

REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

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To the Hon. the Commissioner  
of Public Works and Mines: }

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following Report upon the condition, progress and requirements of the Hospital for the year 1877, together with a brief retrospect of the past nineteen years.

The professional results are highly satisfactory, not only as regards the current year, but also for the whole period under review, as will appear from the following summary.

The admissions for 1877 have been ninety-four (94), and the discharges eighty (80), leaving three hundred and fifty-one (351), on our register at the close of the year.

The whole number under care during the twelve months was four hundred and thirty-one (431), and the daily average three hundred and forty-seven (347).

Of those discharged forty-eight (48) were considered as recovered, seven (7) more or less improved, and twenty-five (25) died.

The summary for the whole nineteen years gives a total, including one hundred and eighty (180) re-admissions, of twelve hundred and seventy-five (1275) under care. Of these nine hundred and twenty-four (924) were discharged, as follows:—Two hundred and sixty-five (265) died; twenty-one (21) have been removed unimproved; ninety-three (93) benefited to a greater or less extent; and five hundred and forty-five (545) have been discharged as recovered.

The mortality rate on the average number for 1877 has been seven per cent. (7.2), the mean of all former years has been six per cent. (6). *Reckoned on the whole number under care*, the rate for the current year has been less than 6 per cent. (5.8).

The recovery rate, which last year was unusually high, again presents an average of fifty per cent. on the admissions (51.06), the