank stock.....	1,500.00
100 " Shore Line R. R. stock.....	10,000.00
32 " N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. stock.....	3,200.00
40 " Grand River Valley R. R.....	2,000.00

## ELLEN M. GIFFORD FUND (LEGATEE FUND).

6 Bonds, City of Ottawa, Kansas, 6%.....	\$6,000.00
11 " " Horton, " 6%.....	11,000.00
16 " Kansas City, " 5%.....	16,000.00
2 " North Muskegon, Michigan, 5%.....	2,000.00
86 Shares, Manhattan Bank of New York stock.....	4,300.00
15 " N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. ".....	1,500.00

## ELLEN M. GIFFORD FUND (EXECUTOR FUND).

14 Bonds, State of North Carolina, 4%.....	\$14,000.00
4 " Nebraska School, 7%.....	2,000.00
18 " City of New Orleans, 6%.....	18,000.00
11 " N. E. Mortgage Security, 5%.....	11,000.00
3 " N. Y. & N. E. R. R., 7%.....	3,000.00
1 " Denver Water Co., 7%.....	1,000.00
98 Shares, American Exchange National Bank stock.....	9,800.00
293 " Shore Line R. R. stock.....	29,300.00
546 " N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. stock.....	54,600.00

## ENGLISH FUND.

1 Bond, Town of New Haven, 6%.....	\$200.00
5 " N. Y. & N. E. R. R., 6%.....	5,000.00
5 " C, M. & St. P. R. R., So. Minn. Div., 6%.....	5,000.00
673 Shares, N. H. County National Bank stock.....	6,730.00

## FUND FOR CHILDREN'S WARD.

45 Shares, N. H. County National Bank stock.....	\$450.00
2 New Haven Savings Bank books.....	812.06

## FUND FOR ELEVATOR.

New Haven Savings Bank book.....	\$357.70
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## MEDICAL LIBRARY FUND.

Gift of Dr. F. L. Dibble (invested with general fund).....	\$250.00
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# GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in hospital, Dec. 31, 1890 .....	67	28	95
Admitted during 1891 .....	639	300	939
Total .....	706	328	1034
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured .....	334	131	465
Improved .....	183	87	270
Unimproved .....	33	31	64
Died .....	89	29	118
Total .....	639	278	917
Remaining under treatment, Dec. 31, 1891 .....	67	50	117
Total .....	706	328	1034

## MONTHLY ADMISSIONS.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1891, TO DECEMBER 31, 1891.

January .....	74	August .....	91
February .....	65	September .....	107
March .....	70	October .....	98
April .....	79	November .....	70
May .....	70	December .....	74
June .....	75		
July .....	66		939

## AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years .....	22	19	41
From 15 to 20 years .....	34	21	55
" 20 to 30 " .....	215	93	308
" 30 to 40 " .....	99	65	164
" 40 to 50 " .....	97	41	138
" 50 to 60 " .....	91	37	128
" 60 to 70 " .....	59	15	74
" 70 to 80 " .....	18	8	26
" 80 to 90 " .....	4	1	5
Total .....	639	300	939

## NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

Austria .....	6	Ireland .....	201	Scotland .....	12
Brazil .....	1	Italy .....	33	Sweden .....	11
Canada .....	13	New Brunswick .....	2	Switzerland .....	5
Denmark .....	8	Norway .....	11	United States .....	464
England .....	33	Nova Scotia .....	7	Unknown .....	19
Finland .....	1	Poland .....	6	Wales .....	2
France .....	4	Portugal .....	2		
Germany .....	78	Prince Edward Is. ....	2		
India .....	1	Russia .....	17		939

## TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine patients .....	230 $\frac{6}{7}$ weeks.
State Soldier patients .....	309 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Town patients .....	2,086 $\frac{5}{8}$ "
Self-paying patients, in wards .....	1,412 $\frac{2}{3}$ "
"    "    private rooms .....	260 "
Free Bed patients .....	250 $\frac{2}{3}$ "
Marett Fund patients .....	759 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
English .....	98 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Total .....	5,407 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

## OCCUPATION.

Agents .....	3	Editor .....	1	Piano makers .....	3
Apothecary .....	1	Electroplater .....	1	Pistol stocker .....	1
Apprentice .....	1	Engineers .....	2	Plumber .....	1
Bakers .....	3	Engraver .....	1	Polishers .....	8
Barbers .....	3	Expressman .....	1	Porter .....	1
Bartenders .....	5	Factory employees .....	20	Professors .....	2
Billposter .....	1	Farmers .....	21	Printers .....	7
Blacksmiths .....	8	Firemen .....	5	Quarrymen .....	5
Blacksmith helpers .....	2	Foreman .....	3	Reporter .....	1
Bookbinder .....	1	Gardeners .....	4	Restaurateur .....	1
Boxmakers .....	2	Grinders .....	2	Rivet maker .....	1
Brakemen .....	24	Gunmaker .....	1	Rubber workers .....	6
Brassworkers .....	2	Hackmen .....	2	Saloon keepers .....	2
Brewer .....	1	Harnessmakers .....	3	Saw maker .....	1
Brickmakers .....	2	Hod carrier .....	1	School teachers .....	2
Bridgebuilders .....	2	Horse shoer .....	1	Scullion .....	1
Burnisher .....	1	Hostlers .....	5	Seamen .....	49
Butchers .....	9	Housekeeper .....	1	Seamstress .....	1
Cabinet-makers .....	3	Housemover .....	1	Servants .....	4
Car inspector .....	1	Housework .....	23	Ship carpenter .....	1
Carpenters .....	14	Janitors .....	3	Shoemakers .....	4
Car repairer .....	1	Japanner .....	1	Silversmiths .....	2
Carriage makers .....	2	Jewelers .....	2	Spoon makers .....	2
Carriage painters .....	5	Laborers .....	109	Stenographer .....	1
Carriage trimmers .....	3	Lather .....	1	Stevadores .....	3
Cigar maker .....	1	Lauderer .....	1	Steward .....	1
Civil engineer .....	1	Laundresses .....	4	Stone cutters .....	3
Clergyman .....	1	Liveryman .....	1	Students .....	3
Clerks .....	12	Locksmiths .....	2	Switchmen .....	3
Clockmakers .....	1	Longshoreman .....	1	Tailors .....	3
Coachman .....	1	Machinists .....	7	Tailoress .....	1
Collector .....	1	Maids .....	2	Teamsters .....	14
Conductor .....	1	Marble cutter .....	1	Telegraph linemen .....	2
Confectioners .....	3	Masons .....	12	Tinsmiths .....	3
Cooks .....	8	Mechanics .....	11	Upholsterers .....	2
Copper smiths .....	2	Merchants .....	3	Waiters .....	2
Coremaker .....	1	Miller .....	1	Waitresses .....	6
Corset cutter .....	1	Molders .....	14	Watchmaker .....	1
Corset ironers .....	2	Nurses .....	6	Watchmen .....	2
Currier .....	1	Painters .....	15	Weavers .....	2
Cutlers .....	2	Paper maker .....	1	Well driller .....	1
Dentist .....	1	Peddlers .....	6	Whitewasher .....	1
Drawbridge tender .....	1	Photographers .....	2	Wood carvers .....	2
Dyers .....	3	Physicians .....	2		



## REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN CONNECTICUT.

*In the Hospital during the Year ending December 31, 1891.*

Ansonia	24	Lyme	2	Saybrook	1
Bakersville	1	Madison	2	Seymour	8
Beacon Falls	1	Meriden	35	Shelton	2
Berlin	1	Middlefield	1	Sherman	1
Birmingham	12	Middletown	9	Southington	10
Branford	5	Milford	2	South Meriden	1
Bridgeport	5	Monroe	1	South Norwalk	2
Centerville	1	Montowese	1	Stamford	2
Cheshire	6	Mt. Carmel	1	Stony Creek	1
Chester	1	Naugatuck	7	Stratford	1
Colchester	3	New Britain	2	Thomaston	5
Collinsville	1	New Canaan	1	Torrington	4
Comstock Bridge	1	New Haven	437	Tyler City	2
Cornwall	1	New London	5	Union City	3
Deep River	1	New Milford	3	Wallingford	36
Derby	5	New Preston	1	Washington	4
East Berlin	1	Newtown	2	Waterbury	27
East Haven	3	Niantic	2	Watertown	1
East River	1	Norfolk	1	Waterville	3
Essex	1	Norton	1	Westfield	1
Fair Haven	36	North Haven	7	West Haven	15
Forestville	1	Norwalk	2	Westville	7
Gaylordsville	1	Norwich	6	Whitneyville	1
Greenwich	2	Orange	1	Willimantic	4
Guilford	5	Oxford	4	Windsor	1
Hamden	9	Pine Meadow	3	Winsted	4
Hartford	9	Plantsville	6	Woodbridge	4
Higganum	1	Plymouth	1	Woodbury	3
Kensington	1	Portland	4	Yalesville	2
Lakeville	1	Riverside	1		
Leete's Island	2	Rockville	1		

## ANNUAL SUMMARY.

Years.	In Hospital at beginning of year.	Admitted during year.	Under care.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Daily average for the year.	Greatest No. on any one day.	Least No. on any one day.
1867-1868	37	220	257	207	20	30	34	45	22
1868-1869	30	266	296	335	30	31	40	53	27
1869-1870	31	308	339	271	33	35	38	48	24
1870-1871	35	303	338	256	32	50	41	56	30
1871-1872	50	328	378	270	48	60	51	70	34
1872, 9 months	60	319	379	275	28	76	60	78	44
1873	76	428	504	344	43	117	77	117	59
1874	117	408	525	361	47	117	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	125	83
1875	117	436	553	360	50	143	124 $\frac{1}{2}$	143	112
1876	143	382	525	339	45	141	136	165	116
1877	141	312	453	367	28	58	100	147	58
1878	58	336	394	285	38	71	69	93	57
1879	71	336	407	295	31	81	67 $\frac{5}{8}$	88	47
1880	81	440	521	373	56	92	81 $\frac{3}{4}$	92	72
1881	92	556	648	480	65	103	89	106	76
1882	103	605	708	516	96	96	106 $\frac{1}{2}$	122	89
1883	96	716	812	604	83	125	112	129	93
1884	125	748	873	642	107	124	115 $\frac{7}{10}$	136	100
1885	124	738	862	645	106	111	105	121	82
1886	111	786	897	691	96	110	113 $\frac{1}{2}$	127	97
1887	110	730	840	646	95	99	104	131	82
1888	99	772	871	642	119	110	103 $\frac{4}{10}$	125	86
1889	110	766	876	651	122	103	100 $\frac{7}{10}$	126	74
1890	103	774	877	671	111	95	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	122	81
1891	95	939	1034	799	118	117	103 $\frac{7}{10}$	126	90
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# REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

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*To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.*

GENTLEMEN :—In submitting the annual report of the Board of Visitors, it should be said, that at the very first of the year the Board suffered the loss of its Secretary and a most efficient and valuable member, the Rev. S. H. Watkins, who at that time removed from the city. This loss was felt the more because no other member of the Board was so familiar with the institution, or kept so constantly in touch with it as Mr. Watkins. In the latter part of the year his place has been well filled by the Rev. P. H. Birdsall.

The inspection and visitation of the institution has been carried on throughout the year by all the members of the Board with considerable regularity. We are not aware of any part or department of the institution subject to our inspection, which has not been carefully and frequently examined. We have no abuses or mismanagement to report, but on the contrary we desire to commend the manifest faithfulness of those who are in charge of the various positions of responsibility about the hospital. The patients with but very few exceptions have nothing but praise for the treatment and care which they receive. Where an occasional complaint is heard it is the conviction of the Board that the cause lies in some of those almost unavoidable difficulties incident to the management of a great hospital, rather than in any intentional neglect of duty.

As we see the large and commodious additions to the hospital buildings nearing completion, we feel like congratulating the Society upon the improved equipment which it will speedily have. We hope that many new and improved appliances may come with the increased accommodations.

A uniform courtesy has been accorded to the members of our Board by all of the officers and employees of the Society, and every possible assistance has been given to render our inspections complete and agreeable.

C. B. BOWERS, *Pres.*,  
MAX ADLER,  
P. H. BIRDSALL,

PATRICK MAHER,  
S. L. PENFIELD,  
W. J. MUTCH, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF LADY VISITORS.

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*To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Board of Lady Visitors herewith submits its annual report.

The past year has been a most satisfactory one, as shown by the reports given by the members of our board at the close of each month. In the few cases where there has been reason for complaints, the trouble has been promptly remedied. In one instance where complaint was made to us, we found the report to have been greatly exaggerated, and that the trouble had been caused by an accident to the laundry machinery, which had already been repaired when the complaint was made. We mention this, as much publicity was given the matter, in order to exonerate those against whom the charges of mismanagement were brought.

We cannot too highly commend Mr. Starkweather, not only for the efficient manner in which he carries on the work under his care, but for the many kindnesses shown to the patients outside of his official relation to them, and the courteous manner in which he receives any suggestion from our visitors. For Mrs. Quintard also we have only the highest praise. She has proved herself a true friend to many of the unfortunates who have come under her care. Among the changes we cannot but regret the resignation of Mrs. Nichols the housekeeper, as her pleasant manner has lessened the friction unavoidable where so many different elements come together.

Owing to ill health Mrs. R. R. Nuttall, our secretary for the past two years, was obliged to resign her position. Not only the members of our board, but many of the patients will miss her, as she was a sincere friend of the hospital and an earnest worker. In looking over the past year we come to its close with much confidence in the capability of the hospital management to carry on the work in a satisfactory manner.

L. F. COWLES, *Chairman.*

CORNELIA P. BULFORD, *Secretary.*

# CONNECTICUT

## TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

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The Training School for Nurses has been established for eighteen years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the Prudential Committee raised the number to seventeen in 1880, to nineteen in 1882, and to twenty-three in 1883. In 1884 the number was made to depend upon the number of patients in the hospital, and averaged during the past year with the head nurse and assistant  $31\frac{1}{10}$ . The pupils remain in the hospital for one year, pursuing their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept, to enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease, since he last saw his patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for six months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned her. Her home is in the hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays the board of all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years, when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Secretary of the school, when, if approved by the executive committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-four and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the school will be furnished by the President, Vice-President, or other members of the executive committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Miss Emily Betts, No. 3 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven.

Physicians, or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for services of a trained nurse is \$12 in and \$15 out of the State, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical and safer for the patient to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment which sacrifices the strength of an entire family in the care of one invalid member.

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