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BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 1877-8.

Alderman — S. C. Perkins,	} Elected January, 1877.
Councilmen — P. S. Roberts,	
C. J. Spenceley,	
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William A. Rust, <i>Secretary</i> (term expires May 1, 1878),	
Timothy J. Dacey,	
John Goldthwait,	
Francis F. Emery,	
William H. Kent (term expires May 1, 1878).	

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Edward Reynolds, M.D.	Silas Durkee, M.D.
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THE HOSPITAL STAFF.

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Edward Cowles, M.D.

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John G. Blake, M.D.	George J. Arnold, M.D.
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C. Ellery Stedman, M.D.	A. L. Mason, M.D.

For Diseases of the Nervous System.

R. T. Edes, M.D.	S. G. Webber, M.D.
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Visiting Surgeons.

Chas. D. Homans, M.D.	W. C. B. Fifield, M.D.
David W. Cheever, M.D.	Williams Ingalls, M.D.
Wm. H. Thorndike, M.D.	George W. Gay, M.D.

Ophthalmic Surgeons.

Henry W. Williams, M.D.	Oliver F. Wadsworth, M.D.
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Physicians to Out-Patients.

A. M. Sumner, M.D.	Geo. B. Shattuck, M.D.
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Surgeons to Out-Patients.

Thomas Dwight, M.D.	W. P. Bolles, M.D.
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Out-Patient Department for Diseases of Women.

W. E. Boardman, M.D.	J. R. Chadwick, M.D.
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Out-Patient Department for Diseases of the Skin.

Edward Wigglesworth, M.D.

Out-Patient Department for Diseases of the Ear.

J. Orne Green, M.D.

Out-Patient Department for Diseases of the Nervous System.

Vacancy.

Out-Patient Department for Diseases of the Throat.

E. W. Cushing, M.D.

Pathologist.

E. G. Cutler, M.D.

House Physicians.

C. P. Bancroft,
S. E. Fitz,
G. A. Leland,
G. T. Tuttle,
J. F. Gore.

Medical Externes.

W. W. Seymour,
F. W. Whittemore.

House Surgeons.

E. O. Otis,
S. W. French,
S. B. Woodward,
C. R. Walker.

Surgical Externes.

H. W. Broughton,
L. H. Plympton.

Ophthalmic Interne. — H. S. Kilby.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

CITY HOSPITAL, BOSTON, April 30, 1878.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:—

The Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, in compliance with the Ordinances, respectfully present herewith their Fourteenth Annual Report.

Number of patients remaining in the Hospital, April 30, 1877	300
Admitted during the year, —	
Medical	2,415
Surgical	1,526
Ophthalmic	93
	4,034
Treated during the year	4,334
Discharged	3,715
Died	311
	4,026
Remaining in Hospital, April 30, 1878	308
Largest number in Hospital at any time	329
Smallest number in Hospital at any time	241
Daily average number of patients	284 $\frac{2}{3}$
Average length of stay of each patient (days)	23 $\frac{1}{4}$
Number of patients treated in the out-patient department, classified according to their diseases:—	
Medical diseases	2,424
Surgical "	4,200
Diseases of the Eye	1,707
" " Ear	337
" " Skin, 2 months	141
" of Women	313
" Nervous System	216
" the Throat	320
Total	9,658

Number of visits to the Hospital made by each class :—

Medical diseases	3,947
Surgical "	10,269
Diseases of the Eye	8,922
" " Ear	1,766
" " Skin, 12 months	2,524
" of Women	865
" " Nervous System	798
" " the Throat	1,044
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	30,135

The report of the Superintendent and Resident Physician, presented herewith, contains, besides other information, a statement of the expenditures of the year, and is accompanied by the reports of the medical staff. These reports give details in regard to the number of patients treated in the Hospital and as out-patients during the year, with classified statements of their diseases and the results of treatment.

The whole number of patients in the Hospital during the year was 4,334, and they were under treatment an average of 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ days each, making a total of 103,846 days, or 14,835 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. The entire cost of maintaining the Hospital during the year, including every expenditure, excepting the cost of additions and reconstruction of buildings, new equipment and quinquennial report, was at the rate of

\$8.13 $\frac{1}{2}$ per week	\$120,757 92
But of the patients enumerated above, 271 paid for 998 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks' board	8,136 86
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Leaving, therefore, the sum of	\$112,621 06

as the cost to the city of treating 4,063 non-paying patients, for a total of 13,837 weeks, which is at the rate of \$8.13 per week. But, by averaging the net cost of maintaining the Hospital for the year among all the patients treated, we find the average cost to the city, of board for each patient, was \$7.47 per week.

The report of the Superintendent explains in detail the expenditures made during the year in maintaining the Hospital, showing an increase in the number of patients treated and a net cost of \$7.47 per week for board and care, which is a reduction from that of the previous year and a comparatively large reduction from the cost of former years.

The work of making much needed sanitary improvements in