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OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT.

FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 28th, 1886.

NEW HAVEN:
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1886.

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.

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* Deceased.

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 Robert Ogden DuBois, from February 7, 1882.
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A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to nominate patients to a free bed in perpetuity.

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FREE BED FUND.

1874—Henry Farnam,	\$5,000
1874—Wm. Fitch,	5,000
1874—James E. English,	5,000
1878—Ellen M. Gifford,	5,000
1881-83—Henry Bronson,	10,000
1883—The Thanksgiving Free Bed,	5,000
1883—The Rose A. Porter Free Bed,	1,000
1885—The Henry Hotchkiss Memorial Free Bed,	5,000
1886—The Dwight Place Society Free Bed,	2,500

PERMANENT FUND.

1877—Irene Larned,	\$5,000
1878—Nelson A. Hotchkiss,	5,000
1885—Mary A. Miller,	1,000

* Deceased.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The board of directors has the honor to present herewith to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its fifty-ninth annual report as prepared by the prudential committee :

The past year has been remarkable chiefly for an interruption of the continuous increase in the number of patients which we had occasion to notice from 1879 down to 1884. The average number of patients in the hospital for those years has been as follows :

<i>1879</i>	<i>1880</i>	<i>1881</i>	<i>1882</i>	<i>1883</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>1885</i>
67 $\frac{3}{8}$	81 $\frac{3}{8}$	89	106 $\frac{1}{2}$	112	115.7	105.2

The average has thus fallen slightly below what it was in 1882. The total number of patients under treatment, however, has been very nearly as large as it was in 1884, it having been in that year 873, and 862 in 1885 ; and the average number of weeks occupied by each patient in the hospital has been less. The average time spent in the hospital by each patient for the past six years has been as follows :

<i>1880</i>	<i>1881</i>	<i>1882</i>	<i>1883</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>1885</i>
8.2	7.1	7.8	7.2	6.8	6.3

These figures indicate a considerable and steady increase in the activity of the hospital. The severity of the service during the past year is shown still more strikingly in the number of surgical cases treated, which was 389 in 1884, and 418 in 1885, while the number of surgical operations was 98 in 1884, and 125 in 1885. The medical cases naturally showed a corresponding falling off, the number in 1884 having been 426, and 390 in 1885.

This very remarkable increase in the work of the hospital in spite of the falling off in the number of patients, we attribute largely to the opening of the Bridgeport Hospital as well as to the continued use of the Soldiers' Home at Noroton. We are constantly sending patients to both institutions, and as those that we send are usually chronic cases, or cases requiring little treatment, the natural result is a constant increase in the proportion of acute and severe cases in the hospital.

This fact is also one of the chief causes of the unfavorable financial outcome of the year. Our total current receipts for the year have been \$32,130.06 ; our current expenditures, exclusive of special improvements, were \$40,879.33, making a deficit of \$8,749.23. This remarkably unfavorable showing can be explained only by a careful study of the figures. It will be noticed that our current receipts are nearly four thousand dollars less than they were last year, while our current expenses were more than one thousand dollars greater. The falling off in receipts is, of course, due to the diminution in the number of patients. This fall and its distribution over the different classes shows itself in the following table :

Change in the number of weeks occupied by the different classes of patients during 1885 as compared with 1884.

Marine patients,	— 9.6%	Self-paying patients,	— 18.1%
State soldier patients,	— 26.4%	Free bed patients,	— 7%
Town patients,	+ 4.5%	Charity patients,	— 35.5%

It will be noticed here that the class of patients which pay the least, i. e., the town patients, has increased somewhat, while both the soldier patients and the self-paying patients have fallen off. The average earnings per patient, including the State appropriation of five thousand dollars, have consequently been somewhat less than they were in 1884, the earnings in that year having been \$5.77 and in 1885, \$5.75. This fall would have been greater were it not for the fact that we had an unusually profitable class of self-paying patients, the earnings per week from these patients averaging \$6.75 in 1884 and \$7.08 in 1885. But while our earnings have fallen off, it has not been possible to diminish our expenses in the same ratio. The fall in the number of patients was sudden and unexpected, and we have no reason to believe that it will be permanent. We cannot therefore run the risk of crippling the service in order to make a temporary economy. This is particularly true with regard to the number of attendants and nurses required to perform the service. We must be prepared at all times for an emergency. The consequence is that we have had a much larger number of attendants and nurses in proportion to the number of patients than in the previous year, the number in 1884 having been 70.2 with an average of 115.7 patients, while in 1885 it was 76 with an average of 105.2 patients. Many of our items of expense have increased not only relatively but absolutely, and the average cost of maintaining patients, which was \$6.43 per week in 1884, has risen to \$7.32 in 1885.

The increase in the various items per patient shows itself in the following table :

	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
Food,	\$3.18	\$3.40	\$2.90	\$2.98	\$3.38
Furniture, bedding and current repairs,	.27	.40	.29	.45	.56
All other items except extra- ordinary improvements,	2.91	2.89	2.89	3.00	3.38
Total,	\$6.37	\$6.70	\$6.08	\$6.43	\$7.32

It should be remembered that the outlay for food does not represent the outlay per inmate but per patient. The average cost of food per inmate per day has increased from 27.6 cents in 1884 to 28 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents in 1885, or by about one cent.

To go into more detail, we find that, while there has been a fall in the consumption of liquors and beer, and in the outlay for surgical instruments, there has been a very decided increase in the outlay for medicines, surgical dressings, and salaries and wages. The principal increase in the number of attendants has been due to the increase in the number of nurses, the average number at the hospital during the past year having been 34 $\frac{1}{4}$, while during the year 1884 it was 29+.

The loss of the hospital during the past year has, as usual, been attributable in the main to two classes of patients—the town patients and the soldier patients, both of whom are received at a rate considerably less than cost. Our gross loss upon the soldier patients during the past year has been \$1,789.06, while our loss on town patients, allowing for the appropriation of five thousand dollars, has been \$4,533.71. It would be difficult to obtain any change in the rates charged for town patients, but it does seem reasonable that the State should pay for its soldier patients a sum at least approximating the cost of maintaining them. The rate at present paid for such patients is \$5.50 a week. During the past year an application was made to the Soldiers' Hospital Board, which has control of such matters, asking them to increase the rate, and we were assured of the concurrence of the Hartford and Bridgeport hospitals in this request. Owing to an oversight, however, our application was not acted upon in time to obtain the necessary appropriation from the legislature, and consequently was laid over until the present session. We intend to renew our application this year in conjunction with the other two hospitals interested, and we have good reason to hope that it will be acted

upon favorably and that one cause of loss to the hospital may thus be partially checked.

Among the improvements made upon the hospital grounds during the past year, two are especially prominent, the addition to the nurses' dormitory, which was erected by the Training School during the summer, and the superintendent's house, which is still in process of construction. Both were authorized by votes of the Society passed at special meetings. It is expected that the new superintendent's house will greatly facilitate the administration of the hospital, as it will enable us to use for such purposes the rooms at present occupied by him. At the same time, if it should ever be necessary to extend the hospital by building wings at the northern extremity corresponding to those at the south, there will be no difficulty in arranging for an approach to such an addition through the corridor, which, as long as the superintendent occupies his present quarters, is necessarily closed. The building of this new house, therefore, seems a necessary preliminary to any extension of the hospital.

Among the minor improvements may be mentioned the rebuilding of the back steps, and the enlargement of the refrigerator.

The new system of ventilation, which was described at length in our last annual report, and which was put into operation a year ago, has worked on the whole satisfactorily, and it is gratifying to be able to state that we have thus far this winter not had a single case of erysipelas in the hospital. This freedom from that disease which troubled us so much a year ago we attribute to the improved ventilation.

We have received during the past year several important gifts and legacies. The Misses Hotchkiss have generously contributed five thousand dollars to endow a free bed, and a legacy of one thousand dollars from the late Mrs. Mary Ann Miller was paid to us during the summer. The late W. O. Armstrong also made a legacy of five thousand dollars which has not yet been paid, but which probably will be during the year. Finally, on Hospital Sunday of this year a check for twenty-five hundred dollars was put into the contribution box of the Dwight Place Church for the purpose of founding a free bed for that church, and though the generous donor of this sum does not wish his name to be mentioned, we feel justified in saying that, were we at liberty to publish it, this proof of interest in the hospital would but add to your

appreciation of the kindness of one whose name is not unfamiliar in connection with such gifts.

In conclusion we wish to thank the two boards of visitors for their faithful and systematic attention to their duties, and for the valuable suggestions which we have received from them from time to time. The kind friends who contributed towards the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and who gave the patients so much pleasure by means of the Christmas tree and entertainment, have our heartiest thanks. We are also indebted to the clergymen who have conducted services in the chapel, and to the many benefactors who have helped in various ways during the year.

We take pleasure in testifying to our continued confidence in the ability and fidelity of the superintendent and his staff, and to the efficiency of the officers and nurses of the Training School in their exacting and responsible duties.

Respectfully submitted by

HENRY W. FARNAM,
W. H. CARMALT,
THOMAS HOOKER,

Prudential Committee.

NEW HAVEN, January 28, 1886.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

To the Board of Directors of the New Haven Hospital:

GENTLEMEN—I enclose the medical and surgical statistics of the hospital for the year 1885.

These the Medical Board presents as its report for the year.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL D. GILBERT, M.D.,
Secretary Medical Board.

MEDICAL CASES TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL IN 1885.

Alcoholism, acute.....	13	Constipation, chronic.....	1
“ “ and gastro-enteritis	1	Debility, general.....	5
“ chronic.....	1	“ nervous.....	1
Anæmia.....	3	Degeneration of heart, fatty.....	1
“ pernicious.....	1	Delirium tremens.....	1
Aneurism, thoracic.....	2	Dementia paralytica.....	1
Aortic regurgitation.....	3	Diarrhoea, chronic.....	1
“ and stenosis.....	1	Dysentery, acute.....	3
“ and enlargement		“ “ and cystitis.....	1
“ of liver.....	1	Dyspepsia.....	3
Apoplexy, cerebral.....	2	Embolism, cerebral.....	1
Arthritis.....	1	Endocarditis and cystitis.....	1
“ rheumatoid.....	2	Enteritis, acute.....	3
Asphyxia.....	1	“ “ and cystitis.....	1
Asthma.....	3	“ chronic.....	1
“ and chronic rheumatism		“ “ and chronic rheu-	
Ataxia, locomotor.....	2	matism.....	1
Bronchitis, acute.....	5	Epilepsy.....	3
“ sub-acute.....	2	Fever, intermittent.....	16
“ chronic.....	2	“ puerperal.....	2
Carcinoma of stomach.....	1	“ remittent.....	2
Chorea.....	1	“ simple.....	2
Cirrhosis of liver.....	7	“ typhoid.....	11
“ “ and acute diffuse		“ “ and pneumonitis.....	1
nephritis.....	1	Gastralgia.....	1

Gastritis, acute	1	Osteo-malacia	1
" sub-acute	7	Paralysis agitans	1
" chronic	2	Paralysis, laryngeal, diphtheritic	1
Gastro-enteritis, acute	4	" and imbecility	1
" chronic	1	Paraplegia	3
Gout, acute	1	Pericarditis and acute articular rheu-	
Hemiplegia	8	matism	1
Hemorrhage, cerebral	1	Peritonitis, acute	1
" intestinal	2	Phthisis, acute	8
" pulmonary	1	" fibroid	4
Hyperæmia, spinal	1	" tubercular	45
Hysteria	2	Pleuritis, acute	1
" and paralysis of 3d nerve ..	1	" sub-acute	1
Imbecility	3	" chronic	1
Insolation	1	Pleuro-pneumonitis	1
" and inanition	1	Pneumonitis	14
Lumbago	3	Poliomyelitis, anterior	1
Malarial cachexia	8	Pregnancy	10
Malingery	7	" and acute articular rheu-	
Melancholia	1	matism	1
Meningitis, acute	1	" and puerperal fever	1
" " and acute nephritis ..	1	Pseudo-leucocythæmia	2
Mitral regurgitation	1	Rachalgia	1
" " and acute alco-		Rheumatism, acute articular	7
holism	1	" sub-acute articular	26
" " and aortic regur-		" " and	
gitation	5	intermittent fever ..	1
" " and chronic rheu-		" chronic articular	18
matism	1	Rubeola	2
Myalgia	3	Saturnismus	5
Myelitis of colon	1	Sciatica	3
Nephritis, acute diffuse	3	Senility	2
" " " and aortic re-		Spermatorrhœa	1
gurgitation	1	Tænia	1
" chronic diffuse	11	Tonsilitis, acute	2
" " vesical paralysis ..	1	Typhlitis	1
Neuralgia, intercostal	3	Ulcer, gastric	1
Neurasthenia	2	Vesical irritability	2
Opium habit	1		
" poisoning	3	Total	390

NUMBER OF BIRTHS.

February	2	September	1
April	1	October	1
July	2	November	1
August	1	December	3
Total	12		

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SURGICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL IN 1885.

Ablation of scalp and ear (complete),	1	Ectropion	1
Abrasions of penis	1	Eczema	4
Abscesses of abdominal wall	1	Elephantiasis	2
arm	2	Empyæma	2
back	1	Epididymitis	2
face	5	Fistula in ano	7
foot	1	frontal sinus	1
gluteal region	1	Foreign body in eye	1
leg	1	hand	1
neck	2	Fractures of clavicle	3
palm	4	Colles's	1
psoas	1	femur	3
thigh	1	" patella (comp.) and fibula ..	1
Aneurism, femoral	2	" neck of	5
popliteal	1	humerus	4
Bed-sores	1	" compound	3
Bubo	5	" and ribs	1
Burns	5	" comp. (right) and sim-	
Calculus, vesical	5	ple (left)	1
Caries of wrist	1	" compound and leg	1
Cataract	3	nose, compound	2
Cellulitis of leg	1	patella	3
Chancroid and bubo	4	" compound	1
Crush of arm	2	pelvis and ribs	1
fingers	6	Pott's	3
hand	2	radius, compound	1
leg	1	" and ulna	1
thighs	1	" " " compound (right)	
toe	1	and Colles's (left)	1
Cleft palate	1	ribs and sternum	1
Concussion, cerebral	3	sacro-iliac synchondrosis	1
spinal	1	scapula, compound	1
Conjunctivitis	2	skull, base of	2
Contractions, cicatricial	3	" " and os frontis	1
Contusions of abdomen	1	" " femur, tibia and	
ankle	4	fibula compound	1
back	2	" compound	1
" and hip	1	" " ribs and sternum ..	
hip	2	" " and leg	1
shoulder	1	superior maxilla	1
Cystitis	7	tibia and fibula	7
Dislocations of radius	2	" " " compound	8
" and ulna	1	vertebral spines, sternum & ribs,	
shoulder	2	Frost bites of feet	1
Detached retina	1	fingers	2

Gangrene, senile, of toes	1	Pyelitis	1
traumatic, arm	1	Sprains of ankle	4
" feet and hands	1	wrist	1
" fingers	1	Stricture of œsophagus	1
" foot	1	rectum	1
Glaucoma	1	urethra	3
Gleet	1	" and urinary fistulæ	4
Gonorrhœa	9	Synovitis of ankle	1
Granular lids	1	knee	3
Hare-lip	1	Syphilis	16
Hemorrhoids	2	Tetanus	1
Hernia, abdominal	2	Torti-collis	1
inguinal, reducible	3	Tumors, adenoma of axilla	1
" strangulated	1	carcinoma of axillary glands	1
iris	1	" breast	7
Hydrocele	4	" lip	4
Infiltration of retina	1	" neck and tongue	1
Iritis	3	" nose	1
Keratitis	5	" penis	1
Ligamentous union of femur	1	" rectum	1
Melon-seed bodies in wrist	1	" submaxillary gland	3
Morbus coxarius	12	cysts of ovary	3
Necrosis of fascia lata	1	" kidney	1
femur	2	gumma of testicle	1
humerus	2	lipoma of back	1
" and femur	1	" hip	1
maxilla, inferior	4	" mons veneris and	
pelvis	2	labium	1
sacro-iliac synchondrosis	1	nævus of scalp	1
scapula	1	sarcoma of back	1
sternum	2	" leg	1
tarsus	1	" thigh	1
tibia	1	Ulcers of arm	1
Neuralgia of stump	2	back, (syphilitic)	1
Optic nerve, atrophy of	1	cornea	3
Otorrhœa	1	foot	1
Panophthalmitis	1	hand	1
Periostitis, inferior maxilla	1	leg, indolent	7
Poisoning, nitric acid	1	" inflamed	2
Popliteal bursa (distended)	1	" syphilitic	3
Pott's disease	6	" tuberculous	1
" " and inguinal hernia	1	leg, varicose	3
Pregnancy, extra-uterine	1	stump	3
Prostate, enlarged	1	toe	1
Pruritus ani	1	Varicocele	1
Psoriasis	4	Varicose veins of leg	1
Pterygium	1	Veneral warts	2
Pyæmia	2	Vicious union of tibia and fibula	1

Whitlow	4	Wounds, lacerated, of arm	2
Wounds, gun-shot, of face and hand	1	" cornea	2
" hand	1	" fingers	3
" leg	1	" foot	3
incised, of chest and abdomen	1	" hand	2
" chest and delirium tremens	1	" knee	1
" forehead	1	" scalp	8
" neck	1	" thigh	1
" wrist	1	" wrist	1
		Total	418

SURGICAL OPERATIONS IN 1885.

Amputations of arm	4	Excision of melon-seed bodies in	
" " breast	6	wrist	1
" " fingers	8	" " nævus of scalp	1
" " hip-joint	1	" " ribs	1
" " leg	1	" " sarcoma of back	1
" " penis	1	" " " " leg	1
" " thigh	4	Hare-lip	1
" " " and arm	1	Herniotomy	1
" " thumb	1	Incisions, exploratory about hip-joint,	3
" " toes	7	Iridectomy	12
Canthoplasty	1	Ligation of hemorrhoids	1
Castration	1	Ligation of spermatic veins	1
Cataract, extraction of	2	Litholapaxy	5
" discission of	1	Lithotrity	1
Circumcision	2	Ovariectomy	4
Dilatation of sphincter ani	1	Plastic for cicatricial contractions ..	2
Division of anal fistulæ	6	" " fistula of frontal sinus ..	1
" " sinuses of shoulder	1	Refracture of tibia and fibula	1
" " " " thigh	1	Resection of elbow-joint	1
Divulsion of urethral stricture	1	" " sternum and ribs	1
Enucleation of eye-ball	4	Sequestrotomy of humerus	2
" " carcinomatous axillary glands	1	" " femur	7
" " carcinomatous sub-maxillary glands ..	4	" " inferior maxilla ..	3
Excision of carcinoma of lip	1	" " pubis	1
" " head of humerus	1	" " radius	2
" " hip-joint	2	" " scapula	1
" " keloid of chest	1	" " tibia	1
" " lipoma of back	1	Trephining skull	1
		Total	125

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GYNÆCOLOGICAL CASES TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL IN 1885.

Abortion	4	Hæmatocele, pelvic	1
Abscess, pelvic	2	Lacerated cervix	4
“ of labia majora	1	“ perineum	4
Anteversio	2	“ “ recto-vaginal fis-	
Carcinoma uteri	6	tula, and strictured rectum ..	1
“ “ and sub-acute pelvic		Prolapsus uteri	9
peritonitis	6	Retroflexion	3
Dysmenorrhœa	1	Retroversion	5
Endometritis, chronic	4	Total	51
Fibroma uteri	4		
Fistula, utero-vesical	1		

GYNÆCOLOGICAL OPERATIONS IN THE HOSPITAL IN 1885.

Closure of recto-vaginal fistula	2
“ utero-vesical “	1
Perineorrhaphy	2
Trachelorrhaphy	3
Total	8

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CAUSES OF DEATH.

Abscess, pelvic	1	Cystitis and chronic diffuse nephritis	1
Anæmia, pernicious	1	Delirium tremens	3
Aortic regurgitation and cardiac di-		Diarrhœa, chronic	1
latation	2	Dysentery, acute	3
Aortic regurgitation and chronic dif-		Fever, puerperal	1
fuse nephritis	1	Fracture of base of cranium	2
Apoplexy	3	“ “ femur (comp.) tibia	
Asphyxia	1	and fibula	1
Ataxia locomotor	1	“ pelvis and ribs	1
Bed sores	1	“ skull (comp.) ribs and	
Burns	2	sternum	1
Carcinoma of breast	1	Gangrene of arm	1
“ neck and tongue	1	“ leg	2
“ rectum	1	“ senile	1
“ stomach	2	Hemorrhage, intestinal	1
“ uterus	3	“ post-partum	1
Cirrhosis of liver and acute nephritis	2	Meningitis, acute	1
Cyst, ovarian	1	Morbus coxarius	3

Nephritis, chronic diffuse	7	Pneumonitis.....	9
“ “ “ from ne-		Poisoning, nitric acid.....	1
crosis of femur	1	“ opium	1
“ chronic diffuse, from ne-		Pyæmia	1
crosis of pubis.....	1	Shock	8
Osteo-malacia	1	Senility.....	3
Phthisis	24		—
Pleuro-pneumonitis	1	Total.....	106

Seven of the above died within twelve hours, five within twenty-four, and seven within forty-eight hours after admission.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., JAN. 20, 1886.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-ninth annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients in hospital, and other items of information.

The number of patients remaining in the hospital, December 31st, 1884, was 124—87 males and 37 females; admitted during the year 1885, 738—522 males, 216 females; making a total of 862 under treatment—609 males, 253 females. Of this number 360 were discharged cured, 222 improved, 63 unimproved, 106 died, and 111 remained under treatment, December 31st, 1885. There were 11 births, 7 males, 4 females; also one still birth.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 5,485 $\frac{3}{4}$, of which 3,971 $\frac{1}{2}$ were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates.

The patients admitted came from 78 different towns and villages in this State and 16 other States or countries; 396 were residents of New Haven.

The greatest number of patients any one day was 121; the lowest 82; the daily average 105 $\frac{1}{2}$. The attendants and other inmates averaged 76, making a total of 181 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The current receipts, less amount refunded to patients, were \$32,130.06; the current expenses were \$40,879.33; excess of expenses over receipts, \$8,749.27.

The average cost of supporting each patient was \$7.32 $\frac{3}{4}$ per week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, in account with GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

		<i>Dr.</i>
1885.	To amounts received :	
From balance,		\$749.44
U. S. Marine patients,		1,861.00
State soldier patients,		5,419.05
Town patients,		11,554.40
Self-paying patients,		7,726.09
State appropriation,		5,000.00
Board, -		684.33
Sales,		338.71
Sundries,		29.50
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		\$33,362.52
Orders on Treasurer, General account,		38,279.80
“ Special Improvements,		5,053.54
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		\$76,695.86

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1885. By amounts expended :

For Flour, 4,171 pounds,	-	-	-	\$124.50
Meal and Rice, 3,805 pounds,	-	-	-	141.23
Bread and Crackers, 29,664 pounds,	-	-	-	1,033.03
Cake,	-	-	-	182.67
Butter, 6991½ pounds,	-	-	-	1,736.45
Cheese, 455½ pounds,	-	-	-	56.47
Meat, 56,538 pounds,	-	-	-	6,672.16
Poultry, 5,974½ pounds,	-	-	-	1,094.17
Fish, 10,405 pounds, oysters, 141 gals.,	-	-	-	1,122.61
Vegetables and fruit,	-	-	-	1,285.64
Eggs, 4,302 dozen,	-	-	-	1,074.28
Groceries,	-	-	-	1,379.56
Milk, 68,316 quarts,	-	-	-	3,072.12
Ice, 181,345 pounds,	-	-	-	284.52
Liquors,	-	-	-	303.72
Ale and Beer,	-	-	-	158.67
Medicines,	-	-	-	1,861.66
Instruments,	-	-	-	455.94
Surgical Dressings,	-	-	-	917.38
Fuel,	-	-	-	2,869.07
Gas, 618,400 feet,	-	-	-	1,151.46
Water,	-	-	-	170.00
Furniture and crockery,	-	-	-	336.16
Cloths and bedding,	-	-	-	502.27
Repairs and improvements,	-	-	-	2,244.65
Postage, printing and stationery,	-	-	-	412.93
Barn and farm expenses,	-	-	-	513.31
Tools,	-	-	-	9.61
Salaries and wages,	-	-	-	8,705.81
Potash and soap,	-	-	-	251.76
Insurance,	-	-	-	103.12
Sundries,	-	-	-	652.40
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				\$40,879.33
Special improvements (ventilation),	-	-	-	5,053.54
Superintendent's house,	-	-	-	1,400.00
Refunded to patients,	-	-	-	483.02
Deposited with treasurer,	-	-	-	28,845.23
Balance,	-	-	-	34.74
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				\$76,695.86
Total current hospital expenses,			\$40,879.33	
Less board of superintendent's family,			684.33	
			<hr/>	\$40,195.00
Number of weeks of hospital care, 5,485½.				
Cost per week per patient,			7.32½	
Total cost of food,			18,974.89	
Average daily number of inmates, 181½.				
Cost of food per day per inmate,			28½ c.	

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER,
Superintendent.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in hospital, Dec. 31, 1884.....	87	37	124
Admitted during 1885	522	216	738
Total	609	253	862
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured	260	100	360
Improved	166	56	222
Unimproved.....	37	26	63
Died	66	40	106
	529	222	751
Remaining under treatment, Dec. 31, 1885.....	80	31	111
Total	609	253	862

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS.

From January 1, 1885, to December 31, 1885.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January	37	10	47
February	27	19	46
March	49	18	67
April	39	23	62
May	49	16	65
June	42	19	61
July	35	19	54
August	53	15	68
September	45	18	63
October	43	24	67
November	52	14	66
December	61	21	72
Total	522	216	738

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

Australia	1	Germany	68	Poland	1
Belgium	2	Hungary	2	Russia	5
Bohemia	1	Ireland.....	172	Sweden	15
Canada	7	Italy	11	South America	1
Denmark	3	Madeira Islands	1	Scotland	9
England	31	New Brunswick	1	United States	386
Finland	4	Nova Scotia	4	Wales	1
France	1	Norway	2	Unknown	9

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years	25	16	41
From 15 to 20 years	38	18	56
“ 20 to 30 “	133	65	198
“ 30 to 40 “	99	40	139
“ 40 to 50 “	106	39	145
“ 50 to 60 “	70	18	88
“ 60 to 70 “	39	10	49
“ 70 to 80 “	11	7	18
“ 80 to 90 “	1	3	4
“ 90 to 100 “			
Total	522	216	738

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine Patients	265 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks.
State Soldier “	983 $\frac{1}{2}$ “
Town “	2871 $\frac{1}{2}$ “
Self-paying “	1022 $\frac{1}{2}$ “
Free Bed “	224 $\frac{1}{2}$ “
Charity “	117 $\frac{1}{2}$ “
Total	5485 $\frac{3}{4}$ “

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN CONNECTICUT
In the Hospital during the Year ending December 31, 1885.

Allentown	1	Middlefield	1	Southbury	1
Ansonia	25	Middletown	7	Southington	6
Barkhamsted	1	Milford	5	South Manchester	1
Bethany	2	Milton	1	South Norwalk	1
Birmingham	19	Monroe	1	South Windham	1
Branford	5	Mt. Carmel	1	Stamford	3
Bridgeport	1	New Britain	2	Suffield	1
Cheshire	3	New Haven	360	Terryville	1
Colchester	1	New London	2	Thomaston	2
Danbury	3	New Milford	2	Torrington	7
Derby	2	North Branford	1	Tyler City	5
East Haven	1	Northfield	1	Union City	2
Essex	1	Northford	1	Unionville	2
Fair Haven	29	North Haven	2	Wallingford	11
Greenwich	4	Noroton	6	Washington	1
Guilford	2	Norwich	1	Waterbury	25
Hamden	5	Oxford	1	Westbrook	1
Hartford	1	Plantsville	3	West Haven	2
Huntington	4	Plymouth	1	Westville	7
Kensington	1	Portland	2	West Winsted	1
Kent	1	Riverton	1	Whitneyville	1
Ledyard	1	Salisbury	1	Winchester Center	1
Leete's Island	2	Saybrook	1	Winnipauk	1
Madison	2	Seymour	6	Woodbridge	4
Mansfield Depot	1	Sherman	1	Woodbury	1
Meriden	28	Shelton	1	Woodmont	1

OCCUPATION.

Bakers	5	Fishermen	2	Printer	1
Bartenders	3	Fruit Peddler	1	Quarrymen	3
Beer bottlers	2	Gardeners	6	Rubber workers	4
Blacksmiths	9	Grinder	1	Salesmen	2
Box maker	1	Grocers	2	Saloon keeper	1
Brakemen	18	Hack driver	1	Saddler	1
Brass workers	3	Hatters	3	Seamstress	1
Brick maker	1	Harness maker	1	Seamen	62
Brewer	1	Iron worker	1	Servants	26
Britannia workers	2	Janitor	1	Shipping clerk	1
Bolt maker	1	Jeweller	1	Ship rigger	1
Buffers	2	Joiners	2	Shoe makers	5
Burnishers	4	Laborers	100	Silver plater	1
Butcher	1	Laundresses	4	Spinner	1
Cabinet makers	5	Machinists	4	Spoon makers	3
Carpenters	13	Masons	8	Spring maker	1
Carriage makers	4	Match makers	2	Stewards	2
Carriage trimmer	1	Mechanical engineer	1	Stevedore	1
Cigar makers	5	Mechanics	11	Stone mason	1
Clerks	6	Molders	11	Solderer	1
Clergyman	1	Music teacher	1	Tailors	5
Clock makers	2	Newspaper carrier	1	Teachers	2
Cook	1	Nurses	4	Teamsters	8
Corset stitchers	3	Office boy	1	Tinsmith	1
Coachman	1	Oysterman	1	Trackman R. R.	1
Cutter	2	Organ grinder	1	Upholsterer	1
Dressmaker	1	Painters	18	Veterinary Surgeon ..	1
Driver	1	Paper hanger	1	Waiters	2
Druggists	2	Paper maker	1	Waitresses	3
Edge tool grinder	1	Physician	1	Watchman	1
Engineers	2	Peddlers	5	Weaver	1
Farmers	31	Plasterers	2	Wire worker	1
Factory girls	4	Photographer	1	Wire drawer	1
Firemen	2	Polishers	9	Whitewasher	1
Filer	1	Porter	1	Woolen commissioner ..	1

DONATIONS

RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1885.

Publishers have kindly furnished the hospital with the New Haven Daily Palladium, the New Haven Daily Journal and Courier, the New Haven Daily Register, the New Haven Daily Union, and the New Haven Morning News. Friends have also sent and subscribed for the Independent.

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CLOTHING, OLD LINEN AND OLD COTTON.

United Workers, Mrs. Thomas R. Trowbridge, Jr., Home for the Friendless, Mrs. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Everit, Mrs. R. T. Thorne, Mrs. Eliza Beach, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Philo Chatfield, Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Mrs. Farnam, Mrs. Bridgman, Mrs. H. B. Harrison, Miss S. V. Hotchkiss, Mrs. R. E. Rice, Mrs. Elias Dickerman, Mrs. Wm. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. B. Healey, Mrs. Joseph Parker, Mrs. E. G. Thompson, Miss A. C. Learned, Rev. C. H. Williams, Mrs. L. R. Packard, Miss Emily Carrington, Mrs. Dr. Thacher, Mrs. Nellie Clark, Mrs. James Ives, Mrs. J. D. Baldwin, Leonard S. Hotchkiss, Mrs. S. E. Burroughs, Dr. Alling,

Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. H. N. Lyman, Mrs. King, Mrs. J. C. Hollister, Mrs. Hemingway (Watertown), Mrs. Horace P. Hoadley, Mrs. Timothy Cowles, Mrs. John S. Beach, Mrs. Willis Hemingway, Mrs. Little, Mrs. J. F. Griffing, Mrs. Chas. Wheeler, Mrs. J. E. Earle, Mrs. Willard Mallory (Baltimore), Miss Harriet Peck, Mrs. Dr. Walker (Milford), Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Allen Seaman, Miss Bill, Miss Abbie C. Cone, Mrs. William Gunning, Mrs. Prof. Newton, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Chapman, L. J. Hunt, Mrs. Beebe, Mrs. N. R. Tyler, Dr. Atwater, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. F. L. Hunt, Mr. John E. Earle, Gov. H. B. Harrison, Mrs. C. W. Clapp, Miss Bulford, Mrs. H. J. Morton, Mrs. Gustin, Ladies' Aid Society of United Church, 10 packages from unknown friends.

FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Mrs. Everit, Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, Mrs. Samuel Harris, Mrs. M. F. Sullivan, Miss Butler, Congregational Sunday School (Madison), Mrs. William H. Thomson, Mrs. Samuel Hayes, Mrs. John S. Beach, Miss Mann, Miss Fannie Tilford, Mrs. E. C. Read, Mrs. Allen Seamen, United Workers, Bell Rolling, two gifts from unknown friends.

FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Kingsley, toys ; Miss Susie Sanford, toys ; Grace Wheeler, toys ; Edith Deforest, toys and candy ; No. 5 Dwight School, paper dolls and game ; Mrs. Chas. A. Brooks, Christmas cards ; Miss Griffing, grapes and oranges ; Church of the Ascension, oranges ; Mrs. Ann S. Farnam, \$50 ; Dr. G. B. Farnam, \$20 ; Prof. H. W. Farnam, \$10 ; Mrs. Mary P. Armstrong \$10 ; Dr. F. E. Beckwith, \$5 ; Mr. Samuel L. Penfield, \$3 ; Mrs. E. C. Read, 1 doz. chickens ; turkeys from Mrs. Maurice Kingsley, Mrs. R. M. Everit, Miss Lillie T. Parker, Mrs. McKim, Dr. E. H. Bishop, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Robert Morgan, Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Philando Armstrong, Mrs. T. H. Bishop ; Mrs. McKim, \$5 ; Miss Emma L. Holbrook, \$2.

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. C. Kingsley, 1 canopy fly net ; Homer Hemingway, medical appliances ; Dr. S. H. Chapman, one-half can vaseline ; Rev. E. W. Babcock, shoes ; Dr. W. H. Carmalt, 1 vol. Ashurst's Surgery, and hot air bath apparatus ; Mr. Horace Fitch, medical appliances ; Mrs. C. W. Allen, 1 doz. mugs, Mrs. Griffing, games ; Mr. Robert DuBois, 2 canaries ; Mrs. Everit, 2 canary cages ; Mrs. Chas. A. Brooks, Easter flowers and cards ; Children of Goffe Street School, scrap books ; Mrs. Leverich, candy and games.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

MEMORANDUM OF COLLECTIONS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH
AND 11TH, 1885, RECEIVED BY L. S. HOTCHKISS, TREASURER.

From William L. Andrews, New York	\$25.00
Edward E. Salisbury	50.00
Rev. George H. Griffin, Milford	25.00
Westville Congregational Church	35.10
First Church, New Haven (Center)	932.33
United Church	224.00
German Lutheran Evangelical Trinity Church	19.00
A Friend	50.00
E. S. Dana	15.00
Mrs. F. B. Dexter	25.00
Humphrey Street Church	70.25
Grace Church	15.30
Davenport	85.00
St. Thomas's Church	134.05
Miss Emily Gerry	200.00
Rev. Haslett McKim, Jr.	100.00
Church of the Messiah	6.61
St. John's Church	31.80
Christ Church Parish	28.30
Trinity Church	728.00
H. A. Newton	5.00
St. James's Church, Westville	8.25
Howard Avenue Congregational Church	18.60
Trinity Mission Chapel	5.40
First Congregational Church, Fair Haven	51.92
Church of the Redeemer	170.00
West Haven Congregational Church	20.00
Christ Church, Guilford	20.62
St. Paul's Church	189.15
Dwight Place Church	13.03
Summerfield M. E. Mission	2.00
Second Congregational Church, Fair Haven	23.42
Congregation Mishkan Israel	141.50
Church of the Ascension	7.75
Rev. Theodore D. Woolsey	10.00
Robert Morgan	5.00
Congregation Benai Sholom	12.00
Congregational Church, Seymour	15.00
Willis Benham	10.00
Dr. Thomas H. Russell	25.00
First Baptist Church	53.00
Church of the Sacred Heart	50.00
Trinity Methodist Church	27.10
Dwight Place Church Sunday School	15.02
St. John R. C. Church	63.00
German M. E. Church	5.00
First Congregational Church, North Haven	24.40
First Methodist Church	60.00
Calvary Baptist Church	125.00
College Street Church	18.50

\$3,994.40

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Hospital Society of Connecticut,

In account with LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

DR.

	1885. To orders of prudential committee paid	\$38,297.18
May 9.	Amount paid for 21 shares Yale National Bank stock	2,373.00
	22. Amount paid for 19 shares Second National Bank stock	2,907.00
Sept. 7.	Amount paid for 8 shares Yale National Bank stock	908.00
	31. Balance to new account (General Account)	2,606.18

\$47,091.36

1885.

CR.

Jan. 1.	By balance old account	\$5,675.08
	Collections Hospital Sunday	\$3,994.40
	Donations from Elizabeth S. and Susan V. Hotchkiss for Henry Hotchkiss Memorial Free Bed	5,000.00
	Legacy from Mary Ann Miller estate	1,000.00

9,994.40

Interest and dividends as follows:

Mar. 26.	Six months interest to March 15, 1885, on Town of New Haven \$5,000 note	\$125.00
April 4.	Dividend 17 shares Yale National Bank stock	59.50
	20. Dividend 600 shares New Haven County National Bank stock	210.00
May 22.	Six months interest to May 5, 1885, on Town of New Haven \$15,000 note	375.00
June 11.	Six months interest to December 7, 1885, on M. C. and H. W. E. Munson note for \$5,000	125.00
July 2.	Six months interest to July 1, 1885, on City of New Haven bonds	100.00
	Dividend 100 shares Merchants National Bank stock	175.00
	Dividend 25 shares Second National Bank Stock	100.00
Sept. 29.	Six months interest to Sept. 15, 1885, on Town of New Haven \$5,000 note	125.00
Oct. 10.	Dividend 46 shares Yale National Bank stock	161.00
	Dividend 600 shares New Haven County National Bank stock	210.00
Nov. 18.	Six months interest to Nov. 5, 1885, Town of New Haven \$15,000 note	375.00
Dec. 18.	Six months interest to June 7, 1886, on M. C. and H. W. E. Munson \$5,000 note	125.00
	31. Six months interest to Jan. 1, 1886, on City of New Haven bonds	100.00

2,365.50

Amounts received from J. H. Starkweather, Supt.

29,056.38

\$47,091.36

IMPROVEMENT FUND OF HOSPITAL SOCIETY,

With L. S. HOTCHKISS, *Treasurer.*

1885.	DR.	
	To order to The Bigelow Co.	\$905.83
	T. W. Corbett	1,753.51
	New Haven Felting Co.	121.60
	Chatfield & Grant	929.18
	George Rockwell	122.73
	New Haven Steam Heating Co.	1,115.21
Dec. 31.	Balance account	401.94
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		\$5,350.00

1885.	CR.	
By donation from Mrs. Ann S. Farnam		\$1,000.00
Sarah S. Whitney		500.00
Geo. H. Watrous		25.00
A Friend		500.00
Lucy H. Boardman		500.00
John S. Beach		25.00
Henry W. Farnam		1,000.00
A Friend to make Dr. W. H. Carmalt a life director		500.00
James E. English		500.00
Miss Mary E. Scranton		500.00
Simeon E. Baldwin		300.00
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		\$5,350.00

SECURITIES ON HAND JAN. 1, 1886.

4 bonds of the City of New Haven, par	\$4,000.00
100 shares Merchants National Bank stock, par	5,000.00
600 shares New Haven County National Bank stock, par	6,000.00
46 shares Yale National Bank stock, par	4,600.00
25 shares Second National Bank stock, par	2,500.00
Note Town of New Haven, 5 per cent.	15,000.00
Note Town of New Haven, 5 per cent.	5,000.00
Note Mary C. and H. W. E. Munson (secured by mortgage)	5,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, *Treasurer.*

NEW HAVEN, January 1, 1886.

We have examined the within and foregoing account, and have compared the same with the account as entered upon the books of the Treasurer, and have compared the payments thereon made with the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct, and that on the first day of January, 1886, there was a balance of 2,606.18 dollars to the credit of the Treasurer in the New Haven County National Bank. We also find that the Treasurer has in his possession all the securities and property in the foregoing account specified as belonging to the Society.

We also find that on the first day of January, 1886, the Treasurer had to his credit in said bank the further sum of 401.94 dollars, being the balance of money belonging to the "Improvement Fund."

DANIEL TROWBRIDGE, }
HENRY D. WHITE, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 25, 1886.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN : The Board of Visitors, according to custom, herewith presents its annual report.

Members of this board have visited and carefully inspected every part of the hospital, which had any connection with the care of the sick, during every month in the year, and have endeavored to become familiar with the management so far as it concerns at all the remedial treatment and comfort of patients. The board has not found in its visits anything calling for serious criticism. Minor suggestions made by members of the board have been promptly carried out. The patients also have almost uniformly expressed themselves as well satisfied with their treatment.

Certain sensational stories with regard to the hospital have from time to time appeared in some of our local papers during the year. The most serious charges were investigated by this board and found to be absolutely false.

The training school we believe provides more intelligent and kindly care of the sick than could be secured by the hospital in any other way.

We notice with satisfaction that hand-grenades, as an additional security against fire, have been provided, and that additional refrigerator room, which was urgently required, has also been supplied, as recommended by this board.

It is our opinion that it is desirable to secure additional store room for provisions, etc., and that the present accident room might be used for this object and a portion of the chapel might be used for an accident room.

Some doubt having arisen in the minds of certain members of this board as to the efficiency of the system of ventilation re-

cently introduced into the hospital, we earnestly commend this to the careful inspection of the Prudential Committee if possible to ascertain whether or not it is worthy of continued use.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. BOWERS,
 MAX ADLER,
 E. W. BABCOCK,
 PATRICK MAHER,
 J. O. PECK,
 E. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LADY VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Lady Visitors have during the past year continued to hold their monthly meetings, and weekly visits have been made by members of the Board. While some among us have felt that a larger expenditure in the purchase of certain articles would in the end be the truest economy, we are on the whole satisfied that the management of the hospital deserves, and should have, the entire confidence of the public. From our frequent visits to the patients, and our personal observation during these visits, we feel convinced that the patients are well and kindly cared for, and that in these respects this hospital will compare most favorably with those in other cities.

Among other improvements we notice with pleasure that the refrigerator room has been increased—an improvement which was greatly needed.

We also wish to express here our sense of how greatly the hospital is indebted to the training school for most efficient nursing. The gratitude felt by many of the patients towards their nurses is the best proof of the loving spirit in which their work is done. Nor can we close this report without bearing our witness to the faithful and conscientious manner in which the superintendent discharges his many and arduous duties, and his courteous attention to the suggestions which we have from time to time made to him.

Very respectfully submitted,

MARY T. EVERIT, Chairman.
 MARY R. J. DUBOIS, Secretary.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

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 \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 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 appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week, the remainder is paid out of the State appropriation.

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, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, under the Acts of the General Assembly of 1878, 1882 and 1884.

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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In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____ use, and pay to the treasurer of said institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulation.

Surety

APPENDIX.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for nurses has been established for twelve 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 thirty-four and one quarter. The pupils remain in the hospital for one year and pursue 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 which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease, since he last saw the 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 to her. Her home is in the hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for 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-three 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, Mrs. Chas. B. Richards, 43 Elm street, 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 \$12.00, 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.

Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

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