

Principal Occurrences of the Year.

In Hospital life the incidents of one week follow almost undeviatingly those of the week before, one month succeeds another without much variation, and year after year passes with little to distinguish its events from those of the years that have gone before.

It becomes an object worthy of our study and attainment to vary the course of events from time to time, and to introduce into the Hospital sphere some resemblance to the every day life of citizens of the outside world.

With this view we encourage the visits of the patients' friends and of strangers; we send our inmates, as opportunity offers, beyond the Hospital grounds; we seek for the various means of amusement for the patients; and we provide them, thanks to the generosity of the press, with all the daily and weekly papers of the city, and the principal ones of the country districts.

DEATH OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

No event of the past year has been so important, none so sad, none so much to be regretted, as the early decease of our worthy and highly esteemed Commissioner, the Honorable William