

It may be as well to give, for convenience of comparison, an abstract of the total cost for each year, the number of indoor patients treated, and the average cost per patient,

<u>Year.</u>	<u>N^o. of Patients.</u>	<u>Total Cost.</u>	<u>Average.</u>
1870.....	1,392.....	\$19,727	\$14.17
1871.....	1,559.....	19,837	12.72
1872.....	1,595.....	22,413	14.05
1873.....	1,821.....	24,423	13.41
1874.....	1,918.....	33,797	17.62
1875.....	1,965.....	34,073	17.34
1876.....	1,970.....	38,206	19.39
1877.....	1,907.....	42,861	22.47

From this it will be seen that the great increase of cost has taken place in the last four years, and especially in the last two years. To a considerable extent, no doubt, this may be attributed to the increased cost of many of the articles used in the Hospital, and to the greater comforts and care bestowed upon the patients.

On the other hand the improved physical condition of the Hospital should tend to diminish the cost of carrying it on in some respects.

An examination of table E will shew that the principal increase in cost has occurred in the following items :

1. Insurance from \$175.27, in 1870, to \$796.93, in 1877. The last sum includes the premium for three years.
2. Salaries, non-medical, from \$1,020 to \$1,852.
3. Food, milk, &c., from \$8,417.12 to \$14,944.98.
4. Bedding, linen, &c., from \$414.52 to \$1,687.03.
5. Fuel, water, gas, &c., from \$2,777.69 to \$3,698.73.
6. Servants' wages from \$1,776.73 to \$7,237.48. The great increase in this item has been during the last two years.
7. General expenses from \$509 in 1872 to \$5,912.67 in 1877.