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New Haven Hospital
~~State Hospital~~
Secretary's Book, commencing
March, 1902.

Mrs. H. E. Smith. Chairman
Mrs. J. A. Postwick. Secretary.

(Copy)

The prescribed duties of the Board of Lady Visitors are as follows;

"To visit the Hospital weekly, and inquire into such matters as are connected with the care and comfort of the patients - To be careful to make all recommendations and suggestions in writing to the Prudential Committee, and to report all reasonable complaints of patients."

The monthly meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors of the State Hospital, was held at the Hospital Wednesday Mar. 26th 1902. There were present, Mrs Barrett, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs Russell, Miss Jessenden, Miss Munson, and Mrs. Postwick. In the absence of the Chairman Miss Munson presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Miss Newton's note of resignation was read. It was moved seconded and voted that Miss Newton be asked to remain upon the Board for the coming year. Moved seconded and voted that Mrs. Punderford, our Chairman of last year, be asked to write her very interesting report in the Secretary's book. Moved, seconded and voted that the hour of meeting of the Board be 11 o'clock instead of 10.30.

on the last Wednesday of the month. Visitors report for the month was read by Miss Munson who was the appointed visitor with Miss Merwin. The food served to patients was criticised, both as to quality and service. The report was accepted, and the visitors for the ensuing month asked to observe the food closely

Mr. Starkweather spoke a few words to those assembled before the meeting. He said the Training School had increased their number of nurses so that the Dormitory could no longer accommodate them and they were therefore using the top floor of the Maternity Building. A new rule is in force concerning the nurses breakfast. Previously the day nurse went to her duties having taken but a cup of coffee. Now she has her entire breakfast at 6.45, and the night nurse later. In this way the ward is never left without a nurse. Mrs. Barrett was appointed visitor for April. Meeting adjourned

Emily J. Postwick.
Sec.

April 1902,

The monthly meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors of the State Hospital was held at the Hospital Wednesday Apr. 30th at 11 o'clock. Mrs H. E. Smith presiding. There were present Mrs. Smith Mrs. Punderford. Mrs. Barrett. Mrs. Stevens, Miss Rowland and Mrs. Bostwick. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. A note from Miss Newton was read according to the request of the Board that she allow her name to remain for the year. The Visitors report was read by Mrs Barrett. The food was again severely criticised. The meat being generally of poor quality and often badly cooked. The puddings were also spoken of as poorly made and insufficiently cooked. Mr. Starkweather gave as an excuse for the quality of meat, the prevailing high prices. No reason was given for the lack of care in cooking. It was moved seconded and voted that a complaint be made to the Prudential Committee concerning the food. The Visitors report was accepted. Mrs. H. E. Smith and Mrs. Barrett were appointed visitors for May. Meeting adjourned. E. J. Bostwick. Sec.

The regular meeting of The Board of Lady Visitors of the State Hospital was held at the Hospital May 28th 1902.

Mrs H. E. Smith presiding. There were present Mrs Smith, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Russell Mrs Munson, Mrs. Hawkes and Mrs Bostwick.

Secretarys report was read and accepted.

Mention should have been made in the report of the fact that no complaint about food was sent to the Prudential Committee as was voted at the April meeting. So marked an improvement was noticed by the visitors early in the month, that such a report was deemed unadvisable. Visitors report was read and accepted. This being the last meeting until the autumn visitors were appointed for the summer months.

For June^{and} July Mrs W. W. Hawkes -

August Mrs F. A. Bostwick

September Mrs Porter and Mrs Punderford -

No further business being necessary the meeting adjourned

E. Bostwick. Sec

September 1902

The regular meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held at the Hospital Wed. Sept. 24th at 11 o'clock, Mrs H.E. Smith presiding. There were present Mrs Punderford Miss Monson, Mrs Munson, Miss Rowland Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Postwick. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. In the absence of Mrs. Hawkes, her report as visitor for June and July was read by the Secretary and accepted. She mentioned a marked improvement in the food, and reported a general freedom of complaint from patients. Mrs. Postwick visited during August, and read a report of visits made during the month. It was accepted. Mrs. Punderford read the visitors report for September which was accepted. The food served to patients, was again considered but no solution of the question was reached. Mrs L.A. Munson and Miss Rowland were appointed visitors for October. The meeting adjourned -

E. Postwick. Sec.

October.

The regular meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors, was held at the Hospital Med. Oct 29th at 11 o'clock. The minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted. Miss Munson and Miss Rowland were the visitors during the month. Mrs Munson read the report which was accepted. She reported a very favorable condition of affairs in the Hospital. It was deemed advisable that the visitors during the month, wear a ribbon to distinguish them from other visitors. Green was accepted as the color and the Secretary was asked to provide the badge for each member. The work of the Hospital Aid Society was spoken of, and a plan was adopted, whereby each member of this Board was to be asked to take a personal interest in this very valuable work. Miss Monson & Miss Newton were appointed visitors for November. Mrs Barrett and Mrs Johnson for December. The meeting adjourned

Emily J. Postwick

Sec.

November

The regular meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held at the Hospital Nov 26th 1902 at 11 o'clock. In the absence of the Secretary the minutes were taken by Mrs Smith. There were present, Mrs Baker, Miss Monson, Miss Newton, Mrs. Punderford and Mrs. Smith. Visitors report read by Miss Monson and accepted. Following it a discussion of the diet question with an earnest desire expressed to find some means of improving the preparation and serving of the food. It was decided however, that before any concerted action there must be greater harmony in the Board, as to the necessity for action, Mrs. Barrett brought before the meeting the question of the official title of the Hospital, the words "State Hospital" having appeared on the monthly announcements. This, Mrs Barrett objected to and stated her reasons. Being of importance the matter was laid on the table to be brought before the next meeting, so it might be discussed by a larger number.

December

The regular monthly meeting of The Board of Lady Visitors was held at the Hospital Dec. 31st 1902 at 11 o'clock. Present. Miss Monson, Miss Merwin, Miss Rowland Mrs. Johnson, Miss Newton, Mrs. Russell Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Hawkes Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Bostwick. The minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted. Due consideration was given to the question of the name of this Hospital. No decision being reached as to the correct name, Mrs. Hawkes was asked to ascertain, from recognized authority, the official name. A letter of resignation was read from Mrs. Daggett which was accepted with regret. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mrs. Gray and Miss Bacon concerning their willingness to have their names remain upon the list of Lady Visitors. The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Directors of the General Hospital Society. It was accepted. The following names were proposed for membership on the Board of Lady

Visitors for 1903.

Miss Katherine Hurd	364 Whalley Ave
Mrs Jennie Harmount	Whitney Ave
Miss Anna Bradley	Whitney Ave
Miss Laura Hermance	Edward St.
Mrs. M. D. Turbay	22 Trumbull St
Mrs Chas. Ives	66 Trumbull St.
Mrs J. F. Weir	56 Trumbull St

Miss Merwin and Mrs Stevens were appointed visitors for January. The meeting adjourned

Emily J. Bostwick

Sec.

January 1903.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors of the New Haven Hospital was held at the Hospital Wed. Jan 28th at 11 o'clock. Mrs. H. E. Smith presiding. There were present Mrs. Barrett Mrs. Johnson, Miss Rowland, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Russell Mrs. Hawkes, Miss Newton, Miss Munson, Mrs. Smith Mrs. Bostwick. The minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Stevens read the visitors report for the month. She spoke of patients having to leave the Hospital, when further treatment would be beneficial, because they were unable to pay the required sum. Mrs. Stevens spoke of one case which came to her notice. After discussion of the subject, the Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. Starkweather to report any such case to the Visitor for the month. It was suggested that upon receiving such a report, the Visitor try to procure an available Free Bed. The Visitors report was accepted. Mrs. Hawkes reported the official name of this institution to be "The New Haven Hospital." Mrs. Porter's resignation was read and accepted with great regret. Letters were read from Mrs. Gray

and Miss Bacon expressing their inability
to longer do the work of the Board.
Mrs. Gray is not well and Miss Bacon has
left the city. Their resignations were accepted.
The names of candidates for membership
on this Board for 1903 were read. Four names
were withdrawn as the ladies felt un-
able to serve. Miss Katherine Hurd, Mrs.
Charles Ines and Mrs M. J. Turley were
elected, subject to the approval of the
Board of Directors of the Hospital. Several
ballots were taken for a Nominating Committee.
The final ballot resulted in the election
of Mrs J. C. Punderford, Miss C. P. Bulford
& Mrs G. B. Stevens. Badges of green
ribbon were given to those present
to wear when visiting the Hospital.
Mrs Russell & Miss Ferrenden were appointed
visitors for February. The meeting adjourned

Emily J. Bostwick
Sec.

February - 1903.

The Annual meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held at the Hospital on Wed. Feb. 20th at 3 o'clock. The hour being changed, as the day was Ash Wednesday. There were present Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Baker, Punderford, Russell, Barrett Hawkes, Stevens, Turley, Mouson, The Misses Mouson, Rowland Hurd & Bulford. Mrs. Smith, the chairman opened the meeting and in the absence of Mrs. Bostwick, Miss Bulford read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted. Mrs. Russell read the Visitors report. Miss Jesenden having visited with her during the month. The report was accepted, as most pleasing, much gratitude and general satisfaction having been expressed by the patients. Mrs. Russell made a plea for small reading matter to be given to the patients by the Visitors. Something not heavy to hold. Mrs. Smith made the suggestion that inquiries be made as to whether there were any book rests that could be used, also that visitors read to patients. Mr. Purpont's helpless condition was reported. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Baker were appointed Visitors for March. Mrs.

Lurley to substitute if necessary. The business of the regular meeting being finished the report of the Secretary & Treasurer was made, followed by the report of the Chairman which was enthusiastically received. A vote of thanks was given Mrs Smith for her efforts, and it was voted that the report be embodied in this book. The report of the Nominating Committee was then given. It was unanimously urged that Mrs. Smith accept a reelection to the chair. She accepted in a few well chosen words. Mrs. Bostwick refusing a reelection as Secretary, the position was offered Miss Munson, Miss Rowland and Miss Newton, all of whom refused to accept. Miss Bulford was elected.

E. P. Bulford Sec Protem.

Treasurers Report 1902.

Received from Miss Bulford as amount
in Treasury Feb. 1902 - .26
Received in dues 4.75
Total receipts 5.01

Expended for postage badges etc \$3.33

Balance in Treasury

Feb 25th 1903 - \$ 1.68

Emily J. Bostwick, Treas.

The monthly meeting of the Board of
Lady Visitors was held at the Hospital
on Wednesday March 25th at 11 o'clock
There were present Mrs Smith, Baker,
Monson, Russell, Bostwick and the
nurses Rowland and Hurd - In the
absence of the Secretary Mrs Bostwick
read the minutes of the February meeting.
They were accepted, Mrs Baker read the
visitors report Mrs Smith having visited with
her. The report was accepted. A suggestion
was made, that if possible it would be well
to have a maid in the ward to assist the
nurse. Illustrated catalogues of invalid
tables and book rests were inspected.
Miss Rowland and Miss Hurd were ap-
pointed visitors for April
The meeting then adjourned

E. J. Bostwick

Sec. pro. tem.

The monthly meeting of the Board of
Lady Visitors was held in the Hospital
on Wednesday morning April 29th at eleven
o'clock. There were present Mrs Smith,
Bostwick, Penderford, Stevens, Barrett,
Hawkes, Monson, Russell, Bronson, ^{the Nurses}
Hurd, Rowland Monson and the Secretary.

The minutes of the March meeting were
read and accepted. Miss Hurd read the
visitors report for the month, Miss Rowland
having visited with her, they reported the
Spring housecleaning had been finished,
Attention was called to the unattractive
appearance of ^{the} patients trays also the
prevalence of water bugs - specially in
Lifford 2. also a complaint of delicacies
having been taken from the ice box, that
were brought to patients, The Secretary was
instructed to lay both matters before
Mr Sturtevant and report the result -
Visitors were appointed for the several
months following - i.e. Mrs Barrett for May -
Miss Penderford for June Mrs Hawkes for
July and Mrs Bostwick for August - An
appeal was made for nurses at the

Hospital Aid Society - Mrs Penderford made an informal report of the money spent for clothing for children's ward at the United Workers. A motion was made and accepted that the Secretary prepare a brief account of the doings of the Board from reports obtainable since its beginning, to be read at some date to be decided on at a Fall meeting.

The Meeting then adjourned until June.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held on the last Wednesday in May 1903. There were present Mrs Smith, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Penderford, Mrs Benson, Miss Hind, Miss Rowland, Mrs Brutch, Mrs Barrett and the Secretary. The minutes of the April meeting were read and accepted. Mrs Barrett read the visitors report for the month. The death of Mrs Crosby and of Mr Pierrefont, ^{were reported} both patients in the Hospital for a long season and much beloved and esteemed by all who came

in contact with them, Mrs Penderford spoke most kindly of the care and attention that Mrs Crosby had received from all connected with the Hospital, The number of patients cared for in the Hospital far exceeded any previous month in the history of the Institution - The Secretary reported a mistake had been made in the report of the loss of delicacies in the last month, the case was of long standing and had been satisfactorily dealt with - Mr Starbuckather expressed appreciation that the water trays had been brought to his notice and promised immediate attention, he also asked as a favor that any such matter or in fact any matter needing action, should be called at once to his notice by the visitor for the month -

Cuts of bed nests were shown those purchased and the matter of buying some with the money in Mr Starbuckather's possession belonging to this Board was discussed and agreed that the amount to the credit of the Board be invested in bed nests, the same being subject to the approval of Mr Starbuckather and our Chairman. The meeting adjourned until September -

The meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors
was held September thirtieth at eleven o'clock.
Those were present Mrs Smith, Mrs Bronson
Mrs Stevens Mrs Baker Mrs Bostwick Miss
Kendall Miss Hurd and the Secretary -

The minutes of the June meeting were
read and accepted. The report of the visitors
for June was read by Miss Bulford, Mrs Hawkes
having been visitor for July, though her
absence from the City, as report - was read for
that month, Mrs Bostwick gave the report
for August, there was little to report as every
thing seemed to be running smoothly and
in good order as a well regulated Institution,
Propositions were made that at the coming
Annual meeting the advisability of raising
the annual dues should be acted upon
and that before the December meeting the
members who have not attended any
meetings during the last year should be
inquired of in regard to filling their places -

The Chairman reported having attended to
the matter of obtaining the bed rests for the
patients and reported on investigation to have

Found that for less than twelve tables no
reduction in price could be made, so it
was deemed advisable that - Mr Starbuck
order the twelve and the matter was laid
before the Board as to their wish regarding it.
It was voted that this Board assume the
payment of the twelve and that the mem-
bers not present be notified of this vote
and asked for their contribution, should there
be any surplus above the money necessary the
amount was to be given Mrs Penderford to buy
clothing for the children's ward, the same to
be purchased at the United Workers - The
money was asked to be forwarded the Secretary
before the fifteenth of October that the
bill might be paid and report made at
the October meeting - Mrs Stevens and
Mrs Baker offered to visit during October
and Miss Newton in November - Mrs
Stone sent a very urgent call for second
hand clothing of any description - The
meeting then adjourned to October 28th 1903 -

Cornelia P. Belford
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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held in the Hospital on Wednesday morning October 28th 1903 - There were present Mrs Smith Mrs Bronson Mrs Stevens, Munson, Johnson, Barrett, Bettrick Miss Rowland, Miss Knud, Miss Munson and the Secretary, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The visitors report was read by the Secretary, neither Mrs Stevens or Mrs Baker being able to be present. The Secretary made report of the money collected to make up the deficit in the treasury & pay for the table invalids table, that had been voted upon at a previous meeting, total amount collected was sixteen dollars and fifty cents, Mr Starkweather's receipt for the nine dollars was read and the Secretary instructed to hand Mrs Pundeford the balance of seven dollars and fifty cents to be expended in clothing for the children's ward.

It was voted not to put an itemized account of the collection of record but that the same should be kept in the papers belonging to the Board - The Secretary was authorized to thank in writing the various members who had contributed and were not able to be present - Owing to the removal from the City of Miss Tesseuda, her resignation was offered and accepted - It was proposed that in the future the dues of the Board be fifty cents in place of twenty five cents as at present, this proposition to be presented in writing at the December meeting -

Mrs Bronson and Mrs Smith volunteered to visit during November and Mrs Barrett and Mrs Johnson in December - The meeting then adjourned to November twenty sixth -

Cornelia P. Bulford -
sec -

The monthly meeting of the Board of Lady
Visitors was held in the Hospital on
November twenty fifth. Those were present -
Mrs Penderford Mrs Baker Miss Rowland Mrs
Johnson Mrs Monson, Mrs Hawkes Mrs Bronson
and Mrs Smith owing the unavoidable absence
of the Secretary the minutes of the previous
meeting were not read. Mrs Smith kindly
consented to take ^{the} notes for record -
Mrs Bronson read a very entertaining visitors
report for November drawing out from the mem-
bers much discussion of the conditions and
needs of certain patients - Mrs Barrett and
Mrs Johnson were appointed visitors for December.

There being no presentation in writing of
change in rules regarding fees the matter
after receiving approval of all was postponed
to December meeting -

Mrs Penderford reported having received from
the Board through the Secretary \$7.50 and of having
on hand from last year \$5.00 these sums to be
expended for clothing for the Children's ward, The
Ours Society having been very generous to us two
years ago. Mrs Penderford spoke of her expectation
through the efforts of Mrs Russell of help this year.

she also expected the Needlework Guild, through the Miss Gilberts kindness in laying our needs before it, to increase contributions as was done last year - Mrs P. had received a list of clothing needed, from Miss Stone but was waiting to learn what garments would be contributed by the latter Society before making purchase from the United Workers - Reference was made to Miss Harrison's gift to the Hospital of \$2000, intended to make available three free beds -

The Chairman explained the unexpected means by which the chief complaints reported by the visitors and discussed at many meetings, concerning the preparation and serving of food in the Hospital had reached the Prudential Committee in writing - Hope was expressed that some immediate good might accrue to the Hospital thereby -

Meeting then adjourned until December thirtieth -

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held in the New Haven Hospital on ^{Monday} ~~Monday~~ ^{morning} December ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~thirteenth~~ at three o'clock. There were present Mrs Smith Mrs Munson Mrs Stearns Mrs Russell Mrs Johnson Miss Rowland Miss Thurl and the Secretary. The minutes of the November were read and accepted, also the minutes for the October meeting. Mrs Johnson read the visitors report for December, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Johnson having visited during the month, the most unusual number of 158 patients were reported for the month average. It was a most satisfactory report. Mrs ^{Russell} ~~Smith~~ stated that Mrs Dexter had sent twenty dollars for the fund for clothing in the Children's ward, the money having been donated by the Quaker Society - with the wish that it be expended at the United Sponsors, Mrs Penderford was detained from being present, owing to ill health. The resignation of Miss Mervin was read and accepted. The Annual Report of this Board to the Hospital Directors was also read and accepted. Discussion was made on the form of the

amendment of Rule 10, it was voted
to bring in a form at the January meeting.
Names were then proposed for membership
the same to be acted upon at the January
meeting. The meeting adjourned to
January twenty seventh nineteenth hundred & four =
C. P. Bulford, Sec -

P.S. Miss Rowland & Miss Hurd appointed visitors for ^{January}

The monthly meeting of the Board of Lady
Visitors in the New Haven Hospital was held
on Wednesday morning January twenty seventh - 1904 =
There were present Mrs Smith, Mrs Johnson Mrs
Barrett Mrs Stevens Miss Manson Miss Rowland
Miss Hurd, Mrs Furlay Mrs Botwick and the Secretary.
The minutes of the December meeting were
read and accepted; The visitors for the month
were Misses Rowland and Hurd, there was no official
comments made, but much satisfaction had been
expressed by the patients. It was suggested that the
visitors have in mind to cheer not only the patients
but the nurses, who have so much hard work and

much to discourage them. Miss Munson and Mrs Turley offered to visit in February -

The amendment of Rule 10. was read and voted to be accepted, the Secretary given power to have it printed upon convenient slips to be attached to the former rules. The resignation of Mrs Rufus Fickett was read and accepted, it was voted that the Board send through the Secretary a note of regret, ^{at her resignation} and sympathy for her deep sorrow.

No word being received from Mrs Dickerman before the list should go to the Board of Directors the Secretary was given power to write draw her name from the membership -

The name of Mrs John Wade Ely was proposed for membership and accepted. According to Rule 8. a committee of three were balloted for to nominate Officers for the Board for the coming year, to be elected at the annual meeting.

Miss Munson, Miss Rowland and Mrs Barrett were appointed. The meeting then adjourned until February twenty fourth. being the Annual Meeting.

Cornelia Pomeroy Bulford
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The Annual Meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held in the New Haven Hospital on Wednesday morning February twenty fourth at eleven o'clock. There were present Mrs Smith Mrs Penderford Mrs Baker Mrs Turley Mrs Barrett Mrs Johnson Mrs Stevens Mrs Hawkes Miss Munson Miss Rowland Miss Hand & Miss Bradford. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The visitors report was made by Mrs Turley she having visited with Miss Munson. a most interesting report but no action was taken on the comments as the facts had already been taken up by the Directors. Mrs Smith and Mrs Turley offered to visit in March.

Mrs Penderford made report of money in her possession during the year for the clothing in the Children's Ward, total amount sent her during the year being
\$34. $\frac{50}{100}$ - expended at the United Workers $\frac{12.24}{100}$
for shoes &c, $\frac{8.80}{100}$ Balance on hand $\frac{13.46}{100}$

A vote of thanks was given Mrs Penderford for her efforts and judicious investments. Mention was made of the serious illness of Mr Starweather, it was unani-

unanimously voted that Mrs Smith be authorized to buy an azalea plant in bloom and send to Mr Parkweather with an expression of sympathy from this Board, the price not to exceed three dollars the sum to be taken from the Treasury that all might have an equal share in the gift. A communication was read from the Secretary of the Hospital Society giving the Board the privilege to fill the vacancies on the Board at once, the names of Mrs John H. Platt, Mrs Oliver H. Richardson Mrs Oscar Dykeman and Mrs Anson Phelps Stokes were presented to be acted upon at the March meeting. It was urged that members send their expressions by mail when not able to attend a meeting, the same to be accepted as a proxy. The regular business having been disposed of the Secretary read a report of facts gathered since the Board was formally founded in 1883 - it was accepted with a vote of thanks and the sole Secretary was instructed to have it typewritten to be paid for out the Treasury and put on file at the property of the

Board. The Treasurer's report for the
Year was read and accepted. The report
of the Chairman was enthusiastically ac-
cepted and voted to be type written with
the report of the Secretary. It was voted
that in future all Annual reports of
the Chairman shall be printed and put
on file. The nominating Committee found
the expression of the Board so unanimous
that Mrs Smith be retained in the Chair,
that no other name was presented and
much to the delight of the members Mrs Smith
accepted. It being impossible for Miss Bulford
to remain as Secretary, Mrs M. S. Turley was
unanimously elected as Secretary and
Treasurer. The meeting then adjourned
until March 30th 1904.

Courlia P. Bulford -

Secretary resigned -

New Haven, Conn. Feb 2/04
My dear Mrs Smith,
I wish to thank you,

to remain as Secretary, Mrs M. S. Turlay was
unanimously elected as Secretary and
Treasurer. The meeting then adjourned
until March 30th 1904 -

Couralia P. Bulford -

Secretary resigned -

New Haven March 2nd 1904
My dear Mrs Smith,

I wish to thank you,
through you the Board of
Lady Visitors for the beauti-
ful Azalia received a few
days since, & for the sympa-
thy & friendship which it
represents.

During the twenty five
years in which I have
been engaged in the work
of the hospital, it has been
a constant source of encour-
agement & gratification, to
feel that I had the friend-
ship, the confidence, & the
cooperation of so many
of our best citizens. Both

to remain as Secretary, Mrs M. S. Turley was
unanimously elected as Secretary and
Treasurer. The meeting then adjourned
until March 30th 1904 -

Courlia P. Bulford -

Secretary resigned -

ladies & gentlemen, in
its humane & charitable
work; but it was reserved
for my illness - the first in
all this long period - to
develop & impress it upon
me in all its extent & warmth.
I have been fairly over-
whelmed.

Again thanking you
all I am,

Sincerely Yours,
J. C. Starkweather.

Treasurer's Report for 1903 -

Am't in Treasury March 1 st - 1903.	\$ 1.68
Dues paid for 1903.	4.75
" " " 1904	1.00
Total	<u>\$ 7.43</u>

Am't collected for tables in October 1903.	\$ 16.50
" " " " " December "	2.00
Total in Treas -	<u>\$ 25.93</u>

Paid Mr Starkweather for tables	\$ 9.00
" Mrs Penderford for Children's board	9.50
	<u>\$ 18.50</u>

Expenses post cards, postage printing &c.	3.20
Total paid out	<u>\$ 21.70</u>

Am't received	\$ 25.93
" paid out	<u>21.70</u>
Am't in Treas. March 1904	\$ 4.23
" 10 postals -	1.00 dues 1904
	<u>\$ 3.23</u>

Amelia F. Penderford
Sec. & Treas.

February 24, 1904.

March

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held at the new Haven Hospital on Wed. March 30th at eleven a.m. Those present were Mrs. Russell - Mrs. Baker - Mrs. Bronson - Mrs. Ely - Mrs. F. A. Munson - Mrs. Smith - Mrs. Turley - Miss Munson - Miss Hurd - Miss Rowland - Miss Bulford - Miss Newton.

The motion was made and adopted that when vacancies are to be filled on the Board of visitors - members may suggest those whom they believe desirable - and ^{if the Board so directs,} these ladies may be consulted as to their willingness to serve - and should they consent to do so they may be elected at the ^{January} next Board meeting. Four new members were unanimously elected as follows - Mrs. Oren Dikeman - Mrs. John H. Platt - Mrs. Susan Phelps Stokes, and Mrs. Oliver H. Richardson. These increase the number of Lady Visitors to twenty four, as authorized by the Board of Hospital Directors. Mr. Starkweather wrote his warm acknowledgment to the ladies for the azalia sent him during his recent illness, and his appreciation of their kind thought of him. His letter is on file in the records. The visitors report for March has the usual criticism of the preparation and serving of food. Constant notice and attention by the visitors was recommended.

and the conviction expressed that a responsible head over this important department should in some way ^{be} appointed. A dietary management is hoped for, and may finally become a fact accomplished according to the Hospital rules; the housekeeper is responsible. The Protestant patients in the wards regret that they are not visited by Protestant clergymen. The Roman Catholics seem to be ^{the} most faithful and attentive. An endowment fund for aiding the sick poor is very greatly needed, it is suggested that some steps toward its accomplishment may be taken.

The visitors for April are Mrs. Russell and Miss Bulford, Mrs. Ely offering to supplement if necessary. The meeting then adjourned to Wednesday April twenty seventh at eleven a. m. 1904.

Mary D. Turley
Secretary

The April meeting of the Board of Lady
Visitors was held at the new Haven Hospital
on Wed. the 27th at eleven a.m. Those present
were Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Ely, Mrs. Dickman,
Mrs. Richardson, Miss Hurd, Mrs. Turley. Mrs. Ely
was the visitor for the month, Mrs. Russell
prevented by sickness in her family from
making any visits. Mrs. Ely reported great need
of reform in cooking and serving meals, more
especially to the patients whose appetites are
in need of dainty serving and careful cooking.
A corn-starch pudding much liked by the patients
is often burned in the cooking, this is also
the case with the Cocos, making them really
unpalatable. The maid who serves in Bayford 2
is careless. Miss Stone has been consulted about
this matter. An orderly had been dismissed;
was absolutely unfit. The need of an Endowment
fund was again emphasized. The Prudential
Committee have been asked ^{to allow Mrs. Ely} to provide a new way
for rolling chairs, that patients who move about
in these chairs can get out of doors; the
wider liberty and pleasure to such patients
would be a great boon. Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Ely

have presented to the Prudential Committee
some suggestions as to the better cooking and
serving of food for the patients, including
the hiring a graduate of a cooking school
to superintend this important department of
the hospital. The reply sent to Mrs. Smith and
Mrs. Ely is discouraging, giving no prospect of
change for the better. Mrs. Smith brought out
the point that no one is especially appointed
to superintend the serving of food, and the
real need there is for such an one,
especially in the serving to delicate patients.
Mrs. Richardson and ^{Mrs. Penderford} ~~Mrs. Ely~~ are the visitors
for May. Mrs. Smith will make some visits,
also possibly Mrs. Penderford. The meeting
adjourned until Wednesday May 25th.

Mary D. Turley Sec.

The monthly meeting of the Board
of Lady Visitors was held in the
New Haven Hospital on Wednesday
morning May 25th 1904 at eleven o'clock
there were present Mrs Smith Mrs Ely
Mrs Richardson Mrs Russell Mrs Platt
Mrs Portrich Miss Hurd Mrs Stevens
Miss Newton Mrs Penderford Miss Bulford
Mrs Turley being out of town Miss
Bulford read the minutes of the pre-
vious meeting. Mrs Richardson read the
visitors report Mrs Penderford having
visited with her. The question of the
endowment fund was discussed and
it was voted that hereafter visitors make
special effort to find out cases of des-
titution and when the facts warrant
report at once to Mr Preston. A com-
plaint was made in regard to the
spoons used by the patients and it was
decided to lay the matter before the
Superintendent - Mrs Ely asked the Pri-
vate Committee for the privilege
of building a new for Bulford & wheel
chair patients. it was granted and is

now being built-- It was also voted
that permission be asked of the
Superintendent to hang the photograph
of Mrs. Parkweather in the private office--
The picture was the work of Mr. Lawson
a painter in Gifford N. and cost \$150--
Mrs. Bunkerford reported the children's
ward well supplied with clothing for
the present. Visitors were appointed
for the summer months, this being
the last meeting until September--
Mrs. Brutch & Miss Bulford for June--
Mrs. Hawks - for July Mrs. Johnson for
August. Mrs. Brutch will be respon-
sible for September if no one else offers.
The meeting then adjourned.

Cornelia F. Bulford *secy*

Oct. 26th

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Board of visitors was held on Wed. Oct. 26th at the new Haven Hospital. Those present were Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Ely, Mrs. Penderford, Mrs. Stokes, Miss Hurd, Miss Rowland, Mrs. Monson, Mrs. Platt, Miss Munson. The Secretary being absent, also Miss Bulford, Miss Munson kindly officiated reading the report of the May meeting. The visitors report for June was read. The matter of framing and hanging Mr. Starkweather's picture was discussed, Mrs. Smith giving a detailed account of how the picture was given to the Hospital. Mrs. Monson - who with Mrs. Hawkes were the visitors in July - gave a verbal report for that month. The August report was read, and the benefits commented on. The September ^{report} was also read. Discussion followed as to whether all the wards should be visited impartially, or the greater part of the time given to those who seem most to need ^{the visits} and who depend on them for help and cheer. The report for October was read by Miss Munson the visitor for the month. Some discussion in

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little sufferers, and the cause of much
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 the Total Receipts \$29.11

Disbursements.
 the 2nd 1905 to Feb. 28th 1906. Postage \$0.54
 Expals \$3.91
 printing Postals 1.00
 printing Rules & Regulations 2.00
 Five Hundred for Children 11.00
 Total Expenditure \$18.45

Balance in Treasury \$10.66
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Lillian A. Dehman
 Secretary and Treasurer.

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9 Mrs Smith ✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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2 Mrs Ely ✓	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	X	0	X
8 Mrs Platt ✓	X	X	X	0	X	0	X	X	X	X
4 Mrs Richardson ✓	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	X
8 Mrs Gammack ✓	X	0	0	0	X	X	0	0	0	0
4 Mrs Bostonick ✓	X	0	0	X	X	0	0	0	X	0
5 Miss Munson ✓	X	X	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	X
8 Miss Bulford ✓	0	X	0	X	X	X	0	0	0	X
4 Miss Rowland ✓	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 Miss Hart ✓	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	X	0	0
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1 Mrs Taylor ✓	0	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0
3 Mrs Ross ✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Mrs Oriskany ✓	X	X	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1 Mrs Hart ✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	0
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who is in the hospital is in much anxiety about her family, the worry retarding her recovery. Aid, especially clothing, was solicited for the Holst family, who are very needy. Mrs Holst died after a fourth surgical operation. She was a worthy and interesting woman, there are eight children. the oldest boy is 16. oldest girl 14. The father a moulder by trade has work, but is not very strong. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate the needs of the Holst family by friendly visiting, and some plan devised for keeping the family together. Also suggested that the Catholic Sisterhood be consulted and report given as early as possible. The Hemison case was talked over. The son prefers to pay rather than accept the free bed for his mother, but would be thankful for any help given to the family. Mrs. Platt reported a letter received from Mrs. Curtis. The man discouraged and drinking - this affecting his health. The case will receive further investigation from the Menden Club. Mrs. Hemison now wishes to be transferred to the Menden Hospital, she wishes to be near her family, they need her moral support. a son in New Haven pays for her bed in Hospital. Miss Munson called the attention of the Ladies

to the case of Mrs. Astor, a former patient in the Hospital who is now ill in bed. the family depend almost wholly for their support upon the sale of the stocks which Mrs. Astor makes. the stocks were exhibited after the close of the meeting and some of them sold. Miss Munson reported having sold quite a number at the "Florence Cruttenbury" sale at Mrs. Tyler's. this was a great help to ^{the} Astor family, the sum amounting to 17.60. Mrs. Smith brought before the Board the matter of clothing for the Childrens Ward.

Names were called for, to be suggested by the Ladies as members of the Board, to be acted upon at the Jan. meeting; several vacancies are to be filled. The visitor for December was not easily found, but the promise was made by Mrs. Ely that she would try to make some visits. The Christmas Festivities at the Hospital are to be managed as usual by Mrs. Barrett. she will also visit in December. and notified Mrs. Smith to that effect after the meeting. having been detained at home. No further business transacted. The meeting adjourned. next monthly meeting on Dec.

28th.

M. D. Turley

Secretary

December 27, 1904

The regular monthly meeting of the "Board of Lady Visitors" was held at the New Haven Hospital on the morning Dec. 27 at eleven o'clock.

Those were present Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Darnett, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dehewey, Mrs. Platt, Mrs. Hawkes, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Portland and Miss Hurd.

The minutes of the Nov. meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. Darnett gave a most interesting account of the Xmas celebration, and a vote of thanks was given her for expending her sympathy time and strength to bring happiness to so many within the hospital walls.

There have been three requests to the hospital. That of \$20000 from Miss Harrison ^{10000 of which is to be used for a bed preference being given to patients from New Haven Cripple Asylum} by the children's ward, and \$25000 from Miss Hillhouse and \$2000 from Mr. Charles Mersick.

The Holst case was reported on and a letter read from Father Dohy in which he said that Mr. Holst refused assistance from any quarter.

The annual report of the Board to the directors was submitted and accepted.

According to Rule 7. names for membership to the board were proposed to fill vacancies, the same to be tabulated for at the Jan. meeting.

These names were submitted, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Winchester Bennett and Mrs. Franklyn Wright.

The hour for Sunday services has been changed owing to the inconvenience of the hour from 6 to 4 P.M.

The visitors appointed for the month of Jan. are Mrs. Platt & Mrs. Dehman.

The meeting adjourned to Jan. 25. 1905.

Mathew E. Hurd
Secy. pro tem

etors
January 1905

The meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors on Friday January 27 was postponed from Wednesday because of the very severe weather on that day. Ladies present were Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Punderford, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Platt, " Dikeman, " Munson, " Bostwick, " Hawkes, " Turlay, Miss Bulford and Miss Rowland. The minutes of the last meeting were read and after additions were approved. Mrs. Dikeman gave an interesting report of her visits to the hospital during the month - she had found no causes for complaint and gave expression to her feeling that the visitors derived quite as much benefit from the patients in the hospital as they gave to them, certainly many a lesson of patience and cheerfulness. There was some discussion in regard to the serving of food and tea, hot, there seems to be some difficulty about its reaching the patients before it is luke-warm. There is much need of shirts for the men, that they may be able to change oftener and look cleaner than is now the case with many. The hospital is greatly in need of clothing of various kinds, a special appeal for clothing for the children's ward was made. The chairman, Mrs. Smith called attention to the next meeting (in February) as the annual one for election of officers for the ensuing year; also for the annual dues to be collected.

January
05.

It was suggested that the notification postal-cards sent out for the February meeting should also mention the need of clothing for the children's ward - contributions solicited for this purpose. Names of two new members for the Board were given and it was decided to vote upon them at this meeting - the ladies are Mrs. Franklin Knight and Mrs. A. J. Gammaek, both were unanimously elected. A committee for nominating officers for the coming year was then balloted for and the three elected are Mrs. Punderford, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Postwick. The two new members of the Board are to be notified of their election by the secretary. Mrs. Stevens having volunteered to visit during February, Mrs. Smith offered to assist. Meeting adjourned to February 22nd.

January 28, 1905.

M. D. Turlay.
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Treasurer's Report, February 22, 1905-

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 Total Receipts 23.83

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Mar. 30 Paid for type-writing 1.00

" " Plant for Mr. Starkweather 2.50

photograph 1.50

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Receipts.

From Oct. 1901 to Feb. 1903	\$ 59.00
(Our Society \$20, Board of Lady Visitors \$39.00)	

Expenditures.

Contributed to Kos. Aid Soc.	10.00
Materials and garments bought.	<u>45.10</u>
	\$ 55.10

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Balance on hand 3.90

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Expenditures.

12 pes Boys Slippers 5.70

Hose 3.00

1 doz. Merino Ties 3.00

Clothing made by W. W. 20.04

1 doz. Merino Hose 3.00

34.74

Bal. on hand Feb. 22, 1905 \$ 19.16

\$ 53.90

Mrs. John C. Punderford

February 1905.

The annual meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held on Wednesday February 22 with Mesdames Hawkes, Stevens, Punderford, Monson, Richardson, Russell, Bostwick, Ely, Smith, Gammaek, Barrett and Dikeman present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and accepted. Mrs. Stevens gave the visitors' report for the month and called attention to the unusable and neglected condition of the books in the Hospital library. After discussion it was voted to put the matter in the hands of the visitors for March and ask them to investigate thoroughly and report fully at the next meeting. Acceptances were received from Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Gammaek as advisors and co-workers on this Board and a cordial welcome extended to them. Dr. Bishop's letter was read - notifying the Board of its election for the ensuing year - by the Hospital committee. Mrs. Punderford gave her report regarding the supplying of Hospital clothing for the children's ward and a gratifying donation was made for this object by the members. The treasurer's report gave \$5.08 and three postals as remaining as a nucleus for the coming year.

Mrs. Smith gave a most interesting and gratifying account of the work accomplished during the past year and imparted her enthusiasm to us all, giving an impetus for renewed effort in the future. The report of the nominating committee was then given — the names presented being for Chairman, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Beach — for Sec. and Treas. Mrs. Platt and Miss Hurd. The balloting resulted in the election of Mrs. Smith for Chairman and of Mrs. Platt as Secretary and Treasurer. The meeting then adjourned.

L. A. Dikeman,
Secretary pro tem.

March 1903-

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held on the 29th of March, with thirteen members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Visitor's Report was given by Mrs Russell who with Miss Rowland represented us for March. She mentioned the unhappy state of mind of the old ladies in being obliged to submit to a change of scene and environment owing to necessary repairs in their permanent quarters. Her interesting report was accepted and Mrs Pundeyford and Miss Bulford named as having volunteered for visiting through April. An interesting discussion was entered into regarding the use of books from the Hospital library. Some objection was made to such use on hygienic grounds as being a fruitful method of conveying germs of contagious or infectious disease from one patient to another. Others felt this probability was

reduced to a minimum and ought not
to prevent the free use of the Fiske un-
der the restriction of the head nurse.
After much talk on the pros and
cons of the matter, our chairman was
requested to ask Mr Coddington to
put the whole matter into the hands
of the prudential committee with
the hope expressed that if possible,
Fiske could be available for the use
of patients so desiring. Mrs Ely
told of the gift of a piano to the
Hospital from Treat and Shepard and
we have her to thank, as well as the
donors, for her interest and effort in
the matter which brought a much
needed instrument into our chapel.
At our Annual meeting last month
Mrs J. H. Platt was elected to the office
of Secretary and Treasurer. She felt obliged
to decline its acceptance and regretted
that she had not been consulted
in the matter at all and also that
she was not at the election so as to have

prevented the action at that time. A
new election being therefore necessary a
nominating committee was balloted for
resulting in the names of Mrs J. H
Platt Chairman with Mrs ~~Hawkes~~ and
Mrs Dikeman completing the committee
who will report on the names of two
candidates at the next meeting. There
being no other business the meeting
adjourned

L. A. Dikeman
Secy. Var. time.

April 26th

This Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 26th with 11 attending members. The secretary's report ^{for March} was read and accepted. Mrs Purdysford gave a most interesting account of her month's visiting which she did alone on account of the illness of Miss Bulford who was to have visited with her. She made the most of her opportunities and gave a detailed account of her visit to the kitchen, to the ward laundry, and of her seeing ^{serve} and issuing in the serving of dinner and supper and concluded by saying, that with the ^{exception of the} inability of keeping the vegetable hot after leaving the kitchen, and the oversight of the visiting physicians in ^{not} ordering special diet for patients needing it, there was much to commend. A happy choice, that was commended for far too often we look for faults to criticise, and overlook the virtues in what is necessarily a perplexing

problem to all concerned in the manage-
ment of this cumbersome institution.
There were 179 patients in the Hospital
at that time an unusually large num-
ber. Her report was approved. The small
attendance upon the Sunday services was
noticed, but it was in fact accounted
for by the desire of the nurses to at-
tend where a "walk in the open"
could be part of the service, and
perhaps to the fact of a difference
of faith on their part. The patients
were also served in the wards directly
thus bringing many into ^{touch} with the
officiating clergy. Mrs Stokes and Miss
Hurd were named as volunteer visi-
tors for May. It was voted that
the secretary be instructed to send
a letter of thanks from this Board
to Messrs Neal & Shepard for the accep-
table gift of a piano received from
them, which has been done.
The life over subject of the use of
the Hospital library was then

taken up. A letter from Mr Coddington
was read saying that the Prudential
Committee were willing to allow the
use of books in the two Giffard wards
only. After much discussion and a
categorical opinion expressed by each
member present it was decided to
have the chairman tell Mr Coddington
that it was thought best to do nothing
more in the matter. A suggestion from
the Superintendent that a magazine
current be let to flow through the
Hospital was received with favor
but no definite action taken. The
chairman of the nominating committee
reported the names of Mrs Lves and
Mrs Dickman as candidates for ^{the} Secretary
and Treasurer office and the result of
the balloting was the election of Mrs
Dickman. The meeting then adjourned
Lillian A. Dickman
Secy. Pro-tem

May 31st 1905-

The last meeting of the Board for the summer was held at the Hospital on May 31st with fifteen members present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Miss Hurd read the visitor's report for May and told of the continued work of renovation, of the overcrowding of the Hospital with 173 patients, of the signs having been placed in the corridors, giving much needed direction to the wards and also of the death of Mrs Mania H Dayton, whose six and a half years of life in the Hospital had been a constant influence for good. Her cheerful spirit of helpfulness in and out of season, her generous deeds of kindness in relieving the distress of others, and the sunny atmosphere which she constantly radiated were blessings to everyone who came within her influence. It is deemed a privilege to attest to her worthiness and sweetness by placing this inad-

quite but heartfeli appreciation of her
upon the records of this Board. Volunteers
for summer visiting were asked for with
qualifying results. Mrs Platt and Mrs Hike-
man for June, Mrs Hawke and Mrs Monson
for July, Mrs Herne and Miss Monson for
August Mrs Bostwick and Miss Bulford
for September. Our chairman referred to the
discussion once had at our meeting regarding
the visits of the W. C. T. U. to the Gifford wards
each week. She said after talking with
Mr Coddington and with Miss Stone who
had made inquiries, it was the consensus
of opinion that these visits are welcomed
by the majority and help to break up the
dreary monotony of the restricted life in the
Gifford wards. Again the subject of reading
matter for the patients, and the advisability
of a magazine current through the Hospital
was taken up. It was voted that the Board
be formed into a committee of the whole and
that each member should investigate and
report at the next meeting whether it
was a feasible thing to do and just

how it could be best accomplished. The gratifying announcement was made that Mrs Baker would not be lost to us on account of Mr Baker's resignation from Trinity Church. Our chairman then took up an old matter which had "laid on the table" for over a year. viz. the reply of the Prudential Committee to the Board concerning complaints which it had made to them, regarding the serving of food and the advisability of having a trained Domestic Science graduate at the head of the Diet Kitchen. This reply seemed to be that while there was some just cause for the complaint, on the whole the Prudential Committee were fairly well satisfied that it was doing as well as could be expected. Mrs Smith also gave statistics of other Hospitals as compared with this, and all things considered it seemed to compare favorably with them. More attendants were desirable and very many things might be improved, but perhaps it is easier for us to see the deficiencies, than for them to overcome

them, and it must be a knotty problem to
make one dollar do the work of two for
any Prudential Committee. Our members
are asked to make whatever complaints
they may wish - in a definite manner
to Mrs. Ely, who as a member of the
Training School Board will gladly pass
them on to Miss Linn, who desires in every
way to make things better for every one
concerned. Mrs. Purdeford asked whether
the Board would consider assuming the whole
expense of caring for the children. While
no vote was taken it seemed to be the
opinion that she should pay for all things
possible out of her fund and then see
how much more would be required, although
it was felt that a precedent should not
be established of laying too great obligations
upon our successors upon this Board. It
was voted to send a letter of thanks to
Mr. Hitchcock for his thoughtfulness in
sending flowers and plants to decorate
the table during our meetings and
through him to Mr. Taylor for his
help in the matter. A vote was
passed also, instructing the Secretary

to send letters of thanks to all the
artists who so kindly have given
their services to the inmates thereby
bringing untold pleasure to them.
Mrs. Ely asked for contributions from
any desiring to help in buying
new records for the Graphophone. The
meeting then adjourned to the last
Wednesday in September.

Lillian A. Dickman Ely.

September 27th 1903.

The regular meeting of our Board was held on Wednesday, September 27th after a vacation of the three summer months. Nine members present. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. The visitor reports were read for June by Mrs. Platt, for July by Mrs. Munson, for Aug. by Mrs. Munson and for Sept. by Mrs. Munson who supplemented the reporting of Mrs. Bostrick and Mrs. Bulford who were prevented from finishing the full month. The reports were most interesting, perhaps, for the fact that each one showed a happy peaceful family. The serving of the meals had been seen, the kitchen had been visited and everything been carefully looked into. The absence of complaint both from patient and visitor was most gratifying and it was felt that the management of the Hospital was along all lines showing an endeavor to do its best. That condition produced at least now

function and also make the report of the
visit one largely dealing with sta-
tistics. As one Lady expressed it, a
happy country makes no history. Dur-
ing some the patients were full of
the delightful outing at Momanquin.
In spite of the coldness and dreariness
of the weather, it was declared to have
been the most enjoyable of any outings
in years. The reports were approved.
Letters from Mrs. Hitchcock and from
Mr. Stock in reply to those sent them
by the Secretary were read. Mrs. Baker
and Mrs. Richardson volunteered for visit-
ing during October. The serious illness
of Mrs. Pufferford was reported. For seven-
teen years a member of this Board, for
two its chairman and a most devoted
worker and advisor, she was taken ill
while performing a labor of love to the
patients at their outing last Aug. The
Board instructed the secretary to miti-
gate her of their deep sympathy for her, and
to express their hope for a full recovery

and for her return to us once more. The
members were reminded of Mrs Ely's re-
quest that if possible each one would
assist in arranging an entertainment
in the chapel for the patients. The sub-
ject of reading matter was discussed a
little but no action taken. The meeting
then adjourned to October twenty fifth

Lillian A. Wickman Secy

October 25th 1905

The meeting of the Board for October was held at the Hospital on the 25th at the usual hour, nine members present. The secretary's report was read and approved. Mrs Baker read the visitor's report for the month which was accepted and most interesting, telling of the inspection of the serving of meals and various matters which came to her notice. Mrs Richardson who was the other visitor spoke particularly of finding among the patients, books which came from the Free Public Library. After a discussion of the matter it was voted that our chairman notify Mr Coddington of the fact. The open question before the Board of reading matter for the patients, was given its usual agitation, with definite reports from two members who had asked the aid of church societies regarding help in arranging for a magazine current through the Hospital. In both these cases, no enthusiasm was shown and indeed it was said to be not

possible in these instances. Mrs Richardson read a letter which she had mit-
ten to Mrs Gridley of the Needlework Guild
regarding new supplies of clothing for the
Hospital which the Guild kindly donate
every year. After talking with Miss Lane
a list was made and incorporated in this
letter, thereby giving help to both giver and
receiver. A suggestion was made by Mrs
Smith about new members of this Board.
It was that each member bear in mind
the need which might arise, and every
name suggested should be acted upon
and the name recorded by the Secre-
tary. Then should a vacancy occur, a
list of names would be available. As one
new member was sure to be needed, we
were all asked to remember it and so
in a way be prepared for the election
at the annual meeting in February.
As there are no more copies of the rules
and regulations of this Board it was
deemed best to have some printed
and preparatory thereto. Miss Munson

Mrs Smith and Mrs Hickman were asked to look over the regulations carefully and see if any alterations or additions were thought necessary or advisable. The Secretary was instructed to have printed for use in notification of the meetings of the Board. Mrs Oly spoke of the discontinuance of singing in the wards on Sunday and she was asked to make inquiries regarding it. Mrs Smith and Mrs Gammack volunteered for visiting for November and the meeting there adjourned.

William A. Dickerson Secy.

November 1905-

The regular meeting of the Board was held at the Hospital on Wednesday Nov. 29th at eleven o'clock with eight members present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Mrs Smith read the visitors report for the month, telling of the crowding of the Hospital with 185 patients; when it is equipped to care for 170 only. On account of an unusual number of very sick patients having been received, the death rate was correspondingly large 24 - births 6. She suggested that the visitors always include the gynecological ward as she found the patients there equally appreciative with those in other parts of the Hospital, and perhaps more so. She also spoke of the lack of ventilation and light in ward 3 East. On account of less windows there - the ratio of fresh air was as 12 to 40 as compared with the other wards. The only real complaint made was of the crowded condition of Gifford No 2 - the sun parlor having had beds put in it as closely as was possible

to have them. The training school is under contract to furnish 55 nurses only, but had been furnishing 60 during the month, and even this number was inadequate to properly care for the patients. The report was accepted. Mrs. Ely told of having taken Mr. Coddington at his word, by making, as he requested a specific complaint. She saw fish and bread served which was totally unfit and she took some of each to his office, leaving it for his inspection. Mrs. Penderford having asked that some one should take up her work in the children's ward, on account of her inability to continue, our chairman asked Miss Hurd to do so, and she most kindly acceded to her request and the unexpended sum of \$16.66 was turned over to her. The committee on Rules and Regulations reported that it seemed best to add a clause to Rule six making the rule read

"The annual report to the Board of Directors shall be submitted at the December meeting of this Board, and must be sent to the Secretary of the Board of Directors on or before the day following the last Thursday in January." This was voted upon in the affirmative and the secretary instructed to have the Rules and Regulations as amended printed.

The resignation of Mrs Ives from membership in this Board was read and accepted with regret. The secretary was instructed to notify her of the action of the Board. Mrs Smith reported regarding her conversation with Mr Coddington about books from the Free Public Library being brought into the Hospital, that it was a matter in which he felt unwilling to take action, as not properly being within his jurisdiction. The matter was then dropped as far as this Board is concerned. Mrs Oly was asked to find out if Mrs Thomas Hosker would

Become a member of this Board, and Mrs
Hawkes to ask Mrs S. W. Hall if she also
would become one of us. The secretary
was instructed to write to non-attend-
ing members calling their attention
to Rule 12^d and ask if they still
considered themselves members of the
Board. The meeting then adjourned.

addenda. Mrs Barrett and Mrs Ely were
to be visited in December.

Lillian A. Dickman-Lizy

December 1905

The regular meeting for December was held at the Hospital on Wednesday the 27th at eleven o'clock, with eleven members present. The secretary's report read and accepted. The visitor's report was read and was most interesting telling of the delightful Christmas entertainment. An account of the work which Mrs Barrett so lovingly and cheerfully does as the agent of Santa Claus in this Hospital was given. Surely every member of this Board feels that they owe her a debt of gratitude and this was expressed by a rising vote of thanks. The report was accepted. Mention was made of the appreciation of the patients for the dinner on Christmas which was deliciously cooked and served. This is a matter of congratulation for these shut-ins, the monotony of whose lives is only interrupted by the meal hour and bed time. It is a feast like that of Christmas make that day with a

red letter - a sort of mile-stone on their
wearisome journey. It was felt that
the Coddingtons was sincerely trying to
improve the variety and also the
serving of the food. Mrs Bronson and
Mrs Baker volunteered for waiting in
January and Mrs Boatman and
Miss Rowland for February. A vote
of thanks was given to Miss Gaffney
for her gracious offer to sing on Christ-
mas night and the secretary was asked
to notify her of the action of the Board.
Also it was voted that a letter of thanks
be sent to all who kindly gave their ser-
vices on that occasion. Mrs Hawkes
reported a favorable answer to her in-
quiry of Mrs Hart, regarding member-
ship in this Board. The names of
Mrs C. R. Wells of Mrs Thomas Hoke
and of Miss Beardsley were presented
for enrollment as possible candidates
as members. The report to the Board of
Directors was submitted and approved
the resignation of Mrs Francis G. Beach
was read and accepted. Also that of

Mrs Franklin Knight - which was accepted
with regret. A letter from Mrs Luray
was read saying that enforced absence
made her feel that in justice to the
Board she should resign - also express-
ing the hope that sometime she should
be able ^{again} to be a working member with
us. This letter was laid on the table
no active thing thought best at this
time. There being no other business
the meeting adjourned.

Lillian A. Dickman Secy

January 1906

The regular meeting of this Board was held at the usual time and place on Jan'y 24th 1906 with fifteen members present. The minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved. Mrs Hitchcock very kindly decorated our table with a beautiful azalea which had been given him, and also sent a little poem of two verses which evidently expressed his feeling toward this Board, which surely we all appreciate. Mrs Bronson gave the visitor's report for the month, telling of her impressions of cleanliness and lack of odor in the wards, and also the responsive appreciation she met with from the patients in Gifford no 2. She found fewer children than usual and they were still in the ward 2 East. Her interesting report was accepted. The chairman told of her having looked over the records for this and previous years back to 1900 - in regard to the activity of the members in visiting and expressed herself as well pleased with the record.

The found that out of our twenty-one
active visitors for this year number
had visited, making a very creditable
showing. Only one of the ladies mentioned
as possible candidates for members of
the Board, ^{accepted} Mrs Sanders W Hart of 440
Prospect St - and she was unanimously
elected. Having lost some members by re-
ignation we have now only twenty-two
enrolled on our list. The resignation of
Mrs Lulay was taken from the table
and it was voted not to accept it, and
it was hoped that her desire to be able again
to be one of us, would be realized. A resignation
from Mrs Pundeyford was read, and unanimo-
usly rejected, and the secretary was instructed
to notify her to that effect, and also to convey
to her the real grief which each mem-
ber would feel at her withdrawal. That
her experience was of benefit in counselling
with us and her known devoted sympathy
in the past, invaluable to us in carrying
on our work. A nominating committee
for the selection of candidates for
Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of this

Board for election at the Annual meeting
in Feb - was balloted for - resulting
in the selection of Mrs Licens, Miss
Munson and Miss Hurd. No other
business being presented the meeting
adjourned.

Lillian A. Lickman Secretary
Mrs Botwick and Miss Rowland, visitae.

During the year just ended - 208
postal cards were sent out - 15 letters
written, ten reports filed. The
attendance at the monthly meet-
ing averaged 12, the smallest
number present at one time 7 -
the largest number 15. Of the
21 active members 19 reacted
the required time - The chairman
and secretary were present at every
meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Feb. 21st 1906

Feb 22 ^d . 1905. Balance in Treasury	\$ 5.08
and three postals	.03
Received from Dues	13.00
Received for Children's Ward.	21.00
	<hr/> \$39.11

Expenditures

Feb. 22 ^d /05 to Feb. 21 /06	
for postage and sundries	\$.54
Postals for the year	3.91
Printing postals	1.00
Printing Rules	2.00
To Mrs Purdieford and	
to Miss Hurd for Children's ward	<u>21.00</u>
Total Expenses	<hr/> \$28.45-
Balance	\$10.66

Balance in Treasury
February 21st 1906 - \$10.66
and 166 funded postals

Audited by
Oscar Dillman

Dec 2/06

Report of Treasurer for the Fund for
the Children's Ward.

From Feb. 1905 to Feb. 1906

Feb. 22 ^d 1905	Balance on hand	\$19.16
"	Subscribed by Board	8.00
"	From Mrs Russell	1.00
"	" Mrs Lokes	5.00
"	" Mrs Barrett	1.00
Feb. 3 ^d 1906	Our Society	10.00
	Total Receipts	<u>\$44.16</u>

Expenditures

1905.	Paid U Waker	\$7.20
Apr-1	" " "	7.20
"	" " "	.60
Sept 27	" for Leanskins	<u>2.50</u>
	Total Expense	<u>\$17.50</u>
	Balance	<u>\$26.66</u>

Feb. 21^d 1906

Mrs Katherine Hurd.
Treas.

Annual Meeting Feb. 21st 1906

The annual meeting of this Board was held at the Hospital on Feb. 21st at the usual hour of eleven o'clock, with thirteen members present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. A very interesting report of the month's visiting was read by Mrs. Boatman. She was very pleasantly impressed by the intelligent and healthful appearance of the nurses, twenty-five of whom she saw together, and felt they were wisely selected. On the other hand she was equally impressed, unpleasantly, by the untidy, slovenly appearance of the ward maids. The same oft-repeated complaint against the food came to her - and she saw served, soup which was tasteless, stew underdone, and unsuitable sweets in profusion. To offset this, she saw for the special diet patients, delicious toast; baked apples, chicken broth, cocoa etc. This special diet is prepared by the nurses, who have received special instruction. The neatly prepared trays were noticeable and seemed a marked improvement

as often before she was again impressed with
the great need of a trained dietitian, under
whose expert, intelligent supervision
proper selection of food should be made.
Her report was accepted. The chairman
read to us from a report of the Distric-
tine Visiting Nurse Society of Washington
D. C. Its object is, to provide trained
nurses for the sick poor in their homes,
and to instruct them in the care of their
sick. This work is intended to supplement
the proper functions of hospitals, and
such cases as hospitals do not take
or where home treatment is preferred.
They work under the direction of Visiting
Physicians of the Poor, who are appointed
by the Health Board. The Farmington
Society keeps a nurse in the field and
sees to it, that her closet is kept sup-
plied. All this at an expense of \$800,
as a memorial of Miss Porter, a very
beautiful one it seems, in useful-
ness for outstripping the usual stain-
ed glass window. This society reported
for last year 20,822 visits averaging 57 daily

a letter from the Secy of the General Society was read, saying they approved the names which were sent them for members on this Board, and also giving permission to increase our number to its full quota of 24. The names of Mrs C. A. Tuttle and of Mrs Brinley Morgan were proposed for enrollment - as far as possible candidates. A motion was carried that the names of candidates should not be voted upon until the April meeting. Miss Hurd gave her report as treasurer of the Fund for Children's Ward, showing an unexpended amount of \$26.66. The report accepted and ordered filed. The report of the treasurer of this Board was read and showed a balance of \$10.66 and 166 printed packets which was accepted. With dues collected at the meeting we now have on hand \$17.16. The chairman of the nominating committee for officers on this Board, reported the names of Mrs H. C. Smith and Miss C. P. Bulford for the position of chairman, and of Mrs Olive Richardson and Mrs Wickersham for Secy-treas. The

Balloting resulted in the choice of Mrs
Smith and Mrs Dikeman to the respec-
tive offices. Mention was made of a
private sanatorium recently opened
by graduate nurses. A letter has been
sent by the Secy to Mrs Oly expressing
the deep sympathy of this Board, with
her in her crushing sorrow. Mention
was also made of the paper which Miss
Bulford has prepared of the history of
the work of the Board up to the present
time, supplementing her former paper
which was up to Feb 24th 1904. It was
hoped she would read it to us at
our March meeting. Miss Hurd and
Mrs Stevens volunteered as visitors
for March. No other business being pre-
sented, the meeting adjourned.

Lillian A. Dikeman Secy.

March 28th 1906

The regular monthly meeting held at the Hospital on March 28th at 11 o'clock had 12 members attending. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Miss Furd read the visitors report for the month. With the exception of the troublesome-ness of the children little complaint was made. They at last had been returned to their own ward, much to the relief of the patients, who had been kept awake at night, and unhappy by day, through their presence in the wards. No typhoid patients were there in the Hospital and the necessity no longer existed for the exclusion of the children from their home. Mention was made of the factorium at the head of the stairs, who so haughtily wears his badge of authority, and I feel sure we all were glad to know that he was there for a purpose, namely a spy-out of contraband articles of food - and that as long as we come in empty handed we need not fear him, although he bears the ear marks

I am atrocious. The chairman said re-
garding the ever recurring complaint
of Ford, that Mr Coddington was more
than glad for specific complaints; but
general complaining was looked upon
as simply nagging and it was earnestly
impressed upon the visitors that they act up-
on that theory as far as possible. It was
voted that Mrs Charles a Tuttle and
Mrs G. Brinley Morgan be invited to become
members of our Board, those appointed to
invite them, to report at the next meeting,
when action will be taken. The name of
Mrs Theodore C. Beard - 221 Waverley St - was
presented for enrollment, and it was
voted to put it upon the list of available
candidates. A letter from Mrs Tully
was read expressing her keen appreciation
of the kindness expressed in the action of
the Board in not accepting her resignation,
and also her hope that she might later on
become an active member once more. Much
to the pleasure as well as instructions of
those present, Miss Bulford read a paper

giving an account of the work of the Board
covering the last two years, supplementing
her former paper. Everyone felt greatly
indebted to her for her kindness in prepa-
ring such a comprehensive report of the work
of this Board from its inception to date
and it was voted that she be asked to
get the whole report typewritten and
that it be filed with the records of the
Board, with the further expressed wish
that she would from time to time add
to it, so as to leave a definite record
to our successors. Mrs Hawkes and Mrs
Mason volunteered to visit in May
and Mrs Platt and Mrs Dickinson for
April. The meeting then adjourned.

Lillian A. Dickinson Secy

April 25th 1906

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held at the Hospital on Apr. 25th. There were present

Mrs Russell	Mrs Platt
" Hawkes	" Richardson
" Monson	" Baker
" Smith	Miss Rowland

and Miss Hurd. Mrs Platt read the visitors' report, giving an account of several very satisfactory meals which they had been served and speaking especially of the excellence of the soups. Especial mention was made of the seasoning of this which was done by Kauting, and with 65 gals. to taste and season each alternate day - one might imagine a taster quite worn out. The visitors found nothing to criticize in Mr Brown's work and they also consider Mr Coddington quite competent to prepare a diet but suited to the needs of this Hospital. The problem of hot food is still ever present but the visitors have felt that it should be left to more experienced hands than theirs.

I am sure we all feel that nurses are barely responsible for these cold lunches as the meals have been found to be always promptly served from the kitchen. They are at present experimenting with a new heater and it is hoped that in time each ward staff may be made and held responsible for the serving in its own ward. Mrs Coddington is not responsible for the nurses in the building and inexperience and lack of care are some of the penalties of a training school. The carving has been of such ignorance good roast being cut from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch in thickness, that Mrs Coddington and an assistant are giving systematic lessons in this important branch, to the nurses. We all realize that many of our foreign patients prefer carving done as described, but possibly our Hospital might teach these little things here as elsewhere. The difficulty of managing any large institution was discussed and mention was made of conditions in large hospitals, notably St Luke and Mt Sinai where a graduate nurse is the

head of each ward. The subject of a Dietitian
was discussed with Mr Coddington by the
visitors. He told them that his personal ex-
perience had been very unsatisfactory in
that line and he did not favor the em-
ployment of such a person here. A very
interesting report from one of the Hospital
Journals, was read showing gross lack of
care, convenience (particularly scenic)
and delicacy of treatment, in other hos-
pitals, fully accompanied by great neg-
lect. The visitors' report was accepted. Mrs
Hawkes and Mrs Mason were appointed
visitors for May. Mrs Gammack reported
that owing to manifold duties Mrs
G. Brinley Morgan felt that she must
decline a nomination to our Board. Two
names came before the meeting for election
to membership. They were those of Mrs
Charles A. Tuttle and Mrs Theodore
B. Beard. The vote was unanimous in
favor of these ladies and we shall wel-
come them cordially to our Board and
to our work. Mrs Smith read an interest-
ing comparison between Grace and N. H.

Hospitals taken from the newspaper re-
ports for Grace for 1904 - and the New
Haven for 1904. The expenditure at
Grace was \$29,781.25 - at New Haven
\$93,247.25. Average cost at Grace \$8.74
and the " " " N.H. \$10.93

This year there is a slight increase
at our own Hospital. Whole number
patients at Grace - 9524 - at New Haven
1882. Average daily number at Grace
66 - at New Haven 164. Average deaths
at Grace 10% at New Haven 8%

Adjournment was taken till the May
meeting which will be the last until
September

Katherine Hurd.

Secretary Pro-tem.

May 23^o

The regular meeting for May was held at the Hospital on the 23rd, being the last one until Sept. Twelve members present. The visitor's report was read by Mrs Hawkes, who with Mrs Munson visited during May. They found conditions as satisfactory as could be expected considering the huge problem which the institution is striving to solve in a manner, perhaps not ideal but as nearly approaching it as it is possible to do with limited means. It is unfortunate that the conditions are as they are, but perhaps a brighter future is in store. The visitors felt that the housekeeping should be divorced from the nursing, and that Mrs Stone should not be required to take so much care upon herself, and that the housekeeper should have some jurisdiction in the wards. But our chairman explained the impossibility of that being done, as it had been tried and found equally unsatisfactory, if not more so. After discussing minor details the report was accepted. Visitors for the long vacation were then asked for their gratifying results. Mrs Bostonick and Mrs Bulford volunteered for June, Mrs Tuttle and Mrs Munson for

July. It was voted that the Board form itself
into a committee of the whole and hold itself
responsible for the meeting in Aug, with the hope
expressed that Mrs Beard would be able to take
a portion of it. Also that Mrs Ely be asked to assist
during September. Mrs Russell and Miss Rowland
offered for October. It was very gratifying to
have Mrs Little with us at the meeting
and her promptness in taking up active
work was an earnest of her usefulness on
the Board. A letter from Mrs Beard was read
accepting a place with us. Our chairman
referred feelingly to our loss in the death of
Mrs Punderford who had served the Hospital so
long and with such devoted interest. The secreta-
ry was instructed to send a letter of sympathy
to her family and it was also voted that a copy
of it be filed on the records of this Board. Also
voted that flowers sent at the time of her fu-
neral, in the name of the Board, be paid for
out of the Treasury. The name of Miss Anna C.
Punderford was presented for enrollment as
a possible successor to Mrs Punderford on
the Board. It was deemed very fitting that

she should take up the work, as she has been closely identified with, and has ably supported her mother in it. Mrs. Bostrick was asked to confer with Miss Purdyford and to report the result at the Sept. meeting. Mrs. Smith said since the previous meeting the annual report of our Hospital had been issued, and she gave more comparisons between it and Grace Hospital. For 1905 the total expenses at Grace were \$29,781.23, at New Haven \$103,188.00. Weekly average cost of each patient at Grace \$8.74 at New Haven \$11.94. The total number of patients at Grace 245; at New Haven 2105. Daily average at Grace 60, at New Haven 165. The reason given for the greater cost per patient at New Haven, was that during much of the time while the cleaning was going on there were furniture mechanics carried on the payroll and on the board roll as well. And too the expensive X Rays were much more freely used at this Hospital. Our Hospital has much greater number of charity patients - also which affects the average cost. In Grace last year

482 were cared for gratuitously and in the
New Haven 2444. The sums not chargeable to patients
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of appreciation was made for the \$25,000 to-
wards its maintenance. It seems unfortu-
nate that it could not at once be used.
But owing to the increased cost of building -
30 per cent. in two years - it was deemed best
by the management to let it lie at interest
and accumulate until sufficiently large to build
something adequate to the Hospital's need. The
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Lillian S. Dickerson Secy.

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My dear Mr Purdyford
The Board of Lady
Visitors at the New Haven
Hospital desire to express
to you and to your fam-
ily, their most sincere
sympathy for you in
the crushing sorrow
which has come to you
through the death of
dear Mrs Purdyford.
Her sweetness and
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and gratitude. Her
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to the unselfish, devoted inter- Dikeman Secy.
tions, set in its work. The
her influence of her good-
ness from will still be ra-
of love dealed and will live
her in the hearts of her
ly felt beneficiaries and
tears co-workers.

Yours sincerely

Lillian A. Dikeman
Secretary of Board
of Lady Visitors.

May twenty-fifth
Nineteen hundred & six.

September 26th

Our regular meeting was held at the Hospital on Sept. 26th at the usual hour, being the first meeting after the long vacation. Eight members being present. The Licj. report for May was read and approved. The chairman spoke of the very great sorrow which had come to three of our members during six months in the loss of their husbands - meaning so much to them individually and such a great loss to the community. All three - Dr. Chy, Prof. Stevens and Dr. Baker each being prominent and useful to the world in his line of work. The Licj. was instructed to express the sympathy of the Board to these members. The visiting report for June was given by Miss Bulford. Nothing of especial note came under observation except the deficiency in the same place as for years previous, viz - the wretched cooking and serving of the meals. It was thought the quality of the food was sufficiently good, but - that all goodness would be at an end when the Hospital has ceased to exist, there will have been said the last word on

this much discussed question. As usual all sorts of suggestions were made, but the one most effective in result - the change of a chef in the kitchen - seemed a bit out of our jurisdiction. And another one - that some teacher of cooking should go into the kitchen and give a few lessons sounded all right, but what woman on this Board would have the courage to do that - to the cook in her own kitchen, unless she was looking for volcanos with yawning craters into which to plunge. Then how effect this body of governing men to have the hardihood to approach the plausible Mr Brown who is able to soon convince each nation to his kingdom, that he is doing his best with the poor quality of help which is at his command. On the whole it is not facing the same problem we all are facing in our own homes, of trying to have things as comfortable as possible, with lack of interest, lack of knowledge and really lack of intelligence in the persons from whom we are to choose for service. So we leave it for future discussion and solving if possible. Miss Mason read the metric report for July.

She was impressed with the atmosphere of cheerfulness and content which prevailed among the patients. She, with Mrs. Tuttle who was getting her first insight into our family, saw four meals served, and on the whole were not unfavourably impressed. She saw some soiled linen, but perhaps that is inevitable in some cases. On the 31st of July, the patients were taken to Momauguin for an outing, and such a good time they had, that echoes of it still are heard on ~~both~~ sides. The day - the sumptuous dinner - the ride to and from the shore - the visiting between the men and ladies, continued to make it one of the milestones on their dreary road and it is a matter of thankfulness to us all, that it is in the heart of some good friend to make the outing possible. Miss Munson has been so unselfish as to continue her good work all through the summer and we are all indebted to her for making our vacations care free. In Aug. she made perhaps fewer visits, but she was pleased with the spirit of appreciation

which met her everywhere. The patients
felt particularly pleased, that during
the heated term when life was very
trying, someone thought of them enough, to
give them a friendly call. The conditions
for Aug. were in some ways very unpleas-
ant. Twenty two cases of typhoid, some depe-
rately ill. The Hospital was so full, as to ne-
cessitate using the sun parlor and the chapel
and this crowded the corridors and made con-
ditions less comfortable for all. She also sug-
gested that the visitors bring in pictures
that were cut out of magazines, as in many
cases she found they afforded great pleasure to the
patients who were unable to hold the magazine
themselves. Miss Munson's reports were accepted.
Our chairman said she felt that the ap-
preciation which met the visitors should
be emphasized, as sometimes the enthusiasm of
the members flagged and they were tempted
to ask "is it worth while" and it is good for
us to know that it is our opportunity to follow
the divine injunction. "I was sick and ye
ministered unto me" means bringing to
our souls the discipline which makes

for good - for it is what we share which fills
our lives. Mrs Smith gave the visitin
report for Sept. The typhoid cases taxed
the medical ward to the limit, all told
there were 182 patients in the Hospital.
But the corps of nurses was large too, 86
being on duty. 11 probationers coming in
Gifford no 2 having 30 patients - where 22 is
the normal number, and Gifford no 1 and
the chapel 40 patients - shows a crying
need for new wards. The name of the
maternity ward has been changed to
no 1 and no 2 South. The old name in
many cases proving very embarrassing to
young girls coming in for operations.
Mrs Smith spoke of the plan of the 2nd as-
sistant nurse giving instruction to the pro-
bationers instead of the head nurse in
the wards, as a great improvement on
the old way. The 1st assistant giving special
instruction in surgical work and a special
teacher coming in for massage directions
all showing marked progress along
practical lines. Mrs Smith's report

was accepted. Mention was made of Mrs
Lurley's probable return to work on the Board
and of Mrs Beard's enforced withdrawal from
it on account of permanent removal from the
city. Mrs Richardson and Mrs Gammack vol-
unteered for visiting during October. The
meeting adjourned.

Lillian A. Dickerson Leiby.

October 31st

The monthly meeting of the Board was held at the Hospital on Oct. 31st at 11 o'clock with nine members present. The reports of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The visiting report was read by Mrs Richardson who with Mrs Gammack made 14 visits in all during the month. Nothing new came to them - No complaints at all and all the patients seemed content. Mrs Pearson took them through the kitchen dining room laundry etc and they were particularly pleased with the neatness and cleanliness of this part of the Hospital. The death of Mrs Rutkowski was referred to and a tribute paid to her hopefulness and courage. Mrs Richardson also mentioned the expressions of the feeling of sorrow on the part of the nurses at their inability to mitigate her sufferings. The going away of Mrs Rutkowski was also mentioned and her great pleasure at her partial recovery and of her having once said that her experience had made her feel that she should like

to minister to others when the opportunity offered. Some typhoid cases were still in the wards but the disease had abated in intensity. The death of Miss Lacey, a most devoted and beloved nurse, from the fever contracted during her close attention to her duties was very much regretted. Mrs Richardson mentioned also her conference with Miss Linn regarding clothing supplies to be furnished, and after all donations were received, it would seem best to supply what more was necessary if possible to do so. Mrs Richardson's report was accepted. The chairman earnestly urged upon the ladies the desirability for new members to fill vacancies on the Board which have occurred through death and removal from the city. The putting of typhoid patients into the Caffard ward was deplored as also the presence of many tuberculosis sufferers. That the Hospital was not crowded as it was the month preceding was a matter for congratulation, thus affording greater comfort to those remaining. Mrs Russell + Mrs Robinson offered to visit in November and the meeting then adjourned.
Lillian S. Wickman Secy.

November 28th

The regular monthly meeting was held at the usual time and place on Nov. 28th, with a large attendance thither members being present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Mrs Russell and was most interesting. She reported every thing moving smoothly, and complaints not numerous. One thing she noticed was the atmosphere of sorrow caused in Riffid No 2 by the announcement from one of the inmates that she was going to wear a silk dress on the occasion of the Thanksgiving dinner. Immediately thereafter the ladies began with one accord to take account of their raiment only to find in many instances that it was quite unequal to the demand made upon it. And really in many cases, long lying in the hospital, and constant use without replenishment has produced a total absence of any

thing which could be used to make even a presentable appearance, and it would seem that some provision should be made toward making their raiment perhaps not exactly gorgeous but inconspicuously acceptable at all their necessary functions. Mrs Russell also reported that the Quire Society would this year donate fifteen dollars instead of ten dollars, toward buying necessary supplies for the children's ward. Also that Miss Susan Whitney came each week to read in Gifford no 2, and had quite a circle gathered about Miss Blum's bed, who thoroughly enjoyed the clear and expressive voice with which Miss Whitney rendered the stories. Mrs Russell reported 179 patients, with only 18 deaths for the month, a low rate. Her report was accepted. There followed a discussion regarding clothing supplies to be furnished. Miss Hurd, the treasurer of the fund for the children, said Miss Stone had given her quite a list of needed things, and had suggested that slippers be given the boys to lessen the noise made

by their running about. After quite a good deal of talk it was thought best to use some of the money in the Treasury of the ^{Children's} ~~Board~~ ^{ward} to furnish necessary clothing to whomsoever it seemed desirable, keeping intact the money from the Quee Society for its legitimate use for the children only. But whatever was donated individually by members of the Board should be expended as was deemed wise, for any purpose which appealed to the members, a sort of Board Fund, to be directed into any necessary channel. Miss Hurd was given discretionary power to do so and report at next meeting. It was stated that patients in Dr. Ravinay's ward would be glad to receive visitors and it was hoped the visitors each month would not forget them. Also mention was made of the fact that no Protestant clergymen reacted, unless it was to some particular patient of their own congregation. The Priests were very attentive, and the Rabbi visited their own class but the other patients received no attention.

Mrs Benson was asked to enquire whether
communion was administered at regular
intervals. Miss Rowland had been instru-
mental in introducing Mrs Person into
St Paul's Congregation, thus making her
feel she was welcome in some church,
which she could make her home. Mrs
Barrett gave a testimony, which came
to her personally, which was pleasant, in
being unusual at our meetings. This
man had been a surgical patient
here and he said "I had no idea it
could be so good" and advised "going
to the Hospital if you are sick." This was
good to hear as complaints are our normal
diet. As many ladies had not received
up to the last meeting, the yearly report of
the Hospital, our Chairman asked that
one be sent to each member, and a letter
from Mr Coddington was read concerning the
matter. He wished to make right, any feeling
of negligence or thoughtlessness on his part
we might have, by assuring us copies
had been sent but would be sent again
which has been done. Mrs Ely enquired

If any member knew the exact wording
of the charter for the Gifford Wards. Whether
it would be possible to remove from
the wards objectionable patients, such
as those with delirium tremens and
tuberculosis. No one knowing, she was asked
to investigate and report at the next
meeting! The matter of names for a waiting
list for visits on this Board, was then taken
up. It was voted that the Secretary be
instructed to keep such a list. A letter
from Mrs Postnick was read saying Miss
Punchford fell - she could not come on to
this Board this winter, but could perhaps
later on - and her name was entered on
the waiting list. Mrs Postnick also referred
to the distress of Mrs Baker on account of the
dangerous illness of her sister, whose recovery
seemed doubtful. A letter was read from
Mrs Sulay telling of her uncertainty as
a working member. The names of Miss
Annie Bassett of Shelton Ave - Miss
Susan Whitney of Whitney Ave. Mrs
Henry Lykes of the Boulevard and of

Mrs Winchell Bennett of Cold Spring H. -
were suggested as possible candidates
for this Board. We were glad to welcome
our new member Mrs S. W. Hart into our
Hospital family and she most kindly
offered to visit for the month of December,
with Mrs Ely who can so easily acquaint
her with the ins and outs of the place, to
introduce her to the duties of the visit.
Mrs Barrett as she has for years past
has charge of the Christmas here for the
invalids, a work of love on her part, which
is thoroughly appreciated by all. Mrs
Ely offered to visit during January
if further business being presented the
meeting adjourned.

L. A. Wickman Secy.

December 26th

Our regular monthly meeting on Wed. Dec 26th had eleven members attending. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Mrs Hart read the visitor's report for December and it was satisfactory in that she said no complaints at all were made to her and all the patients seemed happy and content. She and Mrs Hawkes who assisted her saw a dinner prepared and served following it from Mr Brown's domain to the ward. They reported the food as appetizing and well served, the nurses as immaculate and to use the wording of the report "everything seemed to be, to our knowledge in perfect order". The report was accepted. No special report of the Christmas festivities was made further than that an unusual number of patients were able to be in the chapel, and that consequently the next day there were many very tired orderlies, showing how much an elevator is needed in the building for the benefit of all concerned. Mention was also made of the very happy selection of songs by one of the singers who gave

thru by untold delight to the Irish contingent.
The pleasure of the patients in Gifford wards
in hanging up their stockings and the eager-
ness of the early rising to investigate the results
of Santa Claus visit was spoken of. The yearly
report of this Board to the Directors of the Hos-
pital Society was read and accepted. The
names of Miss Manchester Bennett and of
Miss Annie Bassett were presented for
membership on this Board, to fill the two
existing vacancies. Miss Lucretia Whelton was
proposed as a possible candidate and it was
voted that her name be put upon the waiting
list. Mrs. Lucretia having indicated to the chair-
man that she would be unable to do any
work on the Board this year, and saying
she ought to resign, it was voted that her
name be kept upon the Board another year
with the hope expressed that she once more
take up active work with us, after her enforced
withdrawal. The lady was instructed to convey
to her the action of the Board. A letter from
Mrs. Tuley was also read telling of her
being unable to work with us on account
of absence from the city. Her return being

uncertain it was voted to put her name on
the waiting list and remove it from the
active working Board. The death of Dr Timothy
Bishop was spoken of. For nearly five years
or more he has been the Secy of the General
Hospital Society; his loss will be keenly
felt. At the beginning of the year the Con-
sulting Board of Physicians is given as
C. A. Linsley - R. S. Pres. F. C. Beckwith, Walter
Judson and Timothy Bishop. Death has re-
moved all of them within the year. This
seems a tragedy, and a very great loss to
the Hospital Board. Mrs Ely was not present
to report upon the Clifford Charter matter.
Mrs Bronson not present at the opening
of the meeting and so no report was made
regarding the matter of the regular admin-
istration of the communion. She came in later
and had not understood that she was to
report upon it. The chairman then requested
her to ascertain whether communion was ad-
ministered at regular intervals and report
at the January meeting. Once more the
matter of new members came up, and
after the withdrawal of Mrs Linsley from

activity for a time was considered, it was voted
that the name of Miss Susan Whitney be
taken from the waiting list and that Mrs
Russell be asked to interview her and invite
her to become an active worker with us.
No further business being presented the
meeting adjourned to Feb. 27th

L. A. Wickerson Secy.

January 30th 1907

The monthly meeting at the usual place and time was held on Jan. 30th 1907, with members present. The minutes of the December meeting read and approved. The visitor's report was read by Mrs. Ely who with Mrs. Dickman visited during January. Mrs. Ely called attention especially to the very bad air general throughout the buildings, and suggested that the Chairman be asked to present a request to the Trustee's Committee regarding it, requesting immediate relief if it were possible. The matter of uniformly good food was mentioned and the good-keeping was commended. The overcrowding of the Pifford wards was deplored and many minor deficiencies discussed. The report was accepted. Mrs. Ely made the suggestion that Mr. Lock be sent a letter of thanks for the Christmas entertainment, as "it was better than ever before" according to the consensus of opinion of the patients. Mrs. Baker and Miss Bulford announced the call for volunteers for visiting in February.

Mrs Ely reported what little she had learned about the charter of Gifford ward but it was so little that she wished to defer until she had made a more searching inquiry. A letter from Mrs Michalio Bennett was read with drawing her name for membership on the Board. Mrs Russell reported that Miss Susan Whitney had failed to give her decision in regard to joining us in our work of visiting. That left only one candidate Miss Annie Bassett of 291 Shelton Ave who was elected a member. Mrs Baker suggested the name of Miss Emily Whitney 221 Church St, to be put on the visiting list and it was so voted. The name of Mrs Blumer was suggested also but no action taken at this time. A letter from Mrs Loring was read thanking the ladies of the Board for their sympathy and kindness expressed to her. A nominating committee was then balloted for, to present names for Chairman and for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year, to report in the form of a ticket at the annual election in February. Mrs Kikman

chairman with Mrs Ely and Mrs Baker
were elected to confide that committee.
Mrs Bronson not being present no report
regarding the commission which she
was to ascertain, was given. No further
business being offered the meeting ad-
journed.

Lillian A. Wikman Secretary

During the fiscal year 188 postal bills have
been sent out - ten letters written
and ten reports filed. Nine meetings
of the Board have been held with an
average attendance of twelve - the largest
number present at one time was thirteen
at the annual meeting in February, the
smallest number in September when only
eight were here. The secretary was absent once
but our chairwoman has been present at
every meeting. One of our number Mrs Purdie
had have entered into life eternal leaving us
a memory of a most lovable personality and an in-
spiring example of earnest, disinterested con-
scientious endeavor. Of the twenty-one active

members on our Board - nineteen have done the required visiting -

Treasurer's Report - Feb. 27th 1907

February 21st 1906 Balance in Treasury \$10.66

166 printed postals -

Received from dues 11.00

Received for the children's ward 5.00

Total \$26.66

Expenses -

Feb 21st 1906 to Feb 27th 1907

For postage and sundries 50

" Postals and printing 4.00

" Roses for Mrs. Penderford 2.00

" Children's ward to Miss Hurd 5.00

Total Expenses 11.50

Balance \$15.16

Balance in Treasury

February 27th 1907

and 280 printed postals

Lillian A. Dickman
Treasurer

audited by
Oscar Dickman

Feb 27/07

Report of
Receipts and Expenditures for the
Children's Fund & Gift of 2 for the
year 1906-1907.

1906	Jan. 24. Cash on hand	-----	\$16.66	
	Feb. 3 - Check for "Our Society"	-----	10.00	as per the report of 1906. Feb. 22 ^d
	Mar. 28 - From Mrs. Turkey	-----	26.50	
	Dec. 26 - From Ladies of the Board	-----	1.00	
1907	Jan. 25 - Check for "Our Society"	-----	15.00	
	" 30 - From Mrs. Turkey, Mrs. Tuttle	-----	3.50	
	Total	-----	\$46.66	

Expenditures.

1906.	Mar. 13 - 23 boys houses	-----	\$6.00
1907	Jan. 2 - 24 cords of rails	-----	7.50
	Jan. 26 - 48 boys houses @ 25¢	-----	7.60
	" " - 12 girls houses @ 35¢	-----	4.20
	Feb. 23 - 9 pairs felt clippers	-----	4.25
	Total expense for Children	-----	\$32.55
1906.	Dec. 7 - 5 cotton mappies for women @ 1.25	-----	7.50
1907	Jan. 26 - 12 outing shirts @ 40¢	-----	4.80
	Total expense for	-----	\$12.30
	Whole Total	-----	\$44.85
	Cash on hand Feb. 27 - 1907	-----	\$1.81

February 27th 1907

The annual meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors was held at the Hospital on February twenty seventh at eleven o'clock with fourteen members present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The visitor's report was read by Mrs Baker who with Miss Bulford visited through February. The reported less complaint regarding food - and much more comfort than formerly. The use of the chapel for patients is to be discontinued much to the delight of the patients, many of whom refuse to go to the services on account of the tuberculosis patients. Mrs Baker said she had read quite a little during the month and had each time become very tired from the confusion of the crowded corridors, and made a plea for the legitimate use of the sun parlor. Her report was accepted. This followed an interesting discussion on what could be done to relieve the situation. Miss Bulford and Mrs Ely suggested the exclusion of delirious tremens patients as one solution.

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Feb. 22nd

after much discussion it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to send to the Credentials Committee "a protest against the admission to the Hospital of cases of delirium tremens" as detrimental to the health and comfort of the other patients. The Secretary to have discretionary power as to the exact wording of the protest. Mrs Smith spoke of Mr Coddington's willingness to help us in any way possible and of his desire that we make to him, at once any specific complaints of anything which he should know in order to correct all things necessary for the betterment of all concerned. A letter from Mr Waggett was read accepting our list of visitors and giving us permits to fill the two vacancies on our Board. The names of Mrs Blumer, Miss Whitney and Mrs McHenry were presented for consideration at our next meeting. Miss Hurd reported an expenditure of \$44.85 for clothing during the year, with a balance of \$1.84 in the treasury of the Children's Ward Fund. The Treasurer, re-

reported the expenses of this Board for the year
as \$11.50 and the balance remaining Feb.
27th 1907 as \$15.16. The nominating committee
reported the names of Mrs H. C. Smith and
of Mrs J. H. Platt for chairmen and of Mrs
C. A. Tuttle and Mrs F. W. Baker for Secretary
Treasurer and the voting resulted in the
election of Mrs Smith and Mrs Tuttle to
the respective offices. Mrs Russell and
Mrs Baker offered to visit in March
and the meeting then adjourned.

L. A. Wilkinson Secy. pro tem.

Annual Report of the Chairman.
1903

Ladies of the Board of Visitors of the New Haven Hospital.
Since I have had the honor of being your chairman, we have held our regular meetings and fulfilled our appointed vocation as hospital visitors contributing to the comfort of the patients. At Christmas all who could be moved and some even who could not, were brought into the joy of that blessed season by the earnest, self-sacrificing efforts of Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Johnson. As a Board devoted to the comfort and cheer of the patients I feel we owe a vote of thanks to the Reverend Mr. Mariett and his boy choir and to the ladies and gentlemen who gave so generously of their time and talents to assist us in our mission. In addition to these prescribed duties, the children under the care of the hospital have through our efforts been neatly and properly clothed and this good work under Mrs. Punderford's devoted leadership is continuing. This eliminates one cause of complaint from the visitors' reports.

How heartily I wish the other chief complaint — shall I call it dietary mistakes? — could also be eliminated: but this requires considerable money. However, the efficient oversight necessary to the reform would undoubtedly prove greater economy in the end. Let us at least give our good wishes and any influence we may have for the success of the very moderate demand of the hospital upon the state for assistance. The work that we have accomplished that can be weighed and measured is easily summarized but surely we all must realize that this is a small fraction of our work.

Money, strenuous efforts in the management of the hospital, oversight of various departments — many things are essential to the greatest good of our hospital patients but we are not called upon to bear these responsibilities. The eye has its work and the hand has its. Let not the eye be jealous of the hand. It is a great mistake to suppose, because our work is not what is called practical,

our results, material, that it is therefore trivial,
that it can be said in any true sense, that
little can be accomplished. The greatest things
are those that cannot be weighed and measured.
The sphere of our mission far from being
narrow and circumscribed, lies in that broad
field where the sum total of good is im-
measurably increased by influence on others,
through sympathy, encouragement, enthusiasm.
With the exception of the very, very few mighty
ones of the earth, how pitifully little work
can be directly accomplished by any one in-
dividual: then how happy we should be
that we have this other power - this indirect
way of aiding in the accomplishment of the
Divine plan. We can never know how far
reaching may be the word of cheer, encour-
agement, sympathy to even the lowliest. In
what way can one be more sure of following
in the footsteps of Him who "went about doing
good - healing the sick" than in lessening
in no matter how small a degree the suffer-
ing of the same - the sick whom we have
with us always as truly as the poor, of

lifting that heavy cloud of suffering and oppression of spirits that makes life a burden?

Aside from the actual pain and suffering of illness, the greatest burden on the sick especially on the chronic cases in an institution, is the want of interests outside themselves. They have far too much time to think of themselves and their ailments. It is doing them a very real good to bring in frequently some little news of the outside world - anything to break the awful monotony of life. We cannot all bring the same gifts, it were not well if we could. One can write a letter, another read a book; one can speak in a native tongue unknown to those daily around - then indeed is speech truly golden; one knows how to say just the right word of cheer and encouragement, and she who is tongue-tied can give a kindly smile or render the no small service of lending a willing ear to the recital of aches and discomforts. One of the men said to me, "We know who sympathize with us" and after all that is what each one craves - sympathy, a willingness to bear with

each for a little while the heavy burden put upon his shoulders. This can only be done by giving of ourselves in personal contact and how glad we should be to do it. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Having acknowledged the importance, the beauty of our work, we should not make the mistake of thinking it could as well be accomplished without our Board as an organization. The history of the world proves that all work for its advancement, its benefit, to be carried on continuously requires organization. Human nature is built that way. Whatever be the faults of government and organization, only an anarchist believes in abolishing them.

Finally it is well to remember that faith is one of the trinity of virtues and little of value can be accomplished in this world without it, so let us have faith in our work and in each other.

Emily D. Smith.

February 23, 1903.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF LADY VISITORS OF THE NEW
HAVEN HOSPITAL.

FEBRUARY 24th 1904.

A FEW FACTS IN THE HISTORY
OF THE
BOARD OF LADY VISITORS
AT THE
NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL.

Read at their Annual Meeting, February 24, 1904.

Also additional notes embracing the time
between February, 1904 and December, 1905,
gathered and read by

CORNELIA P. BULFORD.

LADIES OF THE BOARD OF LADY VISITORS:-

The end of another year has come and I trust no one feels any discouragement. Our work as apportioned to us is almost wholly in the field of the spiritual where results cannot be weighed and measured. So to make a just estimate of what has been accomplished here must always be an exceedingly delicate and difficult task.

Yet it is natural to desire to see results. This year we have not only been able to do our best in this spiritual field but it has also happily been our privilege to reach out into the material plot adjoining and bestow some benefits there.

We have continued our good work of last year in providing suitable clothing for the children in the care of the Hospital. It was owing to Mrs. Punderford's suggestion that this work was first undertaken and we are still indebted to her for attending to the business of it so efficiently and so unselfishly. In this connection our hearty thanks are also due to "Our Society" who, through Mrs. Russell's kind intervention so generously assisted us. Our donation to the Hospital of one dozen bed tables, has, I am assured, contributed greatly to the comfort of the patients and has received the most hearty approval of both Mr. Starkweather and Miss Stowe.

Our visitors for December, Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Johnson, very modestly refrained from referring to the Christmas entertainment in their report. It is, however, an important

As often in the meetings of this Board members feel that the real gain that is to be counted from their various efforts ~~is~~ indeed trivial, it aroused a desire on the part of your Secretary of the year past to look up the doings of this Board from the time of its foundation to the present time, and I have been asked to read to you what I made note of, as appealing to me with satisfaction, so I shall ask that the members accept this statement from the spirit in which it was collected, and not from a critical or literary standpoint.

The first account we have of any meeting of the "Board of Lady Visitors" reads, as follows:-

The meeting of the Board of Lady Visitors for the purpose of organizing themselves into a work body for the year was held at the Hospital on the first Tuesday in the month of February (Feb. 6th) 1883. There were present on that occasion Mrs. Richard Everit, Mrs. Francis Bacon, Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Miss Emily Carrington, Mrs. S. E. Barrett, Mrs. Thomas Russell, Miss Justine Ingersol, Miss Charlotte Thorne and Miss DuBois. Mrs. Everit was appointed Chairman and Miss DuBois, Secretary. The following visitors were then appointed: Miss Ingersol and Mrs. Henry L. Hotchkiss for the month of February, Miss Carrington and Mrs. Russell for March, Miss Thorne and Miss DuBois for April, Mrs. Wm. Fitch and Mrs. S.E. Barrett for May. Mrs. Everit

part of our work, I think, to bring the joy of this blessed season into the lives of those who must know so much of suffering. Mrs. Henry Farnam has long assisted us in this work by a generous donation each year. Though physically helpless and suffering for many years, she has never ceased to help others and has been especially beneficent to this Hospital.

This year more patients than usual could enjoy the entertainment because the Chapel was being used as a Ward by patients of "Three East" who otherwise could not have been brought down. What a blessing an elevator would be at this time! Our two members have now for a number of years most unselfishly devoted many hours at this busy season to this good work. The preparing of the symbolic tree, the arranging for the entertainment and the choosing of presents for each and all take much time and thought and strength but I am sure that they find it "work that pays" when they count the pleasure and gratitude of those for whom they have labored.

The children also had their cup of joy filled to overflowing by those adjuncts of Christmas, dear to the hearts of children—stockings filled by Santa Claus and the tree he leaves to delight with *its* wonderful fruit. This great treat was contributed by the thoughtful, tender nurses. This happy day was greeted with such wild enthusiasm by the poor children that I hope, if any help be needed to repeat this celebration

then appointed the next meeting to be held at the Hospital on the first Tuesday in March at 3 P. M.

M. R. J. DuBois, Secretary.

There were fourteen members at this meeting. The ladies may have noticed that while Mrs. Henry L. Hotchkiss was appointed to visit in February, no mention is at any time made of her being a member of the Board; that will only show you how imperfect the records are for definite facts, so I trust we may all see the desirability of making our records more decisive. I find that Mrs. Everit and Miss DuBois were presiding officers from 1883 to 1889; from 1889 to 1890, Mrs. Everit and Mrs. Nuttall; from October 29, 1890 to May, 1891, Mrs. Everit and Miss Hawkins; from September, 1891 to January, 1893, Mrs. Everit and Miss Bulford--showing Mrs. Everit as chairman for the first ten years of this Board's existence.

Of our members now present, Mrs. S. E. Barrett and Mrs. Thomas Russell are the only ones who were elected at the first meeting. In November, 1883 Miss Munson was elected. Soon after the regular meetings were established, the subject of cold food was vigorously discussed and at the urgent request of the Board the Prudential Committee bought the hot boxes, which have since been in use. Then an appeal was made that the potatoes, which were served with their jackets on to "help keep them warm", should be peeled; through persistence, this was accomplished. In October, 1884 Miss Munson made a strong appeal that more mugs should be furnished for the wards; it was a fact that those served last

next Christmas, we may be able to extend it.

Surely you will agree with me that we have not had a barren year, at least some good fruit we can show. Yet we deeply err if we think the greatest good that has been accomplished can be summed up in this way. In a beautiful legend of the Holy Grail, the wound of the king could be healed only by sympathy, fellow suffering. Many other things were tried, but nothing else sufficed. It was not until the compassionate question had been addressed that the agony ceased and health was restored, although the suffering had continued through many weary years because of the withholding of the sympathizing word. This is our beautiful mission, to heal by sympathy or if it be not granted us literally to heal, at least to ease the pain. Since sympathy is the medicine we must apply we must be very sure that it is pure and genuine. It must be the spirit that heals others not the emotion that exhausts ourselves. Give energy without appreciable loss of spirit. This is not an impossibility; we can find a parallel even in the physical world, in the newly found element, radium. A sample of it has been giving off energy in heat and a certain light ever since its discovery, five years ago, without apparent loss in weight or size. It is not less sympathy we need, it is yet more sympathy, for sympathy means feeling with, not feeling for. It is embodiment of the word "with" and must give us the ability to see from the patients point of view. When we clearly can do this we shall realize that he has not

had to wait for the mugs used by those who were fortunate enough to be served first. Spoons were so rusty that many of the handles were used in place of the bowls. The ladies of this Board, not being able to influence the Prudential Committee, to supply new, furnished them, and to their great satisfaction, touched the pride of that Committee, who acknowledged their shortcoming most graciously.

It belonged to Miss DuBois to have the honor of having made the first public appeal through the newspapers for a substantial contribution on Hospital Sunday.

In January, 1885 the first annual report of this Board was made to the Prudential Committee. At the February meeting Mrs. Everit read two notes from Prof. Henry W. Farnam, who was Chairman of that Committee, thanking this Board for their interest and exertions in behalf of the Hospital.

The patients at that time had free access to their clothing; through suggestions from this Board, the present restrictions were made. In June, 1884 Miss Bulford was elected to this Board. Much complaint was made at this time about poor butter and milk, and often tainted meat. Mr. Starkweather assured the Committee that all food was good when purchased but his refrigerator was too small and too old. Mrs. Barrett and your Secretary were appointed visitors for the month of September, and feeling much wrought up over apparent unsanitary conditions of the refrigerator and store room, proceeded at once to investigate

only suffering, but endurance given him- yes, even resignation; and the power to enjoy is rarely lacking. It is one of our duties to feed this appetite for enjoyment. By a law of nature *every man must bear his own burden. By sympathy* we stand by him shoulder to shoulder and partly bear his burden with him; his back is eased for a time and we leave him with renewed strength but we cannot relieve him by taking his burden with us and if we do carry part with us to depress us we do not help him one particle. Indeed indirectly we hurt him for we shall have less strength and happiness for him on our next visit, for we can only give what we possess.)

(This surely is a truism yet strange to say every one does not realize it. To give generously of happiness and strength one must possess them largely. It is true such a one may have been disciplined by bitter sorrow but if he bestow largely to-day he surely possesses bounties today no matter what yesterday held for him. On the other hand I have known a load to be lifted by the smile of a little child. *Our* whole duty lies in bringing our good, be it much or little and sharing it.

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with all possible care. While doing so we were surprised by the Prudential Committee, who were making their rounds; the worst of conditions were found and before another meeting the present ice boxes were well under way. The entire plan and suggestion was one formally laid and presented by this Board, and accepted with gratitude by the Committee. The meeting following was recorded almost as one of victory, and in the report words of great praise were given to the visitors of the month. Here we also find one general comb in the lavatory of the Children's Ward. Personal donations were made to remedy this; also, there were no means, as now, of furnishing glasses for the old people. Through the efforts of this Board, those have been furnished since. In 1885 we find Miss Munson very much aroused over greasy stews and pickles being served frequently. Soon we find, through her efforts, the bill of fare changed and toast and corn-bread served twice a week. It must not be taken that all requests of the Board were heeded or that many of the changes allowed came at once, - far from it; the reports frequently speak of discouragements and many heartfelt desires passed by unnoticed, but my object is to show how in the long run much has been accomplished, and ought to give courage for the future.

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In October, 1886 Mrs. Stilson proposed that a sewing society be started by this Board for Hospital garments. Miss Cremer, the head nurse, gladly gave the use of her room. Soon it seemed best to have the place of meeting more central, and

Trinity Chapel was offered, and with Mrs. J. B. Sargent, who was then of this Board, and Mrs. Stilson in charge the now Hospital Aid Society was started.

In December, 1886 Mr. Starkweather drew our attention to the great need of steam cookers in the kitchen. After long and earnest appeals, those were put in. In February, 1887 Miss DuBois made great efforts to secure a place for the third story patients to get into the air; the Committee granted the request that a gallery might be built, but they had no funds to do it. The Board raised the money (each member pledged ten dollars) and before the following summer was over the present gallery was in use; at that time, two wards were continually in use on that floor Gifford not being built. Mrs. Stilson soon after offered to assist in raising funds for a children's ward; by using the Register for appeals she collected \$170. and withdrew. That sum is still in the General Fund of the Hospital.

In September , 1888 Mrs. John C. Punderford was elected to the Board. At that time the meals were served patients from a carrying tray and placed on their tables. This Board secured the trays now in use; also, through their suggestions, each was furnished with salt and pepper. Through Mrs. Punderford we find the present manner of serving the tea and coffee, which, although not what she would have desired, does enable the patient to get it hot. The rolling chairs being very limited in number, a collection

was made and one bought for 3 West. Gifford was opened in January, 1893. Mrs. Timothy Cowles, Chairman, and Mrs. W. W. Hawkes, Secretary, were the officers from 1893 to 1900. In March 1893 Mrs. Barrett presented the Board with twenty two dollars, raised by some children at a little sale, with the request that it be spent in the children's ward. A rolling chair was purchased and the balance expended in clothing. In 1894, through the Board, a room was arranged where patients were taken on their arrival and bathed and clothed for the ward; also the children's ward was renovated and beds painted white. It was in 1895 that the Board first made formal rules and regulations. Through Mrs. Punderford's appeals, the electric fans were put in the kitchen; these were gained after two years of hard labor. A letter of thanks and appreciation was read from Mr. Brown and his assistants.

In September, 1898 funds were started to refurnish I East. The members were most enthusiastic, but owing to the restrictions upon the manner of collections, by the Prudential Committee, the plan was abandoned. In 1896 Mrs. H. E. Johnson was admitted, in 1897 Mrs. Frank A. Monson and in 1899 Mrs. Thomas A. Bostwick. From 1900 to 1902 Mrs. Punderford was Chairman and Miss Bulford, Secretary. In November Mrs. Punderford opened her house for the sale of anything made by the women in Gifford 2. The members of this Board and of the Training School Board were asked to assist and a table of cake was added; the result was most satisfactory to those who had donated their work. The total

amount paid the contributors was thirty two dollars and twenty-five cents.

Miss Munson at this time secured the privilege for the patients in Gifford to recline on their beds without being obliged to retire. Soon after, a meeting was called and an effort made to make a systematic furnishing of clothing for the Children's Ward. Donations were made and Mrs. F. W. Baker and Mrs. Bostwick were appointed to see if arrangements could be brought about to combine such a meeting with the Hospital Aid Society. It was found that such was not advisable, so all meetings as a Board were given up, but Mrs. Punderford has generously accepted any funds donated for such purposes, made purchases according to Miss Stowe's needs, and given due account of all expenditures.

In 1901 Mrs. H. E. Smith, Mrs. Francis G. Beach, Mrs. Frank W. Baker and Mrs. Nathan S. Bronson were made members.

In 1902 Mrs. Smith, Chairman, and Mrs. T. A. Bostwick, Secretary. Mrs. Bostwick, having served one year, refused re-nomination and Mrs. Smith, being unanimously elected to continue Chairman, accepted and Miss Bulford was elected Secretary. In January, 1902 Mrs. George B. Stevens, Miss Rowland, Miss Hurd, Mrs. Charles Ives and Mrs. Turlay were added to the Board.

In January, 1903 Mrs. Stevens suggested the comfort that reading tables, or bed tables, would be to the patients, and a discussion was held as to the Board taking means to provide them. After most enthusiastic word from Mr. Starkweather, it was voted to use the money, amounting to twenty seven dollars, held by Mr.

Starkweather since the attempt to refurnish I East, and to raise the deficit to pay for twelve tables by donations from members. The result was eighteen dollars and fifty cents collected. The amount needed being only nine dollars to meet the required sum for the tables, the remaining nine dollars and fifty cents was given Mrs. Punderford for the Children's Ward, to be invested at the United Workers. At this meeting it was voted that the yearly dues be fifty cents, and the Secretary given power to ask for them so that the treasury may not be depleted when small matters are brought to our consideration.

Through this Board most generous donations have been made the Hospital from the "Needle Work Guild", the "Ours Society" and many other outside helps.

Now our attention is turned to the hope that the many complaints made concerning the preparation and serving of foods, both from a palatable and economic standpoint, may find a betterment, which, through the efforts of our Chairman, has recently reached the ears and consideration of the Prudential Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornelia Pomeroy Bulford,

Secretary.

February 24, 1904.

Since the acceptance of the foregoing report, it has been requested that the writer make additional notes at various periods, thereby keeping (for easier reference) some of the more important doings, either of the Board as a body, or by the individual, as well as other items of more than passing interest.

The first act chronicled in March, 1904, outside the regular routine work, is that of sending Mr. Starkweather an azaelia, to express our sympathy for his serious illness. It hardly seems necessary for me to go into detail touching on our love and respect for Mr. Starkweather, for I feel sure there is not one member of this Board whose heart, at the very mention of his name, does not bound with true affection, and will always remember the sorrow they felt when it was forced upon them that this illness was only a wearied body crying out for a well earned rest after so many years of faithful service. In consequence of which his resignation was offered and accepted.

In touching upon Mr. Starkweather's resignation, this report would fall far short of its aim, if I did not make mention of the resignation also at this time of Mr. Wm. F. Smith, though it is not my intention to record all the various comings and goings of the house coterie. Mr. Smith for years had been identified with the Hospital staff and for six years was assistant to Mr. Starkweather, and ably performed the many complex duties devolving on him, always cheerful and cordial in his greetings, giving aid

as far as in his power to all requests of this Board, and many patients, both old and young, still bear testimony to his loving care and thoughtfulness. They would be glad to join with us in wishing him every success in his new home as Superintendent of the Maine Central Hospital, Lewiston, Maine.

It was at the meeting in January, 1904 that Mrs. John S. Ely, Mrs. Oscar Dikeman, Mrs. John H. Platt, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes and Mrs. Oliver Richardson were elected to the Board, a quintet that has ever since proved a never failing source of helpfulness. Almost immediately we find Mrs. Ely making a never to be forgotten impression on the Hospital household, especially on the patients of Gifford I, for in April, 1904 she asked permission to build a run-way from the gallery on the north side of the Gifford addition to the ground, making it possible for patients in rolling chairs to get on to the grass once again. The request was granted, and few privileges have ever been more truly appreciated. Although no statement of expense has ever been made, it is without doubt the largest individual donation ever made by a member of this Board.

In May, one of the patients, Mr. Lamson in Gifford I, made some most excellent photographs of Mr. Starkweather; one was purchased and framed at the expense of this Board, and through Mr. Coddington's courtesy now hangs in the Superintendent's private office. Again Mrs. Ely's influence is felt, - in March, 1905 through her efforts, The Treat & Shepard Company made the generous gift of a piano, a source of great delight to all those who may

be able to get to the chapel, and especially to those who so kindly give their services to entertain by music. Among the delightful entertainments given through Mrs. Ely's untiring spirit, that, when the famous Welsh harpist, Aptommas, appeared, should not go unrecorded. Mrs. Ely's gift, also, of a graphophone and many records has been much enjoyed; during the last year the Board has also bought additional records.

In August, 1904 Mrs. Punderford took all the children that were able to go for a day at Savin Rock, it being what has become known as "Children's Day" at that resort. The day was such a joy to all the little folks that in October Mrs. Punderford took them for a trolley ride to Woodmont. Again, during this last summer, she repeated the excursion on "Children's Day". The many attractions especially devised for that day were enjoyed to the full, every effort being made to make participation possible with the least bodily exertion, and words can hardly describe the extent of their happiness. The journey being made in comfortable carriages, one little fellow went who had not been out of the Hospital in two years. It is with great sorrow that at this time we know of Mrs. Punderford's serious illness, but I trust that a life so full of good works will in time be restored to full health and activity.

One name that I have left to the last, owing to the fact that her services have been continuous, is that of Mrs. S.E. Barrett, a life long member and greatly esteemed through her hard labor, tender care and consideration. The Christmas tree and

entertainments each year shines forth to cheer the hearts of the entire Hospital family. Few in taking part in the enjoyment appreciate the great amount of work and love that she expends upon it year after year. In drawing this resumé to a close, a feeling of regret comes to me that I cannot make personal mention of each member, for surely our records bear evidence that each hath given of their abundance, and none can judge which has given the most acceptable service, and I would not give praise to any one beyond reason, but in the voice of the Board I would add that no one could be weary in well doing while they have the beautiful example before them of Mrs. Herbert E. Smith, our Chairman, ever faithful and true, a very joy and comfort to the patients and a continual inspiration for higher and better things in the Board room. May she long remain our honored head.

I have given space to what we have done for the "comfort and care of the patients", now it seems a just due and privilege to speak of the helpfulness given us by that intercourse. Many have taught us never-ending lessons, and their memories live after them; one especially, whose passing away on May 12, 1905, leaves an example we all reverence, was

Mrs. Urania H. Dayton,

a patient for more than six years in Gifford 2, and though bound helpless, and suffering without ceasing, her uncomplaining spirit, and her generous uplifting character, made her life a continual benediction to all who came in contact with her.

"The end crowns all,
And that great Arbitrator, Time-
Ends all."

Annual Report of Chairman

1905-

On account of the absence of our Secretary from the city at present, and of her inability because of ill health to attend all the meetings of the Board during the past year, it was of course impossible for her to prepare an annual report, so I shall inflict another Chairman's report upon you that we may gain whatever encouragement accrues from glancing over the work of the past year. And we have had an encouraging year. We have long been agreed that the greatest good we can accomplish lies in the spiritual field, still we like practical results and more than usually have these been vouchsafed us this year. Three families have been directly or indirectly assisted by us, and so the sick mother in each case was relieved from the weight of anxiety which greatly added to her physical sufferings. The first was the Holst family: the mother was in the hospital eight months, dying after her fourth operation. She had left at home eight children, the youngest, a baby; and her worry concerning their insufficiency of clothing and their general welfare was making an intolerable addition to her suffering when Mrs. Richardson called our attention to the case. The gratitude of the poor woman for the

sympathy and material assistance was deep and touching. It is a comfort to feel sure that we were enabled to lighten such a burdensome load, especially as it was so greatly increased by the loving and conscientious nature of the woman. Mrs. Harrison came to the hospital from Meriden. She, too, was anxious about the family she left at home and Mrs. Platt kindly offered to write to a club in Meriden engaging their sympathies and interest in the family. We were assured that what could be done, would be done. Mrs. Harrison has since returned home. Mrs. Aston's case is similar with the additionally pathetic feature that she is struggling with her little weak body to support her family. Miss Munson called our attention to the need in both these cases and she has personally been beautifully helpful. Mrs. Turley and Miss Hurd have also done much. Mrs. Aston has much commendable pride and great tact is needed in helping her. She sews very neatly and would be very grateful for any orders for hand sewing.

Under the initiative of Mrs. Punderford, we have for four years taken upon ourselves the duty of clothing the children who are under the care of the hospital. We have been assisted in this by the "Our Society" whose kind offices have been enlisted

and by Mrs. Russell. We have great satisfaction in comparing the present appearance of the children with what it was four years ago and I trust we shall not weary in this special well doing.

We were able to have the Christmas celebration as usual, this year through the generosity of Professor Henry Farnam, he having continued the gift his mother had for so many years kindly bestowed. Mrs. Barrett, though ill, heroically did all the work but felt repaid by the joy and gratitude that shone in the faces of the patients.

Early in the year, Mr. Starkweather, who had been superintendent during the existence of this Board and with whom it had had very cordial relations, resigned owing to ill health. We were glad to show in ways at our command our appreciation of his kindness and co-operation, and sympathy in his affliction. It is pleasant to know that he has been able to continue in the service of the institution, with which he had become so identified and where his heart was so thoroughly in the work. Mr. Coddington succeeded him as superintendent and has entered into his work with zeal. He has signified his desire to assist us and has given evidence of

his spirit in his hearty co-operation with Mrs. Barrett in the Christmas celebration and in the prompt attention he has given to the few complaints the Board has made.

Through Mrs. Ely, Mr. Eli Whitney's attention was called to a plan formulated by this Board looking toward the improvement of the dietary of the Hospital, concerning which there had been much complaint. The plan commended itself so much to his approval, that he presented it to the prudential committee. We received a discouraging reply but we cling to the hope that it may have had some influence. It may be true that the improvement was coincident with the change of superintendents, — at any rate, one of our chief complaints, the monotony due to the fixed dietary (the same for every week in the year) has been replaced by much greater variety, which is very generally admitted as essential to the well being of the body in sickness as well as in health.

It scarcely falls within our province to record bequests to the hospital but we rejoice in everything that increases its efficiency. There have been several free beds endowed but the

general fund has not been greatly increased. The crowded condition of the hospital causing the chapel again to be pressed into service as a ward, shows the urgent need of a large bequest to build additional wards. We have long felt the imperative need of an elevator but the efficiency of it would be greatly curtailed until the old building is replaced and all floors are on one level.

It gives me great pleasure to record the benefactions that came to the patients, not through this Board as a whole but by two individual members. The runway was built by Mrs. Ely and was of the greatest benefit to the patients of Gifford I during the summer and fall, enabling them to get a little more exercise and to be out in the pure fresh air under the sky. Mrs. Punderford bestowed the other blessing and this time it was the children who were the happy beneficiaries. Two excursions, one in the summer to Savin Rock and the other in the fall to Merwin's Point, not only crowded two days full of interest and delight but formed the topics for much joyous thought and talk afterward.

While it is very gratifying and very encouraging thus to glance over the field of actual

accomplishment, we must not forget the deep value that no one can accurately estimate that lies in the personal touch, the word of sympathy, the encouraging smile. "It is not what we give, but what we share."

Emily D. Smith.

February 22, 1905.

List of Lady Visitors 1904 + 1905

Mrs H. C. Smith	430	George St-
" J. H. Russell	131	Elm St-
" S. C. Barrett	67	Lafayette "
" F. W. Baker	70	Trumbull "
" W. W. Hawkes	35	High St-
" J. C. Purdyford	131	Sherman Ave
" F. A. Monson	1085	Chapel St-
" J. A. Bostwick	43	Livingston
" W. S. Bronson	1198	Chapel St-
" G. B. Stevens	388	Whitney Ave
" J. S. Ely	51	Trumbull St-
" M. D. Lunday	79	Trumbull "
" Charles Frost	66	Trumbull "
" J. H. Platt	1194	Chapel St-
" O. H. Richardson	284	Orange "
" Franklin Knight	221	Wooster "
" A. J. Gammack	28	Church St - West Haven
" Anson P. Stokes	73	Elm St-
" Oscar Dikeman	455	George "
" F. G. Beach	84	Wall "
Miss M. A. Munson	131	Elm "
" C. P. Bulford	306	Lawrence St-
" Katherine Hurd	364	Whalley Ave
" M. J. Rowland	67	Olive St-

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Names of members of the Board of Lady Visitors
submitted for approval by the
Board of Directors-

- 196 York St
- Mrs. E. A. Tuttle
- Mrs. Edward J. Barrett - 67 Lafayette St
- Mrs. Thomas H. Russell - 131 Elm "
- Miss M. A. Munson - 131 Elm "
- Miss Cornelia P. Bulford - 306 Lawrence.
- Mrs. John C. Punderford - 131 Sherman Ave
- Mrs. William W. Hawkes - 35 High St
- Mrs. Frank A. Monson - 1085 Chapel "
- Mrs. Thomas A. Postwick - 43 Living stn "
- Mrs. Herbert E. Smith - 430 George St
- Mrs. Frank W. Baker - 210 St. Roman St
- Mrs. Nathan S. Bronson - 1198 Chapel "
- Mrs. George B. Stevens - 388 Whitney Ave
- Miss J. M. Rowland - 67 Olive "
- Miss Katherine E. Howard - 364 Whalley "
- Mrs. M. D. Turley - Grove Hall
- Mrs. John S. Ely - 81 Trumbull St.
- Mrs. John H. Platt - 1194 Chapel "
- Mrs. Oscar Dikeman - 455 George "
- Mrs. Oliver H. Richardson - 284 Orange "
- Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes - 73 Elm "
- Mrs. Arthur J. Gammack - 28 Church - Mt Haven
- Mrs. S. W. Hart - 440 Prospect "
- Mrs. J. E. Beard - 221 Wooster St.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the General Hospital
Society of Connecticut January 26th 1906. and the ladies are authorized
to increase their number to twenty four if they so desire

Timothy W. Bishop
Secretary, General Hospital Society.

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1907.

Mrs Edward I Barrett,	Colonial Inn. Woodmont.
" Thomas H. Russell,	131 Elm St.
Miss M. A. Munson,	131 Elm St
" Carolina P. Bulford,	306 Lawrence St.
Mrs William W. Hawkes,	35 High St
" Frank A. Munson,	1085- Chapel St
" Thomas A. Postwick,	43 Livingston St.
" Herbert C. Smith,	430 George St
" Frank W. Baker,	210 St Roman St
" Nathan S. Bronson,	1198 Chapel St.
" George B. Stevens,	
Miss J. M. Rowland,	67 Olive St
" Katherine C. Hurd,	364 Whalley Ave
Miss John S. Ely,	81 Trumbull St
" John H. Platt,	1194 Chapel St
Mrs Oscar Dikeman	Newtown. Ct.
" O. H. Richardson	284 Orange St.
" A. P. Loke Jr.	73 Elm St
" A. J. Gammack.	28 Church St. West Haven
" J. W. Hart-	440 Prospect St
" C. A. Tuttle	196 York St
Miss Annie Bassett.	291 Shelton Ave.
Mrs George Blumer	204 York St
Mrs E. H. McHenry	285 Prospect St.
Always send a postal to Mrs Coddington (J. R.)	

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Board of Lady Visitors 1902.

Mrs T. H. Russell	137 Elm St
Mrs S. E. Barrett	67 Lafayette St
Mrs G. L. Dickerman	320 Temple St.
Mrs R. S. Pickett	140 Sylvan Ave
Miss M. A. Mansow.	Whitneyville, Conn
Mrs. H. H. Johnson	374 George St
Mrs. F. G. Beach.	74 Wall St
Mrs. F. W. Baker.	70 Trumbull St
Miss C. P. Bulford	306 Lawrence St.
Mrs. J. C. Punderford	131 Sherman Ave.
Mrs. W. W. Hawkes	35 High St.
Mrs. J. A. Monson	1085 Chapel St.
Mrs. J. A. Bostwick	17 College St.
Mrs W. G. Daggett	189 Church St.
Miss Lesseuden	562 Orange St
Mrs H. E. Smith	430 George St.
Mrs Nathan S Bronson	1198 Chapel St.
Mrs. Joseph Porter	215 Whitney Ave.
Miss S. A. Bacon	294 Elm St.
Mrs. M. B. Gray	315 York St.
Mrs. G. B. Stevens	388 Whitney Ave.
Miss Clifford Newton	235 Prospect St
Miss M. J. Rowland	67 Olive St
Miss M. B. Merwin.	79 Trumbull St.