

ARTHUR DEVLIN, aged 74, died July 27, 1881 ; cause of death, *paralysis*.

WILLIAM WHITE, aged 75, died Aug. 13, 1881 ; cause of death, *paralysis*.

ALEXIS LINDSAY, aged 67, died August 19, 1881 ; cause of death, *paralysis*.

GEORGE HAZLEDEAN, aged 64, died Oct. 17, 1881 ; cause of death, *cancer*.

ESTHER BOARD, aged 47, died December 13, 1881 ; cause of death, *cancer*.

MRS. GRIERSON, aged 67, died Dec. 20, 1881 ; cause of death, *paralysis*.

SOLOMON JENNINGS, aged 81, died Dec. 22, 1881 ; cause of death, *paralysis*.

GEORGE PERRY, aged 32, died January 14, 1882 ; cause of death, *disease of spine*.

MRS. BOND, aged 45, died Feb. 27, 1882 ; cause of death, *cancer*.

The increase in the number of deaths during the past year is owing to some extent to the admission of patients from different municipalities in the last stages of disease. In one instance the patient lived only three weeks after admission ; another lived only a few hours after admission, having been so exhausted by her removal. In such cases as these it would be much more humane for the friends to allow them to remain and die in peace at their own homes, as their removal under such circumstances cannot fail to aggravate their disease and hasten their end. In one instance application was made for the admission of a poor woman in the last stage of cancer, but before the Board could be called together to consider the case, the patient died, and thus the poor unfortunate woman escaped the misery and suffering of the journey, and the institution the record of her death.

The staff cannot conclude their report without expressing their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the Matron and nurses have discharged their duties, and carried out every detail of instruction given them from time to time by the medical attendants.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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*On behalf of the medical staff.*