

ing the year, average cost of each patient \$7.64, per week. The out-patient department is small and not in keeping with the other sections of the hospital. They are about to build a new out-patient department. All the branches of medicine are represented. Dr. Williams, Boston's celebrated ophthalmologist, is still attached to the eye clinique here. In the Massachusetts and City hospitals all the various details of admitting and dismissing patients, registration of diseases, etc., are excellently conducted. Each has an ambulance corps attached to it, conducted by a medical officer; each have also large convalescent homes in the country. Connected with the city hospital is a magnificent home for nurses, the finest on this continent. The building is next the hospital and is of fine architecture and admirably fitted out. There is a splendid training school for nurses in connection with the hospital. The nurses resemble those you see in the London hospitals, and are equally as good. The Massachusetts and City Hospitals will compare favorably with any other the world over. There are hospitals larger in size and grander in architecture, such as St. Thomas' in London, the Hotel Dieu in Paris, the Edinburgh Infirmary, etc., but there are none better kept and managed or more thoroughly equipped; and there is a sweetness and absence of odor about them which you do not generally find in hospitals. The staff of each is drawn from the most eminent and rising men in Boston.

The Carney Hospital is situated in South Boston. Its location is the most delightful of any hospital in the city, being on a high hill, and commanding a lovely view of the harbor and surrounding country. It numbers about 150 beds; it is not completed, as yet only a single wing being finished; other buildings are to be put up shortly; the wards are large, well kept, and remarkably well-lighted; they are divided into medical and surgical, it has a good out-patient department; the hospital has a large number of private wards. Boston physicians frequently send their cases there; the air is very pure, consumptives are admitted to the hospital. The Carney may be said to be the cradle of ovariotomy in Boston. There are two special rooms devoted to ovarian operations. Dr. Homans, the eminent Boston ovariologist, gained his experience here, he does not believe in Listerism. The culinary department and laundry are neat and well attended to. The dispensing is done by the sisters, they also have charge of the hospital; they

are extremely pleasant in showing visitors around. The medical staff consists of rising young Boston physicians.

The Children's hospital has but lately been erected, and is still in an unfinished state, another wing and out-patient building must be added ere it is completed. It contains at present about 60 or 70 beds, it is on Huntington avenue, near West Chester Park; two large wards are completed, when all is complete it will contain 100 beds. These wards are very fine and thoroughly equipped, each contains iron cots whose sides swing out; children are admitted from two years old to twelve. During the last year the number treated at the out-patient department was 908. At present the out-patient department is in the basement. The hospital has a nice little operating room, with etherizing and recovery rooms, and well filled dispensary. Although all the large hospitals in Boston have fine dispensaries attached to them, it is not required that Harvard students should go through a course of dispensing before graduating. This is compulsory in all English schools. It seems to me that a knowledge of the various medicines, their doses and how to put them up is a very necessary thing for a practitioner. The Children's Hospital has also connected with it a workshop, where splint and apparatus are made. The fixtures and appointments are of the best, there is a neatness and newness about the whole building. A convalescent home is connected with the hospital at Wellesly. The sisters of St. Margaret have charge of the hospital, it is well supplied with efficient nurses.

The Massachusetts eye and ear infirmary is the finest institution of its kind on this continent, and ranks, I am told, next to Moorfields; it is in a very desirable location, looks on the Charles river, and fronts on Charles St. It contains about 70 beds, and has several large rooms for treating out-patients, each room has one or two dark rooms for ophthalmoscopic examinations. One room is devoted entirely to vision testing; there is a large general waiting room for eye patients. The walls of the rooms are of painted brick. A room is specially devoted to ear cases, with waiting-room outside. In the basement is the Dispensary, upstairs are numerous wards; there is a large and well lighted operating room which commands a lovely view of the Charles river and surrounding country. Several darkened rooms are near this to receive patients after cataract operations, etc.; a large number of