

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

To the Board of Governors, Kingston General Hospital.

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of the Hospital for the year ending September 30th. During the year there were admitted to the Hospital 1,328 patients, an increase of 330 over last year. Of this number 1,131 were discharged cured or improved, 74 not improved, 17 not treated and 40 died. Of the deaths 8 were admitted in a moribund condition, 7 died from phthisis and 11 from old age. The death rate for the year was 3 per cent., or if those dying within 36 hours be deducted, 2.4 per cent.

Aggregate number of days in the Hospital of all patients, 23,024; average stay of each patient, 18 days. The highest number were admitted during March—128; the lowest during October—73; average 110. There were 478 operations in the indoor surgical departments, an increase of 185 over last year. There were besides about 80 minor operations not included in the above, because no anæsthetic was necessary. There were 1,002 patients treated at the outdoor department, an increase of 71 over last year. Extern patients were required to furnish their own bottles, &c. No charge was made for medicine or advice.

Of the 1328 patients, 1183 were Protestants, 143 Roman Catholics, and 2 Jews.

Nationalities: Canada, 1172; England, 67; Ireland, 52; Scotland, 24; United States, 10; other countries, 3.

Residence of patients: Kingston, 763; Frontenac, 265; other counties, 287; United States, 9; other countries, 4.

Three hundred and six paid their way, and 1022 were admitted free or paid only a small portion towards maintenance.

The expenses for the year were \$14,715.72, and receipts, \$14,552.49. Total cost per day per patient, 63c.

The most gratifying part of the year's work was the low mortality.