

the solution well into the meshes. When the gauze has been thoroughly impregnated, free it of the superfluous moisture and place in sterilized glass jars for further use.

5. The *sponges* used are made from folded gauze, and are of two sizes, the larger size being 10 x 18 inches. At the corner of each is attached a piece of tape 10 inches long for fixation outside the abdomen when in use. These, along with the necessary occlusion dressings, are sterilized by fractional sterilization and again sterilized before operation.

6. An abundance of .06 *salt solution* (two even teaspoonsful to the quart of distilled water) in glass beakers are always in readiness for flushing out the abdominal cavity and for intravenous, intracellular or rectal injection. Salt solutions in excess of the normal strength are kept for emergencies. A solution of approximately the proper strength and temperature may be obtained by adding a pint of boiling water to a quart of solution containing one hundred and forty grains, or two large teaspoonsful of salt, the latter solution being kept at the room temperature.

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## THE KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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Once again the Governors of this Institution have placed before the public their Annual Statement. From it we glean the following information :—

Number of indoor patients,	-	-	-	1,350
Number of outdoor patients,	-	-	-	1,150
Total number of patients,	-	-	-	2,485
Total receipts,	-	-	-	\$16,976.37
Total expenditure,	-	-	-	17,010.01
Deficit,	-	-	-	36.04

The revenue was derived from a variety of sources :—Government Grant, Municipal Grants, Proceeds of Entertainments, Students' Fees, Church Collections and Private Subscriptions. It is gratifying to those who are interested in the work of this Hospital to find that it is so generally appreciated and aided by the public not of Kingston but of the surrounding county. No