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The Directors are able to express their full satisfaction with the manner in which the duties of the matron, nurses and the rest of the Hospital staff, have been performed, and they desire also to thank the members of the medical staff for the very valuable services which they render gratuitously to the Hospital.

An important change in the by-laws in reference to the appointment of the attending medical staff was made during the year. Under the former by-laws the members of the attending staff were appointed for an indefinite period, and the result of this was that, practically, the medical staff had become permanent, and enjoyed a monopoly of the advantages of the Hospital practice. This position of matters was felt to be unjust to the medical profession of the city generally, as well as detrimental to the interests of the Hospital, and the Board, therefore, decided that, beginning with the present year, each new Board of Directors should appoint its own attending staff for the year. The by-laws have been amended to give effect to this decision, and it is provided that the term of office of the present members of the staff shall cease on the day of the regular monthly meeting of the Board in March, when the election of new members for the year shall take place. All the present members of the staff are, of course, made eligible for re-election.