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DEAR SIR,—Since I addressed you on the 2nd inst., I have received the statement for the quarter ending 31st October, 1877. I am thereby enabled to give you a statement of the income and expenditure (ordinary and extraordinary) for the first half of the financial year ending 30th April, 1878. From the statement which is hereto appended you will observe that the ordinary income for the half-year ending 31st October, 1877, has increased by \$910.57, and the extraordinary income has also been increased by \$4,800. The ordinary expenditure, *i.e.*, the working and maintenance of the Hospital, has during the same period been decreased by \$3,283.14, and the extraordinary expenditure decreased by \$1,853.69. This result must, I am sure, be as gratifying to you, as it was unexpected by me. As I wrote you in my former letter, I anticipated a considerable decrease, but the result shown is far beyond my anticipations, it is the more gratifying, inasmuch as it has been accompanied by a large addition of the number of patients in the Hospital, there having been during the past six months 26,438 days against 23,771 days in 1876. This bears out the views I expressed in my former letter that 1877 was an abnormal year, and that it would be found when we were fairly in settled order, that our expenses would be considerably decreased. The per diem rate you will note shows a much larger difference being 96 cents in 1876, as against 71.6 cents for the present half-year; this arises from the larger number being treated, and at the smaller expense. I