

operations are done in this institution. During the past year cocaine has entirely superseded the use of ether. The number of patients treated last year was 12,399, of this 8,558 were eye cases, and 3,261 ear; splendid opportunities for studying the eye and ear may be had here, although little clinical instruction is given. The staff consists of the most noted oculists of Boston. Dr. Hasket Derby, vice-president of the American Ophthalmological Society, is the senior ophthalmic surgeon. Dr. Chandler, a graduate of Bishops College, Montreal, is one of the Assistant Surgeons. The infirmary is excellently conducted and managed.

The Boston Dispensary may be found at the corner of Bennet and Ash St., a new building has been erected at a cost of \$50,000. During the past year 36,956 patients were treated. Two stories of the building are in use, there are 14 rooms devoted to all the different branches of Medicine and Surgery, the eye, ear, throat, disease of the skin, genito urinary surgery, Gynecology, orthopaedic surgery, diseases of the rectum, etc., each room has a desk for the physician, a gynecological table, an open fire-grate, electric bell, and chemicals for testing urine and cupboard for coats. The chairs in the room are of the old puritan style, upstairs there is a large lecture room for giving clinics in. In both stories there is a large hall or waiting-room, with benches placed opposite each room, where the patients wait their turn. The women are separated from the men in most cases, The Dispensing room is large and well conducted. Patients pay 10cts for each bottle of medicine, and are given numbered cards for each room. There is splendid material in each department for clinical instruction. Attached to the Dispensary are a number of district physicians distributed over the various wards of the city. They attend the poor at their houses, and send prescriptions to the Dispensary to be made up. The poor of Boston are well supplied with diet, kitchen, etc. By getting an order from a physician a great many of these poor are given blankets, etc.

There is a capital arrangement in the gynecological room classes are held here the greater portion of the year. It is very embarrassing to a patient to confront a large number of students. This is avoided by having an iron bar, running across the middle of the room, to which is attached two curtains which draw together. The students sit behind the curtain and the patients enter in front, where they are placed on the gynecological table

by the nurse in attendance. The table is then pushed between the curtains; these are drawn around her above the hips. She is then examined by the physician and student without seeing either of them.

During the summer months a Polyclinic is established at the Dispensary, courses are given in every branch of medicine and surgery, and may be had by graduates or students at from \$20 to \$25 each course. They extend about six weeks.

The St. Elizabeth is a hospital devoted entirely to woman and her ailments. It is situated on a large square on West Brookline st. It numbers about 80 beds, it has also an out door department, and is splendidly kept.

The Women's Free Hospital admits only women suffering from their peculiar complaints. It has a good out-patient department, contains 20 beds. The Harvard students are instructed in Gynecology by Assistant Professor Baker here; there is also a dispensary for women devoted entirely to Gynecology, and under the care of Drs. Chadwick and Farlow.

House of the good Samaritan.—Through the kindness of Dr. Bradford, the leading Orthopedic surgeon in Boston, I was permitted to see the hospital. It is a small building devoted to two classes of patients, women whose chronic ailments do not permit them to enter the Massachusetts and City Hospitals and young children who suffer from hip or spine disease, club foot, etc.

The Marine hospital at Chelsea receives from the shipping of the port a large number of patients from foreign countries and distant parts of the United States. Good facilities are offered for studying venereal diseases.

The Boston Lying-in Hospital is on McLean St., here every opportunity is given for becoming well up in obstetrics. On Blossom St. is the West End Nursery and Infant's Hospital, here babies and infants are treated. Dr. Haven who has devoted more time to the study of infantile diarrhea and feeding than any other physician in Boston, is in charge here. Besides this, there is a large Infant's Home.

The Boston Lunatic Hospital is in South Boston, it is capable of admitting 200 patients.

The above mentioned are the principal hospitals and dispensaries of Boston, but there are numerous other charitable institutions. The medical men and officers attached to these institutions, are ex-