

examine them in their own houses, carefully appreciate the advantage it must be to those patients to pass from their oft-time comfortless and unhygienic homes, to commodious, well-lighted and well-ventilated wards of the Home, from a diet sufficient only for a meagre existence, to one nourishing and tempting as it should be to suit the capricious appetite of an invalid, and from a condition of frequently absolute neglect, as regards nursing attention, to the watchful care and trained skill of kind-hearted nurses.

May I venture to mention one matter which I consider is worthy the attention of the Board of Management? One of the many impositions which any charitable institution has to guard against, is that of having foisted upon its large-heartedness, individuals who are not suitable cases for the charity which may be in question. I do not hesitate to say that there are not many, but a few instances of this abuse of Charity in the Home for Incurables. It would be neither prudent or profitable in this report to enter into the causes of this state of affairs, what we have to deal with is the fact that without presuming to enter into an elaborated scheme for remedying the defect, I may perhaps be pardoned for suggesting a system of annual inspection by the consulting staff, of those cases which any member of the visiting staff may put upon record from time to time as being in his opinion unsuitable inmates of the Home.

In conclusion, I desire to bear cheerful testimony to the courteous attentiveness and skilled assistance of Dr. Ardagh, in carrying out the medical treatment of the inmates, to the capable management and untiring industry of the matron, Mrs. Craigie, in securing those conditions of hygienic cleanliness of the building and comfort of the patients, so conducive to their welfare; to the zeal and ability of the head nurse Miss Mowat, not only in the care of the sick, but in the training of the nurses placed immediately under her charge, and to the kindly and sympathetic