

will have to be filled before all departments are in perfect running order. We wish to furnish as gradually as may be, but with every care we must incur heavy expenses on this account during the coming year. We confidently appeal to the liberality of our friends, and ask the public to give us a sufficient sum for this purpose before the winter. We do not feel justified in borrowing money for furnishing and if we cannot get it, we shall be obliged I fear to refuse applications for want of it.

During the year 321 patients have been admitted to Hillcrest. This is an increase of 80 over the numbers of last year. An especially large increase when we consider how much the building operations of the last several months have interfered with the ordinary work of the Home. Of these 321 patients, 14 were children under twelve years of age ; while of the adults 170 were women and 137 were men. Of this number the great majority have been sent from the General Hospital, or have been paid for by the city only forty having been sent by friends, or paid for themselves.

It is very gratifying to testify to the good behaviour of the patients. As a general thing each one who remains there tries to contribute their share toward the general good, and it is quite touching to find how after being there, perhaps only three or four weeks some of them look back on it as a home. " Indeed it is a home, and Miss Law is like a mother to us," said one. " I never felt any place so much like home since mother died," said another, " I only wish I could stay here always." That last indeed is the universal cry. " That Home would be perfect if the people did not have to leave it," says one of our workers, " it is such a heart-break for some of them to go." No doubt many shrink from going back to the old struggles and trials which must be faced. It is the aim of Hillcrest in offering to such, rest, bodily and mental, and