

horizon has been limited for some time to the four walls of a sick room or the ward of a hospital. Again, this year we are thankful to say we have no deaths to record, although some of our patients have been in too precarious a state of health for a convalescent home; and some, owing to mental disorder, totally unfit for admission, as their condition reacts most unfavourably on the other patients.

"Hillcrest was not intended exclusively for a convalescent home, but also as a place of rest for working women and girls (the original intention of the donor being a home for women only); this fact seems rather to have been lost sight of, and the Board of Management greatly regret that it should be so. Many people, requiring change of air and yet not able to afford the expenses of a journey, not ill but tired and overworked, would find there a most delightful haven of rest, with very little outlay of time, trouble or money, and we may safely say that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the benefits received would be considerable. This year we have had a few of this class of patients, three of them ladies from the United States; one, by grateful letters to Miss Law, proves how much she valued and appreciated her care and attention.

"At our last Annual Meeting we asked a generous public to give us the money to put in a telephone, a convenience greatly needed; our request was not in vain, for within a fortnight the money was subscribed, chiefly through the instrumentality of a lady who was present at the meeting. To-day we have only the pleasant duty of tendering to all those who subscribed, our most hearty thanks, and assure them that it has been even more useful than we anticipated.

"We have been able during the year to add \$645.50 to our Endowment Fund, owing to a bequest from Mrs.