

Those who, from the preceding figures, would affirm that our *general* health in 1865 has been better than it was in 1864, would be seriously in error. The variability of death rates must be very cautiously dealt with.

It has, however, been our good fortune in 1865 to escape increase of mortality, from three formidable diseases, which threatened the institution, and which, in our vicinity, have proved formidable, and in two public institutions fatal.

Small-pox was contracted by one of my own family in March; by the strict precautions taken to prevent its spread it was confined to the centre building, and only a second and very mild case occurred. No person connected with the patients was affected by it.

Typhoid fever presented itself in one of our most crowded wards in the end of August. Three ward attendants out of four were prostrated by it, but only three of the patients. All recovered, and now I trust the disease has withdrawn.

In December measles appeared in my own family; but this disease was restricted to the centre building, and proved very mild, though it was very fatal in some parts of the city. May a gracious Providence be equally kind to us in the ensuing year.

CONDENSED POST-MORTEM NOTES.

Register No. 2971.—A. S., an epileptic woman, aged 64, had suffered under epilepsy, with outbursts of insanity, for many years—said to have been of irregular habits—an inmate of this Asylum for nearly 14 months. Before and after her fits she was troubled with intense auditory hallucinations. She died in a fit.

The spinal cord was examined throughout its entire length. The only abnormality observed was some adhesion of its pia mater to the anterior surface, from 4th dorsal to 1st lumbar vertebra.

The scalp and the cerebral meninges extremely congested. Pia mater intensely vascular.