

composed a large number of these, did not bring with them any certificate of the disease from which they were convalescing, and therefore it has been impossible to formulate or make any references in that direction.

Here, if I may be allowed to do so, I would suggest that the Hospital be requested for the coming year to name the disease on the form that accompanies the patient, for it is obvious that it would be a matter of both interest and instruction to watch and see what diseases were most benefited during their period of convalescence by their stay in this Home.

We have had two deaths—one a woman of 65 years, another a man of 23 years. These patients died in April and May of this year; the former of                      and the latter of hæmoptysis. This is a satisfactory showing, for when our wards have not been full and in our desire to extend the benefits of this Institution to as many as possible, we have perhaps admitted some not strictly convalescents, and these not having the usual tendency to recovery that our patients here usually have, have a more prolonged stay, and when worse cannot be persuaded to leave unless made to do so which our kind-hearted Matron is loath to recommend. So far as I know we have been singularly free from that class of patients which prove a bug-bear to many charitable institutions such as ours, viz., malingerers. For such we must all be on our guard, for the funds of this charity can be fully employed in giving a home to truly deserving convalescent patients.

If this charity has done no good since its organization except the good extended to those unfortunate people who had La Grippe, it would have well merited praise and its funds been well spent.

Look through our wards any of you who have not been here for a few weeks and see our typhoid fever convalescents; men and women who, owing to the crowded state of the Hospital, had to be discharged from there as soon as they were able to stagger away; patients many