

On this subject there would be a suggestion to make: that the public would fully ascertain the necessity of asking for the ambulance before doing so, as it very often happens that the vehicle is called out by incompetent, irresponsible persons, for drunken people, or, for those who do not in the least require it; this is to be deplored as it occurs very often and is of no benefit to any one. The attention of the public is drawn to this point so that useless journeys may be avoided and that a competent and a responsible person may make the call by telephone.

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The Hospital can receive at present 20 patients in the private rooms, and 94 patients in the public wards.

There has been this year, a daily average of 88 patients in the Hospital.

The average stay of each patient was 20 days and the total number of days, 33,792.

The death rate during the year rose to 92, or 5.6% of the total number of patients cared for; deducting the 4 who died prior to their admission, 10 whose deaths occurred within 1 day after admission and 8 within 3 days, the percentage falls to 4.3.

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The electric light has been placed in the building and promises to be a great economy.

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Three new life-governors were elected during the year; MM. Benjamin Dawson, R. Préfontaine and N. Quintal. It is to be hoped that this example will be largely followed by parties who will deem it an honor to take an active part in the progress and success of a good work that is gaining in importance from day to day.

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It is worthy of public notice that in all countries, and especially in England, hospitals dependent on public charity, are in a great measure endowed with bequests and extraordinary donations. This species of assistance increases their revenue and settles their existence beyond peradventure, by the creation of fixed and permanent funds. Let us hope that Notre-Dame Hospital will not be overlooked by such as feel disposed to leave legacies to charitable institutions.