

Of these 296 patients, 242 have been sent to us from the General Hospital, and have been paid for by the city; 45 have been sent by friends, churches, etc., or have paid for themselves; while for the remainder (9) there has been no remuneration received.

It has been mentioned that three patients died while in the Home. Of these, two were sent from the Hospital in an almost dying condition; the other, a paying patient, was very low when sent in. She was suffering from malaria and came too late for good nursing and change of air to effect a recovery, and though she rallied somewhat for a day or two, she died within a week. The Committee has taken steps which we hope will for the future prevent the admission of patients in that state to the Home.

Miss Law is the matron in charge. She has now been with us over a year, and to her unfailing goodness, her wise discrimination, we are greatly indebted. Her position is not an easy one. The patients under her care are gathered from all sources. They do not expect to remain there long and so a great incentive to good behavior is wanting. Any influence that is brought to bear on them must be quickly exercised and must be so unobtrusive as not to be resented. Above all there must be no favoritism to give rise to endless jealousies. But Miss Law is sufficient for these things. She is just and kind to the ungrateful and the selfish as well as to the pleasant and contented. Without the assistance of a resident medical officer, or even of a steward, she has so managed the Home that no difficulty or trouble has arisen among the patients. Many friendly visits and grateful letters of thanks prove that the former inmates look back with pleasure to the weeks spent under her care. One writes "It is just a week ago this morning since I left your comfortable and most beautiful Home and it seems more like a month to me. I can never thank you enough for all you did for me." Another says "I am unable to find words good enough or sufficient to show how much I appreciate the unremitting kindness and attention I have received from you during my stay at the Home." Last spring the Board had a substantial token of the gratitude felt by some of them. Two of the inmates, painters by trade, on their recovery, announced to the matron that they would like to do something to make their stay in the Home remembered. By their willing work the house was kalsomined and painted from garret to basement and assumed its present cheery appearance. The Board of