

*To the Governors of*

*The Royal Victoria Hospital :*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to submit herewith the first Annual Report of the Royal Victoria Hospital.

The hospital opened its doors on the 2nd January, 1894, with accommodation for 146 patients. On the 5th October, by the opening of three more wards, the capacity of the hospital was increased to 180 beds, distributed as follows: Medical Department, male 30, female 30, children 10; Surgical Department, male 30, female 30, children 14; Gynæcological Department, female 20; Private wards 16.

There are three wards, with 80 beds, yet unopened. When these are occupied the hospital will be at its full capacity of 260 beds.

Until the 14th April, the work of the hospital was carried on under the direction of Drs. Stewart, Roddick and Adami; on that day the following appointments were made to the attending staff: Dr. James Bell, surgeon; Dr. F. Buller, ophthalmologist and otologist; Dr. W. Gardner, gynæcologist, and Dr. F. W. Hamilton, assistant physician; and on the 16th October, Dr. A. W. Gardner was appointed assistant gynæcologist.

The attendance of patients at the out-door department has been quite large, and greatly in excess of what was anticipated.