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OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT,

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 31st, 1884.

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1884.

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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1884.

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| *Hawley Sanford, | *Thomas S. Williams, |
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| *John Skinner, | *Dr. Sam. B. Woodward. |

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

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 L. W. Sperry, from September 4, 1874.
 Edward E. Hall, from April 24, 1875.
 Johnson Brothers, from January 15, 1875.
 E. G. Stoddard, from January 15, 1875.
 R. & J. M. Blair, from January 15, 1875.
 Andrew W. DeForest, from April 24, 1875.
 A. H. Cargill, from December 16, 1876.
 Hubbard Williams, from December 16, 1878.
 William A. Jones, from January 13, 1878.
 S. H. Moseley, from January 13, 1878.
 John P. Tuttle, from January 13, 1878.

* Deceased.

Isaac Anderson, from January 13, 1878.
 Martha P. Hotchkiss, from January 13, 1878.
 James M. Hoppin, from January 13, 1878.
 Henry C. Kingsley, from January 13, 1878.
 William Gale, from January 30, 1880.
 Henry L. Hotchkiss, from January 30, 1880.
 Wallace B. Fenn, from January 30, 1880.
 Daniel C. Eaton, from March 9, 1880.
 Miss Mary E. Scranton, from April 13, 1881.
 William A. Ives, from April 13, 1881.
 Thomas Hooker, from January 28, 1882.
 Robert Ogden DuBois, from February 7, 1882.
 William D. Whitney, from January 22, 1883.
 Edward F. Mersick, from January 29, 1883.
 John C. Hollister, from February 5, 1883.
 Mrs. F. B. Dexter, from January 21, 1884.
 Frank E. Beckwith, from January 30, 1884.

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*Hon. Simeon Baldwin,	1832-1833
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* Deceased.

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Amos Townsend,	1832-1864
Alex. McAlister,	1864-1865
J. A. Bishop,	1865-1877
Wilbur F. Day,	1877-1879
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*Charles Hooker, M.D.,	1827-1830
*N. Beers Ives, M.D.,	1830-1835
*Virgil M. Dow, M.D.,	1835-1840
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S. G. Hubbard, M.D.,	1864-1865
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FREE BEDS IN PERPETUITY.

A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to nominate patients to a free bed in perpetuity.

A donation of \$2,500 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed, in perpetuity, *for six months in each year*, or to nominate patients to a free bed during the life of the donor.

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.

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

PERMANENT FUND.

1877—Irene Larned,	\$5,000
1878—Nelson A. Hotchkiss,	5,000

* Deceased.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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

The most noticeable feature of our work during the past year is, as has been the case for a number of years, the continued increase in the number of patients. The average for the past twelve months has been 112. The average for 1882 was $106\frac{1}{2}$; the average in 1879 was only $67\frac{5}{8}$. Thus the work of the Hospital, estimated solely by the number of patients, has increased about 63 per cent. in four years. Measured by the medical work it has increased in a still greater proportion, as many patients who four years ago would have remained in the Hospital, though requiring but little care, are now removed to Fitch's Home, Noroton. There have been 83 deaths and 22 births; the greatest number of patients on any one day has been 129, and the smallest on any one day 93. The total number of patients under treatment during the year has been 812, or 104 more than have been treated in any previous year.

The finances of the Hospital are in an unusually good condition. The receipts for the year (deducting \$1,250.00 of the State appropriation which should have been paid in 1882, and does not, therefore, properly form part of last year's business) have been \$33,746.10; the total expenditures have been \$38,490.59; making a deficit on the year's business of \$4,744.49. Of this sum \$2,474.33 was paid for extraordinary expenses, namely:

For altering and furnishing Ward 3 West.....	\$1,200.63
For re-laying the sidewalk on Congress Avenue.....	239.12
For new tin roofs on the wings of the old building.....	249.58
For painting the outside and one ward of the hospital building..	785.00

If we had not had these unusual expenses our deficit would have been but \$2,270.16. Our deficit on our running expenses in 1882 was \$6,211.03. The average cost of keeping a patient for one week in 1883 was \$6.50, while the average cost, excluding the extraordinary expenses, was \$6.08. The average in 1882 was \$6.70.

The causes of this improvement cannot be discovered without careful study of the figures. If we look first at our receipts, we find that their increase is due in part to the raising of the rates charged for soldier patients. We found that we were losing annually on this class of patients a large sum of money, which was practically a gratuity to the State, since it is obliged by law to provide for the soldiers who served in Connecticut regiments during the war.

We accordingly applied to the State Hospital Board, of which the Governor is chairman, for an increase of the rates from \$4.50 to \$6.50 a week, and the board so far acknowledged the justice of our application as to raise the rates to \$5.50 a week. These rates went into effect May 1st, and since that time our loss on the soldiers has been only \$1.00 a week instead of over \$2.00, as formerly. This change alone has probably saved us \$900.00 or \$1000.00.

Nevertheless the average amount received per patient (including the State appropriation) has been less this year than in 1882, the figures being as follows :

1883	1882	1881
\$5.61	\$5.72	\$5.85

We must, therefore, look for a full explanation of our relatively small deficit on the other side of the account. If we analyze our expenditures we find that the outlay for various items was as follows :

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA PER WEEK.

	1883.	1882.	1881.
Food	\$2.90	\$3.40	\$3.18
Furniture, bedding and current repairs.....	.29	.40	.27
Other items (pay-roll, medicine, gas, water, etc.)	2.89	2.89	2.91
Extraordinary improvements ..	.42		
	<u>\$6.50</u>	<u>\$6.70</u>	<u>\$6.37</u>

Thus our small deficit is due in part to the raising of the rates for soldier patients, in part to a falling off of the expenditure per capita, and this latter improvement we attribute partly to a fall in the price of provisions and partly to the strict economy of our housekeeper, Mrs. Wise.

If we analyze the amount expended on and received from the different classes of patients we find that it is as follows :

	Cost.	Receipts.	Gain.	Loss.
Marine patients	\$1,949.35	\$2,099.00	\$149.65	
Self-paying patients..	6,482.45	7,102.43	619.98	
Soldier patients.....	10,335.91	8,125.05		\$2,210.86
Town patients.....	17,055.35	10,407.13		6,648.22
Charity patients.....	1,178.45			1,178.45
Free bed patients.....	924.95			924.95
	<u>\$37,926.46</u>	<u>\$27,733.61</u>	<u>\$769.63</u>	<u>\$10,962.48</u>
				769.63
Net loss at regular rates				\$10,192.85

These figures show that, at regular rates, we should have lost on soldier and town patients together \$8,859.08. The legislative appropriation of \$5,000.00 only made up a part of this loss, the rest was practically a present to the State and towns, the means for making which were furnished partly by our income of less than \$2,000.00 from invested funds and partly by the contributions of Hospital Sunday, which amounted last year to \$3,512.14.

The small endowment of the Hospital has long been a serious hindrance to the extension of its charitable work. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we announce a very material increase in our funds during the past year. Since the last annual meeting Dr. Henry Bronson has added \$2,500.00 to the \$7,500.00 he had already contributed, Mrs. John A. Porter has given \$1,000.00 to found a free bed in memory of the late Mrs. Rose A. Porter, and a gentleman and his wife, who especially requested that their name should not be published, but whose identity is almost betrayed by the rare tact and kind consideration by which they have made their benefaction a help to two charities at once, have given \$5,000.00 to found the Thanksgiving free bed, and made over their right of nominating patients to this bed to the United Workers.

We wish to express our grateful acknowledgments to these benefactors who have added in one year \$8,500.00 to our permanent fund and given us fresh encouragement in the task of building up the Hospital, and making it equal to the increased demands that are yearly put upon it.

The ward in the west mansard, of which mention was made in our last annual report, has been fitted up during the past year, and occupied since March first. It has proved to be, on the whole,

a pleasant ward, though not sufficiently high or sufficiently airy for very sick patients. The ventilation has, however, been improved by running up ventilating shafts through the ceiling.

The increase in the number of patients has made it necessary to increase both the nursing force and the house staff. The number of nurses, including the head nurse and her assistant, has been raised to twenty-five, and an assistant has been added to the house staff, his services beginning on the fifth of May last. The arrangement now is that each member of the staff serves four months as assistant, four months as house physician, and four months as house surgeon, and the vacancies, which therefore occur three times a year, are filled on the first of April, on the first of August and on the first of December.

It has been necessary during the past year to make a number of repairs and improvements besides the fitting up of the west mansard. During the fall we put a tin roof on the wings of the main building, replacing the shingling, which was very old and very leaky; the whole of the building is now, therefore, covered with tin. We have also repaired the stucco on the old building and painted the entire outside thoroughly, besides painting the cresting, gutters, roof, windows and verandas of the new building, the interior of ward 2 west, and the outside of the laundry.

We are glad to say that the board of lady visitors was organized after our last annual meeting on a new basis. This board had previously performed its services in rather an informal manner, some of the ladies visiting the Hospital frequently, others not at all, and the board, as a whole, making no report or recommendations. During the past year the board has met and systematized its work and has also made valuable suggestions to the prudential committee. The most noteworthy of these was the proposition that hot boxes should be provided, in order to carry the food warm to the wards, and to keep it warm while it is being served. The prudential committee adopted the plan of the board of lady visitors, with excellent results, and the patients now receive their food in a more palatable condition than they have ever done before.

During the summer a new and, it is believed, improved edition of the Charter, Constitution and By-laws has been printed, and copies of it are in the custody of the superintendent for the use of the members of the society.

The suggestion made in the report of the medical board with regard to the necessity of more room is one the pertinence of which is felt by no one more keenly than by the directors. At the first quarterly meeting in 1883 a committee was appointed to consider the general advisability of building an addition, and on its report, which was submitted to a special meeting of the directors, two committees—one on building, the other on finance—were appointed to carry out its suggestions. We regret to say that the efforts of these committees have as yet met with but little success. Subscriptions to the amount of five thousand dollars have been obtained, but little else has been done. The times are certainly not very favorable for enterprises which depend on voluntary gifts, but we hope the project will not be allowed to drop on that account, and that the board of directors will, during the coming year, renew its efforts and at least secure the nucleus of a building fund, even if it is not able to erect a building at once.

In conclusion we have the pleasant task of expressing our appreciation of the faithful services of the superintendent, of the nurses, and of the various officers of the Hospital. We are also indebted to the two boards of visitors for their careful attention to the needs of the patients and of the institution; to the clergymen who have conducted services in the chapel, and to the many friends who have contributed delicacies, clothing, etc., especially to those who supplied the patients with a Thanksgiving dinner and gave them a treat of a Christmas tree.

For the Board of Directors,

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

Prudential Committee.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 31st, 1884.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

To the Board of Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN—The Medical Board appreciate, as doubtless do the Board of Directors, the pressing need of increased room in the Hospital, which need is particularly felt during the winter months.

In May last we increased the number of the House staff by appointing an assistant House surgeon—an appointment much needed and one which renders the House service much more efficient.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

SAMUEL D. GILBERT,

Secretary Medical Board.

New Haven, January 9, 1884.

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

SURGICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL IN 1883.

<p>Abscesses :</p> <p> abdominal 1</p> <p> arm 2</p> <p> ankle 1</p> <p> elbow 1</p> <p> gluteal 1</p> <p> iliac 2</p> <p> ischio-rectal 2</p> <p> femoral 2</p> <p> mammary 2</p> <p> phalangeal 1</p> <p> orbital 1</p> <p> palmar 2</p> <p> tibial 2</p> <p> psaos 1</p> <p> neck 2</p> <p> hand 1</p> <p> penis 1</p> <p> wrist 1</p> <p>Adherent flap 1</p> <p>Amputation of arm 3</p> <p>Anal fistula 10</p> <p> " warts 1</p> <p>Ankylosis of hip 1</p> <p>Arthritis 9</p> <p>Bed-sores and paralysis 1</p> <p>Burns 3</p> <p> " by vitriol 1</p> <p>Carcinoma 1</p> <p> " of breast 7</p> <p> " of face 3</p> <p> " of lip 1</p> <p> " of penis 1</p> <p> " of rectum 2</p> <p>Caries of elbow 1</p> <p> " of tibia 2</p> <p> " of wrist 1</p> <p>Cataract 2</p>	<p>Cataract, traumatic 2</p> <p> " secondary 1</p> <p>Catarrh, syphilitic 1</p> <p>Chancre and bubo 1</p> <p> " and chancreoid 1</p> <p> " and perineal abscess 1</p> <p>Chancreoid and bubo 5</p> <p>Concussions of brain 3</p> <p> " of spine 1</p> <p>Contused wounds of back 1</p> <p> " wound of face 1</p> <p> " wounds of hand 2</p> <p>Contusions of back 2</p> <p> " of face 1</p> <p>Conjunctivitis 5</p> <p>Caseous degeneration of knee joint 1</p> <p>Crushed foot 2</p> <p>Dislocated clavicle 1</p> <p> " elbow 1</p> <p>Ectropion 1</p> <p>Eczema 7</p> <p>Enlarged prostate 1</p> <p>Elephantiasis 3</p> <p>Epistaxis 1</p> <p>Epididymitis 1</p> <p>Erysipelas of leg 1</p> <p>Fractures :</p> <p> Colles' 2</p> <p> clavicle 2</p> <p> coracoid proc. scapula 2</p> <p> fibula 2</p> <p> femur 7</p> <p> humerus 2</p> <p> " compound 1</p> <p> leg, compound 3</p> <p> " simple 7</p> <p> legs, both 1</p> <p> " compound both 1</p>
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Fractures: lower jaw	1	Neurasthenia	4
malleolus and head of radius	1	Needle in knee	1
mastoid process	1	Orchitis	3
metacarpal bone	1	Osteos-arcoma	1
nose	3	Otitis media	1
patella	1	Paraphimosis	1
radius, compound	1	Periostitis, phalangeal	1
ribs	2	Popliteal aneurism	1
spine	1	Prostatitis	1
tibia	2	Pott's disease of spine	5
Frost-bites	10	Prolapsus ani	1
Foreign body in urethra	1	Rachitis	3
Gonorrhœa	12	Recto-vaginal fistula	3
Gonorrhœal rheumatism	1	Retention of urine	2
Glaucoma	1	Sarcoma of parotid	1
Genu varum	1	" sup. maxilla	2
Gangrene of foot	2	Scalp wound	1
Gleet	3	" " lacerated	1
Gunshot wounds	4	Sinuses about hip	2
Granular lids	1	" about knee	1
Hæmatocele	1	Slough of scrotum	1
Hæmorrhoids	10	Sprained ankle	3
Hare-lip	1	" back	1
Hernia, inguinal	1	" wrist	1
Hydrocele	2	Strain, muscular	1
Hypospadias and hydrocele	1	Stone in bladder	2
Incised wound, throat	1	Stricture of rectum	1
" " hand	1	" urethra	5
Injury to eye	1	Staphyloma	2
Iritis	4	Synovitis of knee	1
Keratitis	5	Syphilis	9
Lacerated wound of hand and foot	1	Traumatic tetanus	1
" " thumb	1	Talipes equinus	1
" " forearm,	1	Tonsils, enlarged	1
Laceration of cervix uteri	2	Tumors:	
Loss of membrana tympani	1	fibroid of uterus	2
Lymphadenitis	1	ovarian	1
Necrosis: femur	1	Urethral granulations	1
humerus	2	Ulcer of leg	15
ischium	1	" stump	1
inf. maxilla	3	" cornea	2
metatarsal	1	" foot	1
ribs	2	Urethritis	2
superior maxilla	1	Vesical atony	2
tibia	1	Unclassified	8
tibia and fibula	1		
toes	1		
wrist	1		
		Total	361

OPERATIONS IN 1883.

Amputation, breast	6	Incision into abscess of knee-joint ...	1
“ both breasts	1	Osteotomy for abscess	1
“ arm	2	“ “ ankylosis of hip	2
“ arm and thigh	1	“ “ genu varum	1
“ forearm	1	Patella, union by wire sutures	1
“ leg	3	Removal of needle	1
“ Symés of ankle	1	Radical cure for hydrocele	1
“ toe	1	Re-amputation of thigh	1
“ thigh	2	Resection femur for united fracture ..	1
Cataract	3	“ sup. max. for carcinoma ..	1
Closure recto-vaginal fistula	3	Rhinoplasty	1
Dilatation of urethra	1	Sequestrotomy of femur	1
“ sphincter ani		“ inf. maxilla	1
Division of fistula	2	“ sup. maxilla	1
“ anal fistula	4	“ ischium	2
“ old sinus about knee	1	“ humerus and tibia ..	1
“ sinus in gluteal region ..	1	“ rib	1
“ sinus	1	“ tibia	2
Excision of elbow-joint	1	Staphylorrhaphy	1
“ hip-joint	1	Tumors removed:	
Exploratory incision gunshot wound ..	1	cancer of face	2
Enucleation, eye	1	“ lip	1
Ligation hæmorrhoids	3	exostosis of humerus	1
Litholapaxy	1	sarcoma of parotid	1
Lithotomy	1	anal warts	1
Hare-lip	1	Tentotomy	1
Iridectomy	3		—
Incision into pleural cavity	1	Total	80

Prepared by

CHARLES A. GILLIN, M.D., *House Surgeon.*

MEDICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING 1883.

Abortion	4	Carcinoma of stomach	1
Acne	1	Cholera morbus	1
Alcoholism	17	“ infantum	1
Anæmia	2	Chorea	3
Aneurism of aorta	1	Cirrhosis hepatis	4
Aphasia	1	Congestion of brain	1
Apoplexy	6	Constipation	5
Ataxia, locomotor	4	Cystitis	3
Bronchitis, acute	5	Debility	8
“ chronic	3	Delirium tremens	4

Diarrhoea, chronic	5	Neuralgia	3
Dyspepsia	10	" intercostal	2
Eczema	1	Neurasthenia	11
Emphysema, pulmonary	3	Obstipation	2
Empyema	3	Opium habit	1
Endocarditis, chronic	11	Paraplegia	1
Epilepsy	3	Paralysis, general	3
Erysipelas	1	" infantile	1
Fever, malarial	10	Pericarditis	2
" remittent	2	Phthisis	39
" typhoid	18	Pleuritis	4
Functional disorder of liver	3	Pneumonia	6
Gastritis	8	Poisoning, lead	8
" subacute	2	" mercurial	2
Gastro-enteritis	1	" opium	2
Gout	2	" phosphorus	1
Hæmoptosis	2	Pregnancy	23
Hemiplegia	10	Rheumatism, acute	2
Hodgkins' disease	1	" chronic	30
Hypochondria	2	Rheumatic synovitis	1
Hysteria	2	Sclerosis of anterior lat. column	2
Insanity	1	Sciatica	4
Icterus	2	Syphilis, tertiary	3
Malaria	39	Tænia	1
Malnutrition	4	Tonsillitis	3
Mitral lesion	3	Tuberculosis, acute miliary	1
Monoplegia	2	Volvulus	1
Mania, acute	1	Unclassified	3
" epileptic	2		—
Myalgia	6	Total	408
Nephritis, chronic	10		

GYNECOLOGICAL CASES TREATED IN HOSPITAL DURING 1883.

Abscess, labial	1	Lacerated perineum	3
" pelvic	1	Lacerated cervix	6
Anteflexion	1	Neuralgia, ovarian	1
Carcinoma of cervix uteri	7	" uterine	1
Condyloma	1	Prolaps. vagina	1
Endometritis, acute cervical	1	" uteri	2
" chronic cervical	3	Rectocele	2
" with anteversion	1	Retroflexion and lacerated perineum	2
" with metrorrhagia	1	Vaginitis	1
" with gran. erosion	3		—
Fibroid tumor of uterus	2	Total	43
Inversion of uterus	2		

NUMBER OF BIRTHS.

January	3	August	1
February	3	September	3
March	0	October	1
April	4	November	3
May	0	December	3
June	1		—
July	0	Total	22

GYNECOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DURING 1883.

Perineorrhaphy	4
" immediate	4
" and trachelorrhaphy	1
Trachelorrhaphy	2

Prepared by

F. N. LOOMIS, M.D., *House Physician.*

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Abortion	1	Gangrene of foot and atheroma of arteries	1
Abscess of liver	1	Gonorrhœa	1
Amputation of arm, and delirium tre- mens,	1	Hæmorrhage from incised wound, throat	1
Aortic stenosis and hypertrophy	1	Meningitis	1
Carcinoma of breast	1	Nephritis	5
" stomach	1	Malarial fever	1
Concussion of brain	3	Ovarian tumor	1
Compression of brain	1	Opium poisoning	1
Chronic gastritis	1	Opium habit	1
Congestive chill	1	Peritonitis	1
Congestion of brain	1	Paralysis	1
Chronic endocarditis	5	Paralysis agitans and rheumatism ..	1
Chorea	1	Perforation of stomach	1
Cholera infantum	1	Phthisis	13
Cirrhosis of liver	1	Pneumonia	3
Crushed arm and leg	1	Partial atrophy of brain	1
Eczema	1	Pyæmia	2
Empyema	1	Traumatic tetanus	1
Erysipelas	1	Tuberculosis, acute miliary	1
Fractured tibia and fibula, compound, 1		Typhoid fever	10
Fracture at base of skull, compound... 1		Uræmia and paraplegia	1
Fracture of femur, compound	1	Ulcer of leg	1
Facial erysipelas	1	Volvulus	1
Gastro-enteritis	1		—
General debility	1	Total	83
Gunshot wound of hand	1		

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Jan. 22, 1884.

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

GENTLEMEN—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-seventh 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 31, 1882, was 96—76 males and 20 females; admitted during the year 1883, 716—511 males, 205 females; making a total of 812 under treatment—587 males, 225 females. Of this number 300 were discharged cured, 202 improved, 102 unimproved, 83 died, and 125 remained under treatment December 31, 1883. There were 22 births—14 males, 8 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 5,834 $\frac{5}{8}$, of which 4,395 $\frac{2}{8}$ were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates. These came from 80 different towns and villages in this State, and 16 other States or countries. Of those admitted, 328 were residents of New Haven.

The greatest number of patients any one day was 129; the lowest, 93; the daily average, 112. The attendants and other inmates have averaged 61.6, making a total of 173.6.

The average cost of supporting each patient, based on the ordinary current expenses, was \$6.08 per week; adding the item of extraordinary expenses, it was \$6.50 per week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, in account with GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

		<i>Dr.</i>
1883. To amounts received:		
From balance January 21, 1883,	-	\$28.47
U. S. Marine patients,	-	2,099.00
State soldier patients,	-	8,125.05
Town patients,	-	10,407.13
Self-paying,	-	7,739.49
State Appropriation,	-	5,000.00
Board,	-	568.11
Sales,	-	354.15
Sundries,	-	90.23
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		\$34,411.63
State Appropriation, 4th quarter, 1882,	-	1,250.00
Orders on treasurer,	-	33,728.71
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		\$69,390.34

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1883. By amounts paid:

For flour, 4,045 pounds,	\$151.50
Meal and rice, 4,351 pounds,	170.24
Bread and crackers, 30,638½ pounds,	1,350.77
Cake,	186.00
Butter, 6,166 pounds,	1,691.94
Cheese, 472½ pounds,	66.54
Meat, 56,190¼ pounds,	5,594.99
Poultry, 4,269½ pounds,	910.81
Fish and oysters, 8,906½ pounds,	1,092.94
Vegetables and fruit,	1,074.49
Eggs, 2,954 dozen,	828.88
Groceries,	1,434.44
Milk, 59,104 quarts,	2,948.35
Ice, 161,425 pounds,	322.85
Liquors,	308.20
Ale and beer,	230.90
Medicines,	1,601.34
Instruments,	365.87
Surgical dressings,	511.10
Fuel,	3,148.52
Gas, 509,400 feet,	1,023.76
Water,	166.16
Furniture and crockery,	256.73
Clothes and bedding,	300.24
Repairs and improvements,	1,111.10
Postage, printing and stationery,	453.33
Barn and farm expenses,	230.08
Tools,	39.07
Salaries and wages,	7,742.53
Potash and soap,	231.07
Sundries,	471.52
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Extraordinary expenses	\$36,016.26
Refunded to patients,	2,474.33
Deposited with treasurer,	30,226.09
Balance, January 22, 1884,	36.60
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Total current Hospital expenses,	\$69,390.34
Less board of superintendent's family and others,	\$36,016.26
	568.11
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	\$35,448.15
Number of weeks of Hospital care, 5,834½.	
Cost per week per patient,	\$6.08
Total cost of food,	17,501.89
Average daily number of inmates, 173 ⁵ / ₁₀ .	
Cost of food per day per inmate,	27 ⁶ / ₁₀ c.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER,

Superintendent.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1882	76	20	96
Admitted during 1882	511	265	716
Total	587	225	812
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured	214	86	300
Improved	159	43	202
Unimproved	65	37	102
Died	61	22	83
	499	188	687
Remaining under treatment, Dec. 31, 1883	88	37	125
Total	587	225	812

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1883, TO DEC. 31, 1883.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January	37	19	56
February	48	13	61
March	50	11	61
April	43	19	62
May	45	19	64
June	47	19	66
July	40	21	61
August	39	23	62
September	44	14	58
October	37	12	49
November	34	22	56
December	47	13	60
Total	511	205	716

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

Austria	1	Nova Scotia	1
Australia	1	Norway	6
Belgium	1	Poland	1
Bohemia	2	Philippine Islands	2
Canada	8	Portugal	1
Denmark	3	Russia	4
England	36	Sweden	3
Finland	1	Switzerland	4
France	5	Scotland	8
Germany	66	United States	353
Holland	2	Wales	4
Hungary	1	West Indies	2
Ireland	179	Unknown	4
Italy	15		
Japan	2		716

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years	28	11	39
From 15 to 20 years	19	21	40
" 20 to 30 "	141	66	207
" 30 to 40 "	99	46	145
" 40 to 50 "	94	29	123
" 50 to 60 "	86	22	108
" 60 to 70 "	28	4	32
" 70 to 80 "	13	5	18
" 80 to 90 "	3	1	4
Total	511	205	716

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine Patients	299 6-7 weeks.
State Soldier "	1590 1-7 "
Town	2623 6-7 "
Self-Paying	997 2-7 "
Free Bed	142 2-7 "
Charity	181 2-7 "
Total	5834 5-7 "

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN CONNECTICUT IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1883.

Ansonia	27	Huntington	2	Sherman	1
Beacon Falls	4	Litchfield	3	Southbury	1
Bethel	4	Manchester	1	South Norwalk	1
Berlin	6	Merryall	1	South Kent	1
Bethany	2	Meriden	28	Southington	11
Birmingham	16	Milford	3	Stamford	3
Branford	7	Middletown	7	Stanwich	1
Bristol	2	Mt. Carmel	1	Thomaston	5
Bridgeport	20	Naugatuck	16	Torrington	3
Brookfield	1	Newtown	1	Trumbull	2
Canton	1	New Britain	4	Union City	1
Cheshire	3	New Hartford	5	Unionville	1
Centerbrook	11	New London	2	Waterbury	22
Chester	1	New Milford	2	Watertown	2
Clinton	4	New Haven	301	West Haven	7
Columbia	2	New Preston	1	Wallingford	20
Danbury	4	North Haven	3	Washington	2
Derby	5	Norwalk	2	Westville	4
Fair Haven	23	Northford	1	Willimantic	1
Glastonbury	1	Orange	1	Winsted	2
Goshen	1	Plainville	1	Woodmont	2
Greenville	2	Pine Meadow	1	Woodbury	1
Greenwich	1	Portland	4	Westbrook	1
Guilford	3	Rockville	3	Westport	1
Hamden	9	Roxbury	1	Whitneyville	1
Hartford	4	Seymour	7	Yalesville	1
Harwinton	2	Shelton	3		

OCCUPATION.

Bar-tenders	3	Florist	1	Porter	1
Baggage master R. R.	1	Farmers	29	Presser	1
Bakers	2	Forger	1	Quarrymen	3
Barbers	3	Gardeners	7	Reporter	1
Blacksmiths	11	Grocers	2	Rubber workers	9
Brakemen	9	Gun maker	1	Salesmen	3
Brass workers	6	Hack drivers	2	Saloon keepers	3
Brass molders	2	Hatters	3	Sawyer	1
Brick makers	3	Harness makers	4	Seamstresses	5
Burnishers	2	Horse R. R. conductors	2	Servants	38
Butchers	3	Hostlers	5	Seamen	58
Brewers	2	Joiner	1	Shirt ironer	1
Britannia workers	3	Lamp maker	1	Shoe makers	5
Book-keeper	1	Laundresses	4	Silver-platers	3
Buckle maker	1	Laborers	70	Silver-smith	1
Bolt makers	2	Laundryman	1	Slater	1
Carpenters	7	Liquor dealers	2	Soldier	1
Carriage makers	3	Liveryman	1	Spool makers	4
Carriage painters	2	Machinists	11	Spinner	1
Carter	1	Masons	9	Stevadore	1
Carmen	4	Manufacturers	2	Stewards	2
Carriage trimmers	2	Machine stitchee	1	Steam-fitters	2
Cigar makers	3	Mechanics	8	Switchman R. R.	1
Clerks	3	Miner	1	Students	3
Clock makers	2	Miller	1	Stone cutters	2
Clergyman	1	Molders	10	Tailors	5
Cabinet makers	3	Morocco case maker	1	Teacher	1
Cooks	6	Music teacher	1	Teamsters	4
Corset stitchee	1	Musicians	3	Tinsmiths	2
Coachmen	2	Nurses	2	Turner	1
Copper smelter	1	Oysterman	1	Trackman R. R.	1
Concrete maker	1	Painters	14	Veterinary surgeon	1
Corset maker	1	Plasterer	1	Waiters	2
Cutlers	8	Planer	1	Watchmen	3
Dentist	1	Policeman	1	Watchmaker	1
Dress maker	1	Printers	3	Warper	1
Driver	1	Patent solicitor	1	Warp twister	1
Engineers	4	Peddlers	4	Weavers	2
Factory girls	3	Photographer	1	Wheelwrights	3
Firemen	2	Polishers	5		

DONATIONS

RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1883.

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 Daily News. Friends have also sent and subscribed for the Independent and the Youths' Companion, children of Dr. G. B. Farnam the St. Nicholas Magazine.

Books, Magazines and Papers.

Mrs. H. B. Harrison, Mrs. M. F. Tyler, Mrs. C. R. Waterhouse, Mrs. O. W. Swift, Mrs. T. R. Trowbridge, Chas. W. Nott, Young Women's Christian Association. Mrs. H. T. Blake (5 times), Mrs. Ingersoll, Mrs. J. B. Carrington, Mr. Eaton, Otto H. Bowman, Mrs. Bulford, H. G. Chase. Mrs. Thomas G. Bennett, David R. Alling, Mrs. Sperry, Leonard S. Hotchkiss (9 times), Edgar S. Porter, Mrs. Sheffield, Mrs. Beecher, Mrs. Weld (19 vols.), Mrs. Stockwell, Mrs. Lizzie Stevens, Miss L. E. Champion, Dr. DuBois, Mrs. Hiram Stevens, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Marrietta Wildman, Mrs. E. H. Morse, Mrs. E. E. Kimberly, John C. Hollister, Mrs. E. H. English, Prof. Henry W. Farnam, Rev. Dr. Dennen, Mrs. Prof. Packard, D. Cady Eaton, C. S. Thompson, Mrs. Snell, Mrs. R. A. Brown, George H. Sage, Mrs. Yale, Miss Munson, Elsie and T. L. Watrous, Mrs. Wm. H. Goodrich.

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Stone, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Dr. Bacon, Mrs. John E. Earle, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Harrison, Stephen Tracy, Mr. S. W. Johnson, Mrs. Susie Spencer, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. W. D. Whitney, Chas. English, Mrs. E. W. Bently, Miss Newcomb, Miss Hogeboom, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Carmen, Mr. Trowbridge, Mrs. Easterbrook, Mrs. E. E. Kimberly, Mrs. John C. Hollister, Mrs. Samuel Allen, Mrs. Gessner, Mrs. Hawkes, Mrs. Frisbie, Mrs. Parish, Miss North, Mrs. H. P. Hoadley, Mrs. D. W. Eaton, Mrs. E. L. Austin, Mrs. Julius Ives, Mrs. J. A. Marvin, Mrs. Sheffield, J. L. Swift, Miss J. B. Root, Miss Meyers, Mrs. Jno. B. Judson, Mrs. E. E. Atwater, Mrs. Dr. L. H. Wood, Mrs. Hiram Camp, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Prof. Packard, Mrs. E. L. Fairchild, Mrs. Hawkins, N. F. Hall, Mrs. John Wurtz, Mrs. Eli Whitney, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Daggett, Miss Cowles, Mrs. Thomas, Miss L. Hotchkiss, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mrs. Porter, Miss Nettie Morrow, Mrs. Hoppin of Litchfield, Conn., Ladies of the 2d Universalist Society, Mrs. Hale (an old lady over 90 years of age), nearly 100 poultice bags; Mrs. Rowe, forty-two packages from unknown friends.

Fruits and Flowers.

Mrs. Seth B. Hunt, Mr. E. Jenkins, Center Church, Washington School Room No. 9, Church of the Ascension, Mrs. Wayland, Mrs. Everitt, English Hall Flower Mission, Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, Mrs. Beebe, Mrs. McLaughlin, John C. Collins, Mrs. Elliott, Flower Mission, J. F. Barnes, 11 gifts from unknown friends.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Children of Dr. George B. Farnam, child's invalid rolling and reclining chair; S. S. Class Dwight Street Church, dolls, books and grapes; Friends, flowers; Miss Whitney, Christmas letters; Miss Susan Osborne, Christmas cards; Bell Ingham and friends, box of grapes, cards, papers and cakes; Miss Ingersoll, toys, fruits and candy; Miss E. Carrington, oranges; Mr. Henry Farnam, \$50; Dr. G. B. Farnam, \$25; Prof. H. W. Farnam, \$25; H. T. Blake, \$5; Turkeys from Mrs. Everitt, Edwin Marble, Lillie F. Parker, Wm. O. Armstrong, Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Mrs. T. P. Gilbert, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Mrs. E. Barrett.

Miscellaneous.

Miss Newton, 1 pin cushion; Mrs. John Ingersoll, toys; Mabel Cooper, toys; Miss Marietta Wildman, bible album; Mr. H. P. Smith, 12 glasses barberry jelly; Mrs. O. H. White, urinal and respirator; Mrs. J. E. Earle, large doll; Mrs. E. A. Mitchell, hair mattress, pillow and rubber sheet; Chas. H. Thompson, invalid's stuffed reclining and rolling chair, and also a health lift; George D. Miller, 3 gas fixtures and globes; Evan Evans, hip bath tub; Mrs. Wm. H. Goodrich, invalids' feeding table; Mrs. Stockwell, backgammon board; Dr. W. H. Carmalt, \$14 towards an invalid rolling and reclining chair; Friends, toys and checker board.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

RECEIVED BY L. S. HOTCHKISS, TREASURER, JAN. 14, 1883.

From Third Congregational Church,.....	\$60.00
First Baptist Church (1882),.....	15.00
Dwight Place Church,.....	33.87
First Church (Center),.....	1,554.36
Westville Congregational Church,.....	23.55
Christ (Episcopal) Church,.....	30.00
William Andrews, New York,.....	50.00
Mrs. F. B. Dexter,.....	20.00
Mrs. Emily M. Fitch,.....	50.00
First Congregational Church, Fair Haven,.....	25.30
Christ Church, West Haven,.....	7.00
St. James' Church, Westville,.....	8.00
Howard Avenue Congregational Church,.....	16.62
St. Thomas' Church,.....	49.05
Church of the United Society (North),.....	140.00
W. D. Whitney,.....	25.00
Westville M. E. Church,.....	5.00
Church of the Ascension,.....	11.35
Grace Church,.....	10.00
T. F. Hammer, Branford,.....	5.00
Trinity Chapel,.....	10.37
Church of the Sacred Heart,.....	60.00
Trinity Church,.....	440.50
Congregational Church, Seymour,.....	18.00
Davenport Church,.....	73.48
Christ Church, Guilford,.....	22.72
First Congregational Church, Waterbury.....	36.38
North Haven Congregational Church,.....	5.62
St. John's Church (R. C.),.....	24.13
M. Hemingway, Watertown,.....	100.00
Congregation Benai Sholam,.....	19.00
German Lutheran Trinity Church,.....	5.50
Members of St. Paul's Church,.....	44.00
Birmingham Congregational Church,.....	7.51
Congregation Mishkan Israel,.....	138.75
St. John Street M. E. Church,.....	4.08
Church of the Redeemer,.....	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church,.....	100.00
Friends in College St. Church,.....	8.00
First Congregational Church, Meriden,.....	50.00
First Baptist Church, New Haven,.....	50.00
Third Congregational Church,.....	55.00

\$3,512.14

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Hospital Society of Connecticut,

In account with LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1883.

Jan. 1.	Balance old account (general account)	\$1,224.75
	" " " (Buck Fund).....	191.59
		\$1,416.34
	Collections, Hospital Sunday, 1883	3,512.14
	Donations: Henry Bronson	\$2,500.00
	R. S. Fellowes	12.71
	Friend	5,000.00
	Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter	1,000.00
		8,512.71
	Sale \$1,400 bonds B., C. R. & N. R. R.	\$1,412.15
	Sale \$4,000 bonds Del. & H. Canal Co.	4,155.00
		5,567.15
	Interest Town of New Haven, \$5,000, note to March 15, 1883	\$125.00
	Interest Town of New Haven, \$15,000, note to May 5, 1883	375.00
	Interest M. C. & H. W. E. Munson, \$5,000, note to December 7, 1883	150.00
	Interest \$4,000 City of New Haven bonds.....	100.00
	Dividend 98 shares Merchants' National Bank stock,	171.50
	Interest Town of New Haven, \$5,000, note to Sept. 15	125.00
	Dividend 322 shares N. H. County National Bank ..	112.70
	Interest Town of New Haven, \$15,000, note to Nov. 5,	375.00
	Interest M. C. & H. W. E. Munson, \$5,000, note to June 7, 1884	125.00
	Interest \$4,000 City of New Haven bonds	100.00
	Dividend 98 shares Merchants' National Bank	171.50
		1,930.70
	Amount received from J. H. Starkweather, Supt. ...	28,654.99
		\$49,594.03

PAYMENTS.

Amount of Prudential Committee orders paid	\$33,963.59
" paid for 10 shares Merchants' National Bank stock	630.00
" paid for 48 shares Merchants' National Bank stock	3,024.00
" paid for 322 shares New Haven County National Bank stock,	4,508.00
Dec. 31. Balance to new account	7,468.44
	\$49,594.03

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the within and foregoing account, and compared the same with the account as entered upon the books of the Treasurer, and have compared the payments therein made with the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct, and that there was on the first day of January, 1884, a balance of \$7,468.44 to the credit of the Treasurer in the N. H. Co. National Bank.

We also find that the Treasurer has in his possession belonging to said Hospital Society the following securities and property, viz :

Four bonds of \$1,000 each, of the City of New Haven	\$4,000
Note of Mary C. & H. W. E. Munson, secured by mortgage	5,000
Note of Town of New Haven for	15,000
" " " " "	5,000
Ninety-eight (98) shares of the capital stock of the Merchants' National Bank of New Haven, par \$50	4,900
Three hundred and twenty-two (322) shares of the capital stock of the N. H. County National Bank (New Haven), par \$10	3,220
Dated at New Haven, Jan. 10, 1884.	

(Signed) HENRY D. WHITE,
 DANIEL TROWBRIDGE,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting our report for the past year we take pleasure in being able to state, both to you and the public, that the Hospital, in every particular and detail, is carried on in a very judicious and economical manner. It has often been surprising to the members of this board that an institution so extensive and with so large a number of patients to provide and care for can be so successfully operated on such limited resources as are at the disposition of the Hospital Society.

We have noticed that several improvements have been made in the buildings during the year, which greatly promoted the comfort of the inmates and improved the conveniences of the buildings.

We can assure the public that the patients are treated with the utmost care, attention, and skill by the physicians and nurses in charge, and no efforts are spared by the superintendent to promote the comfort of the unfortunate sufferers. The board is gratified in being able to report that every cause of complaint brought to the notice of the superintendent has been promptly removed. The committee would also report that, from the uniform testimony of patients, and from their own observation through the year, they believe that the nurses of the Training School are kind, faithful and most efficient in their care of the sick, and that their services are invaluable to this Hospital.

The board would call your attention to the fact that the paint shop, located in the cellar of the main building, increases the fire risk of the premises, there being more or less danger of spontaneous combustion among the chemicals stored therein, and, in order to promote the safety of the inmates from the dreaded element of fire, we would suggest that this shop, together with its contents, be removed to some outer building.

It has been observed by members of this board that there is occasionally a patient who becomes unruly and very annoying to the other occupants of the same ward, and those in charge are entirely powerless except to reprimand the unruly person, which in one instance was entirely ignored. We would therefore suggest that the society petition the local government of the city to

appoint one or two special constables, to be selected by the prudential committee, from among the ward-masters of the hospital, who shall have power to quell such disturbance or arrest unruly persons, under such rules and restrictions as may be adopted by the prudential committee.

Very respectfully submitted,

C. B. BOWERS, *Chairman.*
 E. W. BABCOCK,
 E. H. JENKINS,
 P. MAHER.
 MAX ADLER, *Secretary.*

January 28, 1884.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LADY VISITORS.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the instructions received from the directors of the General Hospital the lady visitors met at the Hospital on the 6th of February, 1883, and organized themselves into a working body for the year. Since that time they have visited the Hospital weekly and enquired into such matters as are connected with the care and comfort of the patients.

Finding that the food did not reach the patients in as hot a condition as was desirable, they suggested to the prudential committee the introduction of hot boxes, which suggestion the prudential committee was kind enough to adopt and carry into effect. The boxes are now in use in every ward and give great satisfaction.

The board commends heartily the general management of the Hospital, and takes this opportunity to express its appreciation of the services of the head nurse, Miss Gertrude Barrett, and of the nurses under her. Letters received from former patients make mention of the kindness of the nurses as something that could never be forgotten. The board feels also that thanks are due to the superintendent of the Hospital, Mr. Starkweather, for his ready attention to its suggestions, and willingness to carry them into effect, when it has seemed best to the prudential committee to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

M. R. J. DuBOIS,
Secretary Board of Lady Visitors.

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 and now residents are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, under the Act of the General Assembly of 1878.

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.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

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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 stipulations.

Surety.

APPENDIX.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for Nurses has been established for ten 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, making, with the head nurse and assistant, a nursing force of twenty-five. 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 five 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 society, when, if approved by the executive committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the Hospital.

The candidates must be over twenty-two 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. Daniel C. Eaton, 70 Sachem 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 the 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.

COMMITTEES OF ADMINISTRATION.

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Mrs. F. J. Kingsbury, Waterbury.

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Secretary.

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Ex-Gov. James E. English.

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Lady Superintendent of the School.

Miss Gertrude Barrett.

Assistant.

Mrs. C. Pike.

NURSES' HOME.

Visiting Committee.

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Matron.

Mrs. Pardee.



