

always assured us that she was "really better, and would soon be able to walk," until the time came when she was "better indeed!" and her bright face and kindly influence were missed from the ward.

This year there are no changes of importance to chronicle. We are happy in that we have had no history. The work has progressed quietly, but we feel more and more its importance and usefulness. Our aim, which is so ably seconded by our Matron, Miss Law, is that Hillcrest shall be for the time the patients are there a true home, pleasant and happy. While we feel that we can appeal to the Treasurer's statement to show that the Home is well and economically managed, we have endeavored first of all to consider the comfort and well-being of the patients. All will agree that for a Convalescent Home especially, generous but never extravagant fare should be the rule. Many of the patients come in ill, one might say, because they have been half-starved. To these abundance of good substantial food is as necessary as rest or change of air. It is quite wonderful to notice the marked improvement in many cases. We could grow tedious in multiplying instances of it.

But there is something beyond this "partial, practical good" of warmth and plenty and comfort that we must reach if we would be truly successful. In some instances at least, we may humbly say, that there are those who are better men and women because they have been at Hillcrest.

A word is necessary as to the large balance on hand that the Treasurer's report shows, which balance would not have existed if we had carried out our plans of last year. We had hoped to have made several much needed alterations which would have involved a large outlay, but owing to the unsatisfactory conditions in which we are placed, there being no entrance to the Home, we were obliged to defer doing so. It will perhaps be remembered, as has been stated before, that when the late Mr. Wm. Gooderham gave the land there was no