

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS OF
THE PROTESTANT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

To the President, Governors and Subscribers of the Protestant Hospital for the Insane. Verduin :—

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Management of the Protestant Hospital for the Insane herewith present their Eleventh Annual Report, covering the eighth year since it opened for actual hospital work. The statistics in a condensed form, as given below, are taken from the Medical Superintendent's Report, which is, as usual, most complete and exhaustive in all its details, giving much valuable information in tabulated form, also from the General Secretary and Auditors' Reports and from the financial statements.

The admissions were 130, giving a total of 413 under treatment for the year; this is the largest number in residence in any annual period since the opening of the Hospital, and, as Dr. Burgess says, goes to show that our wards are (as in nearly all similar institutions) slowly but surely becoming filled up with a class of patients offering but little prospect of recovery, but for whom, nevertheless, safe-keeping and care are as essential and necessary as for their more fortunate fellows who are discharged, to again take a share in the battle of life.

The majority of cases received were of an unpromising character for treatment, the prognosis for recovery being favorable in only 35 per cent. Seventeen of the number received were between 50 and 90 years of age and 3 were under 15; the highest number of patients resident on any one day was 305, and the smallest 278; the daily average population was 286.54; the discharge rate for the year was 58.46 per cent of the admissions and the recovery 31.53; the death rate for the year was 8.23 per cent. on the number under treatment. Of discharges on trial there were 43, resulting as follows :—permanently discharged, 36, namely, 28 recovered, 7 improved, 1 unimproved; returned to Hospital, 4; and still out on trial, 3.

Intemperance was the most commonly ascribed exciting cause and accounted for 9¼ per cent. of the cases, while mental anxiety and worry ranked second. Thirty per cent. of the cases were set down as unascertainable; heredity was admitted in 62 cases and denied in 38.

REVENUE.

The revenue for the past year, exclusive of donations and subscriptions paid to the Treasurer, was \$51,380.51, made up as follows: