

Of the 1616 in-door patients who were treated to a conclusion there died 127, or 7.95 per centum. If 35 deaths, which occurred within three days after admission, be deducted, the mortality is reduced to 5.7 per centum. The average number of days of each patient in Hospital was 29½.

Although the number of "out-door" patients treated for affections of the eye and ear have more than doubled, as compared with the previous year, there has not been a corresponding increase in the number of "in-door" patients treated for disease of the eye. This is due to the fact that the ophthalmic surgeon is obliged to restrict his admissions to urgent cases. In view of this circumstance it will probably be well, when the position of the Institution permits it, to afford additional room to ophthalmic cases.

In the "out-door" departments of the Hospital nineteen thousand and seventeen (19,017) prescriptions were given to patients.

Thanks to the alterations and improvements which were reported at the last annual meeting as having been completed, no considerable expenditure of money on the building has occurred in the year under review.

With the view of reducing the expenditure of the Institution as far as possible consistently with its efficiency, some important alterations, in the administration and economy of the Hospital, have been made, and it is gratifying to be able to say that the diminished expenditure reported by the Committee of Management during the first half has been maintained throughout the last half of the financial year.

At the last quarterly meeting of Governors the Committee of Management reported the resignation of the Lady Superintendent, and (because of it) the resignation of Miss Blower and the four other English trained nurses employed in the Hospital.

"The resignation, which the Committee accepted with regret, will take place on the 30th June." The following extract from the Committee's report will be satisfactory to the members of the Corporation and all others interested in the Hospital:

"The standard of nursing in this Hospital has been greatly raised since the advent of Miss Machin, and it is desirable in every way that the present standard should be fully maintained. To this end the Committee are of opinion that it will be necessary to make some arrangements for training nurses in the Hospital, and