

Our patients during the year numbered 212, 141 being women, 67 men and 4 children, there have been no deaths, and the general health has been fair. The aggregate stay of the patients was 5,912 days, the average being 28 days.

As we have said in former reports, the Home is almost self-supporting, and we only appeal to the general public when we have to incur extra expense.

The charge for the patients in the public wards is \$2.40 per week, paid in advance. The Superintendent, Miss Law, is a trained and certificated nurse, and before coming to the Convalescent Home, was for thirteen years in charge of the Hospital at Guelph, and the Committee feel that they cannot speak too highly of her kind and motherly care of the patients, nor of her skill in cases of emergency, when active treatment is required. It is a well-known fact that many convalescents are querulous and hard to please, but we believe that there are very few who have found returning health and strength at Hillcrest, who would not gladly acknowledge how untiring she is in her care for them. If exquisite cleanliness! (for which we have to thank our housekeeper, Miss Keith), plain wholesome food, and pure air are needed, they can certainly be found at the Convalescent Home, and we know no better factors for the building up of health than these.

We have many kind friends to thank for their gifts to us during the year, but especially those who have ministered to the spiritual needs of the patients, whether by Sunday services, or weekly Bible readings; and we hope that many have gone forth from there to begin again the battle of life, determined to live Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end.

To the medical staff, too, we owe our warmest thanks for the willing service they give. We do not know how often they have