

a good deal of information has been obtained from various circulars which have been sent embodying the printed regulations of the various hospitals.

REGISTRARS: In most of the hospitals there are official registrars; in the majority of instances only two. A departure from this rule is found in Guy's hospital, London (600 beds), in which there are five registrars, one for each department (*i.e.*, Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics, Ophthalmology, etc.). Another departure from this rule is in the case of the Childrens' hospital, Philadelphia, with 125 beds, where 11 registrars are reported. This obviously is a mistake because the total number of practitioners on the staff is 11, and therefore this hospital may be entirely overlooked in the comparative statement regarding the registrars.*

I may state that in addition to the circular issued I asked for reports of the various hospitals and have obtained a large amount of printed matter giving the annual reports and the regulations in detail. These are available at any time for the purposes of your board.

I am, yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. PRIMROSE,
Secretary.

* It would appear that the meaning of the return in the case of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is that each member of the active staff acts as his own Registrar and there is in reality no special appointment as Registrar.—A.P.