

sultations, an increase of 1,352 over the same quarter a year ago. The medical students' fees paid during December amounted to \$1,295. Dr. F. J. Shepherd strongly opposed the proposal to charge five cents per bottle for medicines for outdoor patients.

DURING the past year the Winnipeg General Hospital accommodated 2,649 patients. In the out-door department there were 1,435 consultations. Of the in-door patients 1,684 came from the city, 785 from other places in the province, 150 from other provinces, and 30 from the United States. There was a deficit of \$4,510.50, which was owing to the smallpox outbreak early in the year. The nursing staff now consists of a lady superintendent, five head nurses, one district nurse and fifty pupil nurses. During the year 223 applications were received, and of these twenty-three were accepted on probation, and sixteen as pupils of the school.

THE report of the Committee which was appointed to make recommendations as to the establishment of a sanatorium for consumptives in the province of Nova Scotia, has been submitted to the Legislative Assembly now in session. It recommends a building for twenty patients on the congregate plan, no resident medical superintendent, but regular visits by two qualified medical men, the location to be at Dutch Village, near Halifax, or on the shore of Bedford Basin, at or near the village of Bedford. Dr. Reid, the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, does not favor the Atlantic seaboard as a site, and prefers a resident medical officer.

Obituaries

WILLIAM JOHNSON ALMON, B.A., M.D.

Dr. Almon, or as he was known in latter years, Senator Almon, was born at Halifax, N.S., on the 27th of January, 1816, and died on the 19th of February, 1901. He pursued his medical studies at the universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, where he obtained his doctor's diploma in 1838. At one time he was president of the medical Society of Nova Scotia and also president of the Halifax Medical College. He was also consulting physician to the Halifax hospital and dispensary. For many years he acted as surgeon to the Halifax volunteer artillery. Dr. Almon always took a deep interest in historical study and research, and on several occasions called the attention of Parliament to the neglected condition of the national archives and some of the old Canadian forts. He was one of the founders of the Nova Scotia Historical Society.