

competent care in case of absence ; while it increases the number of Clinical instructors and so affords more thorough teaching to smaller classes, not merely without detriment but to the advantage of the patient.

24. The result of the general system on the character of the staff is excellent.

In the great London Hospitals the Chief generally rises to his high grade by passing successfully through the lower grades of service, for example, those of Clinical Tutor and Assistant. In these grades he must prove himself worthy against numerous competitors, by hard work, and by a long record as an observer and investigator in Medical Science ; and he generally attains the summit after the prime of life, when his name has already become widely known wherever Medical Research is noted. Thus patients obtain the best and ripest skill and experience in the world ; while students must profit by the teaching of men who have spent perhaps twenty or thirty years in the various grades of Clinical work, and have proved their right to their posts, as excellent teachers and reliable investigators and observers.

### COMPARATIVE TABLES.

25. The following table shows the number of inpatients and the number of chief and of assistant Physicians and Surgeons in several famous Hospitals in London, as contrasted with the number in Toronto ; and it is to be remembered that these numbers do by no means adequately represent the facts, because of the continuous attendance on duty in London, as contrasted with the intermittent attendance prescribed in Toronto, where the system is that each visiting member of the staff goes on duty only every alternate three months. It will be seen that, taking into consideration this difference, which practically halves, for comparative purposes, the Toronto figures, the comparison is decidedly unfavourable to Toronto. The table does not include those engaged in Obstetrical, Gynæcological and other special departments, in which respects the London Hospitals have on the whole the advantage ; nor does it include the number put on the consulting staff, who are for all practical purposes shelved, and are not to be taken into account :—

HOSPITAL IN LONDON.	NO. OF INPATIENTS.	NO. OF PHYSICIANS.		TOTAL.	NO. OF SURGEONS.		TOTAL.
		Chief.	Assistant.		Chief.	Assistant.	
Guys' .....	5,828 (in 1889)....	4	4	8	4	4	8
University College.	2,701 (in 1888)....	5	2	7	5	2	7
London Hospital ..	8,208 (in 1888)....	10	1	11	6	3	9
Middlesex .....	2,819 (in 1888)....	4	4	8	4	4	8
St. Mary's .....	3,451 (in 1889)....	3	3	6	3	3	6
St. Bartholomew's..	6,997 (in 1890)....	4	4	8	5	5	10
St. Thomas' .....	4,699 (in 1880)....	4	4	8	4	4	8
St. George's .....	2,500 (about ?)....	4	2	6	4	2	6
Toronto General ..	3,385 year ending Sept. 30, 1891 (according to Official report).	For half time. Toronto Univ. 2 Trinity..... 2 Outside. .... 2		TOTAL. 6	For half time. Toronto Univ. 2 Trinity..... 2 Unconnected or outside.. 2		TOTAL. 6
	Or for comparative purposes (each serving halftime)	.....		3	.....		3