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Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital
and of the Ladies' Aid Association: for
the year ending January 1, 1883

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT



Massachusetts Homoeopathic Hospital,

AND OF THE

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1883.



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1883.

OF THE

Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital,

AND OF THE

LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1883.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION, for the election of officers and transaction of business, is held on the third Wednesday of January.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES holds its annual meeting on the first Wednesday of February, and quarterly meetings on the first Wednesday of January, April, July, and October, at 5 P. M., at the Hospital. Special meetings are held by direction of the president.

THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION holds its annual meeting, for the choice of officers and transaction of business, on the last Wednesday of January, at 12 M.

Monthly Meetings of the MANAGERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION are held at the Hospital on the last Wednesday of each month, at 11 A. M.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meet at the Hospital every Saturday at 1 P. M., and hold special meetings whenever necessary.

THE MEDICAL BOARD holds its regular meetings on the last Wednesday evening of March, June, September, and December.

THE HOSPITAL is situated on East Concord Street, between Harrison Avenue and Albany Street, Boston.

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OFFICERS OF THE HOSPITAL, 1883.

PRESIDENT.

CHARLES R. CODMAN.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

RUFUS S. FROST,
HENRY S. RUSSELL,

LIVERUS HULL,
OTIS CLAPP.

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S. WHITNEY,
I. T. TALBOT,

D. G. WOODVINE.

TREASURER.

SECRETARY.
MISS ELLEN FROTHINGHAM, 9 Exeter Street.

ISAAC FENNO, 28 Summer Street.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL STAFF.

E. B. DE GERSDORFF, M. D.,
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D. G. WOODVINE, M. D.,
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Physicians.

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I. T. TALBOT, M. D.,
A. BOOTHBY, M. D.,
WM. L. JACKSON, M. D.,
JAMES B. BELL, M. D.,
HENRY C. ANGELL, M. D.,
ALMINA J. BAKER, M. D.,

Surgeons.

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FRANK L. NEWTON,
KATE SANBORN,
SAMUEL H. SPALDING,

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House Surgeon.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHARLES R. CODMAN,

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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MRS. A. S. FOSTER.

MISS F. E. HORTON,
MISS FROTHINGHAM,

MATRON.

MISS MARY E. BELLOW.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMCEOPATHIC HOSPITAL

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

THE Trustees have to report that the work of the institution has been conducted during the past year with its usual efficiency and success.

The need of a separate ward for surgical cases continues to be greatly felt, and it is hoped that the building fund will be so much increased during the coming year as to justify the Trustees in making the necessary addition.

The Trustees are glad to make this public acknowledgment of the generous gift of \$5,000 from Hon. Henry L. Pierce to found a free bed; and also of the bequest of \$1,000 by the late Miss Mary R. H. Wales.

The cost of maintaining the Hospital during the past year was \$12,104.79. The income from invested funds was \$2,842; from paying patients \$5,927.30; from donations, annual subscriptions, and annual free beds, \$1,379; making a total of \$10,148.30, and showing an excess of expenditure over ordinary receipts of \$1,956.49. This result shows the necessity of larger donations, and the Trustees believe that a plan should be inaugurated by which annual subscriptions shall be systematically solicited and collected. They cannot but believe that the friends and patrons of the Hospital will respond generously to such a call.

Two hundred and sixty-five patients have been treated, — a larger number than ever before. The number of deaths was sixteen, being a little more than six per cent of the cases entered. This is a larger percentage than usual in this Hospital, but it is considerably exceeded by the average death rate for the past ten years in the other general hospitals in this city, in none of which has it ever fallen below seven per cent, and has usually exceeded it. During the six years that the present building has been occupied, eleven hundred and twenty-two cases have been treated in this Hospital, and there have been fifty-seven deaths; making the death rate a little above five per cent.

The Trustees append the report of their Executive Committee, which gives the details of administration during the past year. The Hospital owes much of its success to the careful supervision given by the ladies and gentlemen who compose that committee; and their services to the

institution have been supplemented by the Ladies' Aid Association, which, during the past year, as during previous years, has given invaluable sympathy and assistance in carrying on its charitable work.

For the Trustees,

C. R. CODMAN,
President.

ELLEN FROTHINGHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Your Executive Committee have held their regular meeting every Saturday during the past year, and the Hospital has been visited by some of the members once or twice per week besides. All the departments have been constantly inspected, and their condition and working have been found good and worthy the praise bestowed upon the establishment by our distinguished visitor, Miss Emily Faithful, upon the occasion of her recent visit to the Hospital.

There have been some changes among those connected with the Hospital. The position of matron, occupied by Mrs. O'Neill, who left us in August, was most satisfactorily filled during the remainder of the year by Mrs. Julia W. Bellows. At the beginning of the new year she is to be succeeded by Miss Mary E. Bellows, whose varied experience promises to be of great advantage to the Hospital. The chairman of the committee also was obliged to resign his position in November, owing to ill health and intended absence.

The various contributions of flowers, fruit, papers, and magazines have given much gratification to the patients, and are gratefully acknowledged.

The number of patients has been larger than last year, and the cost of maintenance of the Hospital has increased, as will be seen by the statement appended. This increase of our expenses, however, is largely due to the fact that certain items are brought into our accounts this year which last year appeared in that of the Treasurer. Aside from these, the relative increase in the number of patients is greater than that of the cost.

The quality of all the articles consumed has been carefully looked to, and has been excellent, while the intention has been to have as great variety of food as possible, within reasonable limits of expense.

The telephone, having been found to be of little use compared to its cost, will be dispensed with at the end of January, 1883.

The following statement exhibits the amount and cost of the work accomplished by the Hospital the past year :—

STATEMENT.

Number of patients in the Hospital Jan. 1, 1882	.	.	.	21
“ “ admitted during 1882	.	.	.	245
“ “ treated during 1882	.	.	.	265
“ “ remaining over Jan. 1, 1883	.	.	.	24

Average number of patients for the year 1882	22½
Entire number of days patients were treated	8,224
Average number of days each patient was treated	31
Number of paying patients for the year 1882	99
Whole number of days paying patients were present	2,761
Average number of days for each paying patient	28
Number of patients paying in part during the year 1882	29
Whole number of days of partial paying patients in year 1882	1,353
Number of days this class paid in 1882	588
Number of days this class was treated free in 1882	765
Average number of days for each partial paying patient during the year 1882	46½
Number of free patients during the year 1882	138
Whole number of days free patients were present in 1882	4,110
Average number of days' each free patient remained in 1882	29¾
Entire number of days paying patients were present in 1882	2,761
Entire number of days free patients were present in 1882	4,110
Total number of days' treatment patients of all classes in 1882	8,224
Entire expense of the Hospital for the year 1882	\$12,105 79
Average cost per day for the 7,114 days patients were treated,	1 47
Average cost per week for each patient in 1882	10 30

For the Executive Committee,

J. A. HIGGINSON,
Chairman.

Boston, Dec. 30, 1882.

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL FOR 1882.

Salaries and wages	\$2,998 85
Extra nursing and watching	626 97
Provisions, groceries, flour, milk, butter, etc.	5,597 30
Fuel and gas	1,232 60
Water and ice	284 89
Medical and surgical supplies	445 49
Repairs and renewals	427 82
Stationery and printing	168 75
Telephone	124 91
Sundry small expenses	197 21
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	\$12,104 79

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS SUPERVISED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TRUSTEES FOR 1882.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES,
TO MASS. HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL

1881.	DR.		
Jan. 1.	To cash balance for 1881	\$60 43	
	To cash received from patients	5,927 30	
	To cash received from treasurer	6,400 00	
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			\$12,387 73
	CR.		
	By cash paid expenses	\$12,104 79	
Dec. 30.	By balance cash on hand	282 94	
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			\$12,387 73

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JOHN A. HIGGINSON,
Chairman Executive Committee.

Boston, Dec. 30, 1882.

MEDICAL CASES,

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

The following table exhibits the relative yearly work of the Hospital since occupying its present building.

Year.	No. Medical Cases.	No. Surgical Cases.	Total No.	Average No. of Patients in Hospital.	Total No. of Days of Treatment.	Average days for each patient.	Deaths.
1877	78	54	132	16	5,871	44½	3
1878	106	67	173	17½	6,479	37½	7
1879	95	61	156	22½	8,187	52½	9
1880	112	75	187	26	9,416	49½	13
1881	109	100	209	19½	7,114	34	9
1882	135	130	265	22½	8,224	31	16
Total ...	635	487	1,122	21 1-7	45,201	40½	57

The number of patients in the past year has been largely in excess of any preceding year. The number of severe acute cases has been greater and the average time of each patient in the Hospital less than any year since it was opened. The mortality in the six years has averaged very nearly five per cent, but during the past year has been somewhat larger, about six per cent. Of these deaths two of the patients entered moribund, and were not treated; four died of cancer; three of heart disease; one died after amputation; one of apoplexy; one of ovarian tumor; one of pleuritic fistula; one of stone in the bladder, and one after extirpation of the uterus.

Of six cases of typhoid fever, all but one recovered; three severe cases of pneumonia, one of both lungs, also recovered. Many grave cases of acute and chronic diseases, as well as a large number of capital surgical operations, terminated successfully.

There is great need of further accommodations for patients, and especially of small and single rooms. When a patient is suffering from severe pain or noisy delirium he requires to be removed from the ward for the comfort and safety of the others. So, too, the very sick, or dying, should have a room apart from the other patients. In the present Hospital there are but three single rooms, and these are usually engaged in advance, so that it is often impossible to arrange the patients as a proper regard for their welfare demands. A large number of suitable cases, probably more than were received, have been turned away for lack of room. A moderate addition to the present building would enable the Hospital to largely increase its accommodation without great increase of expense. It seems highly desirable that an institution so replete with comfort to the sick should extend its advantages to as many as possible.

DISEASES.	No of Cases.					Remaining.
		Cured.	Improved.	Not improved.	Died.	
Anæmia.....	1		1			
Bright's disease.....	1					1
Bronchitis.....	10	8		2		
Carcinoma of larynx.....	1			1		
" " liver.....	1				1	
" " peritoneum.....	1				1	
" " stomach.....	1				1	
Chorea.....	1		1			
Congestion of liver.....	1	1				
" " lungs.....	1		1			
Convulsions, epileptiform.....	1	1				
Cystitis, chronic.....	2		2			
Diabetes insipidus.....	1	1				
Diabetes mellitus.....	1		1			
Diseases of heart.....	5	1	1		3	
Diseases of nervous system.....	26	7	14	3		2
Dysentery.....	1	1				
Eczema.....	2		1	1		
Embolism.....	1					1
Fever, remittent.....	2	2				
" intermittent.....	3	2	1			
" typhoid.....	6	4			1	1
Fistula pleuritic.....	1		1			
Follicular cervicitis.....	1					1
Gastritis.....	6	5				1
Gonarthritis.....	1	1				
Hemorrhoids.....	1	1				
Hystero-epilepsy.....	1	1				
Icterus.....	1	1				
Intestinal catarrh, chronic.....	2	1		1		
Malaria.....	2		1			1
Mania a potu.....	1	1				
Morphine habit.....	1			1		
Nephritis.....	1	1				
Neuralgia.....	2	1	1			
Ovaralgia.....	2	1	1			
Ovaritis.....	1					1
Peritonitis, acute.....	1	1				
" chronic.....	1			1		
Phthisis pulmonalis.....	4		2	2		
Pleurisy.....	3	3				
Pneumonia.....	3	2				1
Progressive paralysis.....	1			1		
Poisoning (quinine).....	1	1				
" (balm of gilead).....	1		1			
Rectitis.....	1	1				
Retroversio uteri.....	4	1	3			
Rheumatism.....	5	3		1		1
Sciatica.....	1	1				
Synovitis.....	1	1				
Tumor abdominalis.....	1			1		
Tuberculosis.....	2			2		
Typhoid pneumonia.....	1		1			
Ulceratio uteri.....	2	2				
Miscellaneous. Not treated.....	8			6	2	
Total.....	135	58	34	23	9	11

SURGICAL CASES.

DISEASE.	No. of Cases.	No. of operations.	Cured.	Improved.	Not Improved.	Died.	Remaining.
Abscess	8	4	3	2	2	.....	1
Amputation	2	2	1	.....	.....	1	.....
“ of cervix uteri	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Angioma	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Apoplexy, cerebral.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Broken catheter in bladder.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burn	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleft palate.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Conical os uteri.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Constipation.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Contusion	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Coxalgia	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Diseases of eye.....	8	6	4	4	.....	.....	.....
Enlarged prostate.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Exsanguination.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Extirpation of uterus.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Fissura ani	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fistula in ano.....	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Floating kidney	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Fracture	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1
Hæmatemesis	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hæmorrhoids.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hæmatocele	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hernia inguinal	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hip disease.....	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Housemaid's knee.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hypertrophied tonsils.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Imperforate vagina.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Ingrowing toenail	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Injury to hip	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laceration of cervix uteri.....	10	9	9	.....	.....	.....	1
Lupus	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Necrosis	3	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....
Paralysis	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Paraphimosis	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phimosis	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleuritic fistula	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Polypus uteri.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Procidencia uteri (complete).....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prolapsus uteri	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Retroversio uteri	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Ruptured perineum.....	7	7	6	.....	.....	.....	1
Spinal curvature.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Sprained ankle	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stone in bladder	5	4	3	1	.....	1	.....
Stricture of œsophagus.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
“ “ urethra	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ “ rectum	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Syphilis	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Torticollis	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Traumatic epididymitis.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Tumors, cancer of cervix uteri ..	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
“ cystic.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ encephaloid	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
“ epithelioma	5	4	3	1	1	.....	.....
“ fatty	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ fibro cystic	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....

SURGICAL CASES, *continued.*

DISEASE.	No. of Cases.	No. of Operations.	Cured.	Improved.	Not Improved.	Died.	Remaining.
Tumors, mammary	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
“ ovarian	2	2	1	.....	.....	1	.....
“ scirrhus	8	7	7	.....	1	.....	.....
Ulcer of face	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Ulceration of uterus.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Uterine fibroid.....	4	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....
Uterine hæmorrhage	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Varicocele	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Varicose ulcer	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
“ veins.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
	130	82	81	17	12	7	13

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ISAAC FENNO, TREASURER, *in account with Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.*

1882.	DR.	
Jan. 1. For amount cash on hand		\$7,227 60
For amount of annual subscriptions:		
Miss Susan I. White	\$10 00	
Mrs. I. M. Weld, for 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883	80 00	
Collected by Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft:		
Mrs. B. R. Weld	10 00	
Mrs. F. M. Weld	10 00	
Mr. F. M. Weld	10 00	
Collected by Miss H. Collamore:		
Miss Helen A. Ames	100 00	
Mrs. S. R. Bowditch	10 00	
Mr. Otis Clapp	10 00	
Mr. J. W. Clapp	10 00	
Miss Grace Coolidge	5 00	
Mrs. Harrison Fay	2 00	
Mrs. Mary Reed	10 00	
Mrs. S. A. Raymond	10 00	
Mrs. S. B. Rindge	100 00	
Mr. John Simpkins	10 00	
Mrs. D. D. Thorndike	10 00	
Mrs. Wainwright	2 00	
Mrs. C. M. Weld	10 00	
Total annual subscriptions		\$409 00
For amount of donations:		
Miss Frances Jones	\$100 00	
Miss Susan J. Loring	100 00	
Mrs. Sarah S. Russell	50 00	
Sir Moses Montefiore, by A. A. Marcus	5 97	
Collected by Miss H. Collamore:		
Miss Helen Bradlee	20 00	
Mr. W. F. Day	20 00	
Mrs. J. H. Freeland	5 00	

A friend	\$10 00	
Miss Mary Haven	20 00	
Miss Ellen Pike	10 00	
Mrs. S. B. Pierce	10 00	
Mrs. F. E. Seaver	20 00	
Mrs. D. L. Webster	50 00	
Total donations		\$420 97
For amount for annual free beds:		
Miss Abbie W. Pearson, through Dr. I. T. Talbot	\$400 00	
Boston Society New Jerusalem	150 00	
Mrs. Susan O. Brooks	300 00	
Total for annual free beds		\$550 00
For amount for permanent free bed:		
Henry L. Pierce	\$5,000 00	
Total permanent free bed		\$5,000 00
For amount for building fund:		
Mrs. Delia D. Thorndike	200 00	
Mrs. W. L. Spear	5 00	
Miss M. A. Tappan	100 00	
Collected by Miss H. Collamore:		
Lyman R. Blake	100 00	
Mrs. E. S. Cary	100 00	
Mrs. Susan O. Brooks	200 00	
Total for building fund		\$705 00
For amount from change of investment:		
City of Cincinnati bonds	\$3,000 00	
" " Columbus " less coupon and ex.	963 75	
Total from change of investment		\$3,963 75
For amount of income on securities:		
Fitchburg Railroad stock, dividend	\$252 00	
Chicago and Western Michigan Railroad stock, dividends	425 00	
Chicago and Western Michigan Railroad bonds, coupons	300 00	
Cincinnati, Sandusky, and Cleveland Railroad bonds, coupons	350 00	
Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad bonds, coupons	350 00	
Detroit, Hillside, and West Michigan bonds, coupons	45 00	

City of Cincinnati bonds, coupons . . .	\$90 00
“ “ Detroit bonds, coupons . . .	450 00
“ “ Columbus bonds, coupons . . .	280 00
St. Louis City bonds, coupons . . .	300 00
Total income on securities . . .	<u>\$2,842 00</u>
Total receipts . . .	<u>\$13,890 72</u>
Total debit . . .	<u>\$21,118 32</u>

CONTRA CREDIT.

By amounts paid Executive Committee:	
Jan. 27. Cash to Chairman . . .	\$600 00
Mch. 8. “ “ . . .	400 00
April 19. “ “ . . .	400 00
May 27. “ “ . . .	800 00
June 24. “ “ . . .	750 00
July 29. “ “ . . .	600 00
Aug. 21. “ “ . . .	450 00
Sept. 30. “ “ . . .	700 00
Oct. 31. “ “ . . .	400 00
Nov. 16. “ “ . . .	700 00
Dec. 15. “ “ . . .	600 00
Total paid Executive Committee . . .	<u>\$6,400</u>

By amounts paid for investments:	
Mar. 6. Cincinnati, Sandusky, and Cleveland Railroad bonds . . .	\$3,000 00
May 10. Cincinnati, Sandusky, and Cleveland Railroad bonds . . .	1,015 00
May 23. Cincinnati, Sandusky, and Cleveland Railroad bonds . . .	1,020 25
Total investments . . .	<u>\$5,035 25</u>

By amount paid for accrued interest on said investments . . .	140 37
Total payments . . .	<u>\$11,575 62</u>
Balance on hand . . .	<u>\$9,542 70</u>

MEMORANDUM OF SECURITIES.

\$5,000.	Bonds, Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad.
\$5,000.	Bonds, City of St. Louis.
\$3,000.	Bonds, City of Columbus.
\$5,000.	Bonds, City of Detroit.
\$6,000.	Bonds, Chicago and Western Michigan Railroad.
170	Shares Chicago and Western Michigan Railroad.
42	Shares Fitchburg Railroad.
30	Shares Detroit, Hinsdale, and Southwestern Railroad.
\$5,000.	Bonds, Cincinnati, Sandusky, and Chicago Railroad.

The undersigned, Finance Committee of the Massachusetts General Hospital, have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched. They have also examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer, and find them as stated by him.

C. R. CODMAN.
LIVERUS HULL.
WILLIAM POPE.

N. B.— A sum amounting to \$5,000 has been set apart as a building fund, and it is hoped that a sufficient sum will be added to it by the friends of the Hospital to raise the fund to \$50,000.

FREE BEDS.

DURING the first six years of the Hospital, any person, by paying one thousand dollars to the permanent fund, could secure the life use of a free bed. Eight such free beds were established; but it was found that the income from the sum thus paid was only sufficient to sustain the bed a few weeks in each year, and though the Trustees did not fear any essential loss to the Hospital from this source, yet they thought it would be more satisfactory to all to make the cost of the bed nearly sufficient to meet the expense of it for the time occupied. Accordingly, in 1877, it was so arranged that any person who pays one thousand dollars may have the life use of a free bed three months in each year; twenty-five hundred dollars entitles the donor to the life use of the bed all the time; and five thousand dollars establishes a permanent free bed, which may always be kept full by the donor, and which the Hospital shall be bound to maintain after his decease, or it may be given immediately to the Hospital for its permanent use, under such name as may be designated and arranged.

An annual subscription of one hundred and fifty dollars entitles the donor to the use of a free bed for six months in the year. Temporary free beds may be secured, to be used at any time within one year, at the regular Hospital rates, to the full amount of the sum paid. This plan enables any one to own a free bed to the full amount which he may contribute or obtain, by subscription or otherwise, for the Hospital.

LIST OF FREE BEDS JAN. 1, 1883.

NAME OF OWNER.	ADDRESS.	TIME OF PAYMENT.	AMOUNT PAID.	CHARACTER OF BED.
Mrs. George R. Russell...	1 Louisburg Square...	Dec., 1870.	\$1,000 00	Life Free Bed.
Mrs. A. G. Farwell.....	16 Beacon Street.....	Jan., 1871	1,000 00	" "
Dr. George Russell.....	14 Lynde Street.....	July, 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Mrs. Mary Hemenway....	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	Aug., 1871.	1 000 00	" "
Miss Hannah M. Weld....	Jamaica Plain.....	Sept., 1871.	1,668 11	" "
Dr. Sullivan Whitney....	Mass Hom Hospital...	Oct., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Thos. F. Richardson....	13 Arlington Street...	Nov., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Hon. Rufus S. Frost.....	Chelsea.....	Jan., 1876.	2,500 00	" "
Miss Ellen Stearns.....	77 Beacon Street.....	April, 1876.	1,000 00	" "
Estate of A. Hemenway...	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	June, 1877.	10,000 00	2 Permanent Free Beds.
Ladies' Aid Association.	.....	May, 1877.	5,000 00	Permanent Free Bed.
Estate of Miss M. E. C. White.....	.....	Dec., 1880.	5,000 00	" "
Mrs. Valeria G. Stone....	Malden.....	Jan., 1881.	5,000 00	" "
Estate of S. N. Stockwell.	.....	Oct., 1881.	5,000 00	" "
Henry L. Pierce.....	209 State Street.....	Jan., 1882.	5,000 00	" "
Society New Jerusalem,	.....	.....	150 00	Annual Subscription.
Rev. James Reed.....	.....	.....	300 00	" "
Mrs. P. C. Brooks.....	89 Mt. Vernon Street.	.....	.....	.....

DONATIONS.

THE following donations have been sent to the Hospital at various times during the year 1882: —

FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

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BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Corporation shall be composed of the persons named in the Act incorporating certain persons by the name of the "Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital," of such persons as may be at any legal meeting of the Corporation nominated and elected as members, and also of all such persons as shall have contributed the sum of \$100, or upwards, at any one time.

ART. 2. There shall be a meeting of the Corporation on the third Wednesday in January in each year, to be called the Annual Meeting, at which the following officers shall be elected: viz., a President, four Vice-Presidents, such number of Trustees as the Corporation shall determine, not exceeding thirty, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; to serve one year and till others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead. Any person elected to, and signifying his acceptance of, either of the offices mentioned in this article, shall become thereby a member of the Corporation during the term of office. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees may be filled by the Board.

ART. 3. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given by the Secretary, in one or more newspapers printed in Boston, at least fourteen days, and by mail five days, previous to the day of meeting, but said meeting may be continued, from time to time, until the business thereof shall be accomplished; the Secretary giving at least one day's notice of the time and place of said adjournment, in a newspaper printed in Boston.

ART. 4. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Trustees.

ART. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, if present, and shall have power to order special meetings of the Corporation or Board of Trustees whenever, in his opinion, it may be expedient; the Secretary giving at least seven days' notice of such special meetings of the Corporation in one or more of the newspapers printed in Boston, and at least two days' notice of such special meetings of the Board of Trustees, to be sent by mail to each of the members.

In the absence or incapacity of the President, or vacancy of the office, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties which devolve upon the President.

ART. 6. The Trustees shall constitute a board for the immediate management of all the property and concerns of the institution. They shall make such by-laws, rules, and regulations to govern their action as they may deem expedient, not inconsistent with the charter and by-laws of the Corporation. They shall meet at such times and places as they shall by vote determine, or as the President may direct, and all questions which come before the board shall be determined by a majority of the Trustees present and voting thereon. They shall have power to take any measures which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations,

and bequests to the Corporation; to petition the Legislature for any additional grants or privileges, and for such amendments and alterations of the several Acts relative to the Corporation as they may think advisable; to take charge of and watch over the general interests and concerns of the institution, to enter into and bind the Corporation by such compacts and engagements as they may deem advantageous; to appoint, annually or otherwise, all proper and necessary physicians, surgeons, officers, assistants, and servants, for the superintendence and management of the respective departments, with such salaries and allowances as they may, from time to time, fix and determine; to make such rules and regulations for the government of the said physicians, surgeons, officers, attendants, and servants, and for the admission of patients, and the well ordering and conducting of the respective departments of the institution, as to them may seem proper and expedient. *Provided*, however, that the said by-laws, rules, and regulations shall at all times be subject to be altered or amended by the Corporation at their annual meeting, or at any legal meeting specially called for that purpose.

They shall cause a fair record of all their doings to be kept, which shall be laid before the Corporation at every meeting thereof; and at every annual meeting they shall make a written report on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the institution, comprising an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation, a statement of the numbers of patients admitted and discharged during the year in each department, and all such other matters as may be of importance and interest to the Corporation; and for this purpose they shall, at some previous meeting, appoint a committee of the board.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall receive and have the custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the Corporation, which he shall keep and manage, under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees or their Committee of Finance. He shall pay no money but by order of the Board of Trustees, or of their committees, duly authorized by the board to draw on him therefor.* He shall render an account of the state of his books and of the funds and property in his custody, when called for by the Trustees or Corporation; and he shall make up the accounts to the last day of December in each year, which accounts, properly audited, shall be laid before the Corporation at their annual meeting.

*The following vote was passed by the Board of Trustees on April 4, 1878: "The Treasurer is authorized to invest moneys or property belonging to the Hospital, and to sell or exchange any investments, only in accordance with a vote of the Board of Trustees certified to by the Secretary, or by written instruction signed by a majority of the Finance Committee.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

I. APPLICATIONS of patients for admission may be made to one of the house physicians or house surgeons at the Hospital on any day of the week, and when practicable, between 11 and 12 A. M. The patient should apply in person, when able to do so; otherwise application may be made by a friend, and the patient will be visited by a house physician or house surgeon, and if admitted by the attending physician or surgeon, the proper papers will be forwarded to the patient.

II. The patient on admission shall give security, satisfactory to the Executive Committee, for the payment of expenses in the Hospital.

III. In case of accident or extreme emergency, the patient will be admitted without delay, and provided for as well as circumstances will permit.

IV. Contagious diseases, syphilis, delirium-tremens, and also incurable diseases, will not be admitted to the Hospital.

V. No patient will be allowed to remain longer than twelve weeks, except by the special consent of the Medical Board.

VI. All patients will be admitted and discharged upon the certificate of the attending physician or surgeon. He shall have discretionary power in the dismissal of patients, or he may refer doubtful cases to the Medical Board.

Patients shall be discharged by the attending physician or surgeon at any time when, in his opinion, the interests of the patient or of the Hospital demand it.

VII. Whenever a patient is removed from the Hospital without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon, he shall require from the person assuming the responsibility of the removal a written statement to that effect.

VIII. The attending physician or surgeon shall not deliver the body of any person having died at the Hospital without a written receipt from the parties taking the same.

IX. In case of the decease of any patient, the friends shall be apprised thereof by the matron, and the attending physician or surgeon shall sign a certificate of death, and shall furnish the City Registrar with a copy of the same. He shall also state the time and cause of death, the disposition made of the body, whether delivered to friends or buried from the Hospital. In the last case, he shall mention the place of interment.

RULES FOR PATIENTS.

I. Patients must be in their proper places in the wards during the daily medical and surgical visits, between 11 and 12 A. M., and always by 8 P. M., unless specially exempted by the attending physician or surgeon.

II. Patients shall not visit other wards without the consent of the matron.

III. Those free patients who are able are expected to assist in nursing, and in such other services as may be reasonably required of them.

IV. No patient shall purchase, or cause any member of the household to purchase for him, any article of food whatsoever, or any other article, without the consent of the matron.

V. Profane or obscene language, noisy or loud talking and incivility, are prohibited.

VI. The use of tobacco, wine, and intoxicating liquors is prohibited within the Hospital, unless prescribed by the physician.

VII. Patients may be visited by a clergyman of their own selection, and the wish for the performance of any particular religious rite shall be indulged when practicable.

VIII. The rules of the Hospital must be implicitly obeyed by the patients. Should any patient wilfully and persistently disregard these rules, the friends will be notified to take him away, or, failing to do so, he will be discharged.

IX. Complaints for whatever cause may be made to the matron or Executive Committee, and when reasonable, shall be obviated, or reported by them to the Trustees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

When the Trustees are not in session, the Executive Committee shall have entire charge and control of the Hospital, and execute all the orders and directions of the Trustees in relation to it. They shall regulate all the supplies and purchases of the Hospital, except those pertaining to the pharmacist; determine the necessary number and the wages respectively of all the employees of the Hospital; fix the price per week of the various beds and rooms; and whenever it is necessary, advise with and assist the matron in enforcing the rules and regulations of the Hospital. They shall meet as often as once a week to examine and consider the affairs of the Hospital committed to them, and report on all important matters at the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees.

THE MEDICAL BOARD.

I. The Medical Board shall consist of the physicians and surgeons appointed by the Board of Trustees.

II. They shall have full power and control over the medical and surgical treatment of all the patients in the Hospital.

III. They shall make such rules and regulations as they may deem best for their control and government, not inconsistent with the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Hospital as established by the Board of Trustees.

IV. Any violation of the rules and regulations of the Medical Board shall be reported to the Board of Trustees.

MATRON.

I. The Hospital shall be under the care of the matron, who shall live in the building and shall not leave it except on necessary occasions. She shall not be absent for more than three hours at any one time, nor after 10 P. M., without the leave of the Executive Committee. She shall have the assistance of such nurses and servants as the Executive Committee may think proper, and shall hire, and when necessary discharge the same.

II. The matron shall have the immediate superintendence of the nurses, servants, and all inmates of the Hospital, and shall enforce personal cleanliness, neatness, and obedience to orders on their part. In case of any refusal to conform to these rules and regulations, she shall report the same to the Executive Committee.

III. The matron shall make the entire round of the Hospital at least once a day, that she may be assured of the neatness and order of each department, and may become acquainted with the patients, their necessities and wants, and see that they have every comfort.

IV. She shall have charge and superintendence of all furniture, bedding, linen, provisions, table and household supplies, and see that none are unnecessarily wasted or destroyed. She shall keep in a book, designed for this purpose, an exact inventory of all goods belonging to and in the Hospital, and also memoranda of breakages or losses occasioned by the patients or otherwise; and is directed to require payment for any article carelessly injured or broken, and make a report each Saturday to the Executive Committee.

V. It is the duty of the matron to receive all visitors, exercising discretion in showing to all suitable persons the Hospital and such wards as they may desire to see.

VI. The matron shall assign rooms or beds to patients on their entrance according to the price of board agreed upon, and shall collect weekly the bills of all those who are not free patients.

VII. The matron is requested to exclude from conversation at her table, and in every other place in the Hospital, all topics of a personal nature about any patient, such as anecdotes of patients, complaints, etc. Any nurse or servant violating this rule shall be discharged.

VIII. The matron shall require punctuality at meals on the part of all connected with the Hospital.

The following are the hours for the meals:—

	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	SUPPER.
For Patients	7 A. M.	12½ P. M.	6 P. M.
For Matron, House Physicians and Surgeons, and Nurses . . .	7½ "	1 "	6½ "
For Janitor and Servants . . .	8 "	1½ "	7 "

IX. If it be desired to invite any guest to one meal, the consent of the matron shall be obtained; if to more than one, the consent of the Executive Committee is required.

X. The matron shall insist upon economy in all departments of the Hospital.

XI. All supplies received by the Hospital, either by gift or purchase, shall be entered in a book called the "Supply Book," which shall be regularly laid before the Executive Committee.

XII. A record shall be kept by the matron of every important occurrence in the Hospital.

XIII. No gift or remuneration shall be received by the matron, nurses, or servants, for anything done or to be done in virtue of their situation, upon pain of peremptory dismissal.

HOUSE PHYSICIANS AND HOUSE SURGEONS.

I. The house physicians and house surgeons shall reside at the Hospital, and shall not absent themselves for more than two hours at any time without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon; and on no account shall all be absent from the Hospital at the same time, unless it be in the attendance upon medical lectures in the adjoining college, at such time as their services may not be required in the Hospital.

II. They shall accompany the attending physician and surgeon respectively in their daily visits, make a careful record of the cases, the treatment and the prescribed diet, prepare the medicine as directed, and deliver the same, together with necessary orders, to the nurses, directly after the morning visit.

III. They shall also have charge of the medical and surgical apparatus, and the library of the Hospital.

IV. They shall attend to patients on their admission, and give the necessary directions for their comfort before they are seen by their regular medical attendant; and beside the morning visit with the attending physician and surgeon, they shall make a daily evening visit to each patient between the hours of 7 and 8 P. M., and at such other times only as they may be requested to do so by the matron or nurse.

V. They shall, each in his own department, see all persons who apply for admission, either for themselves or for their friends, and shall, if practicable, visit or see the patient before admission to the Hospital. They shall make a record of all important facts in the case, in books kept for

the purpose. If the case is obviously unsuitable for admission, under the rules of the Hospital, they shall so record it; if otherwise, they shall report the case as soon as possible to the attending physician or surgeon, and obtain from him and transmit to the patient the necessary papers for admission. They shall conduct such correspondence in relation to the admission of patients as may be directed by the attending physician or surgeon.

VI. When there are more than one house physician or house surgeon, their duties shall be as nearly equally divided as may be expedient and practicable in the opinion of the attending physician or surgeon.

VII. All communications of a personal nature made to a house physician or surgeon by a patient, or by the attending physician or surgeon concerning a patient, shall be considered as strictly confidential.

RULES FOR NURSES.

I. The nurses shall be responsible to the house physician or surgeon, as the case may be, for the regular administration of medicines and the care of patients, in accordance with the directions of the attending physician or surgeon, and shall not give, or allow to be given, to the patients any article of food or drink, except such as the physician or surgeon may permit.

II. When articles of food are brought by visitors, the nurse will receive and take them to the matron, until permission be given for their being eaten.

III. The linen of medical wards shall be changed twice weekly; and in the surgical wards according to special instructions in each case. In the confinement wards at least one clean sheet shall be given each day; the pillow-cases shall be changed twice weekly; the personal clothing every two days, unless otherwise ordered by the attending physician.

IV. The soiled clothes from confinement and surgical wards shall be removed from the room at once; no clothes soiled in washing patients, medical and surgical furniture or apparatus, such as bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be used twice, or put in a closet after use until thoroughly cleansed.

V. Each morning, nurses shall procure from the matron the required clean bed linen and towels for their wards, and send the soiled linen to the laundry.

VI. The face and hands of all patients shall be bathed and their bed linen changed before breakfast, unless in special cases, when instruction will be given by the attending physician or surgeon.

VII. The patients in the medical wards, unless too ill, may generally bathe themselves; in the surgical wards the bathing will be according to special instructions in each case; in confinement wards the nurses shall bathe each patient once daily; when more or less frequently, special instructions will be given.

VIII. Nurses are required to be extremely careful at all times, and especially in bathing the patients, dressing wounds, giving enemas, etc., that there be the least possible exposure of the patient.

IX. Nurses shall follow the visits of the physician or surgeon, and shall, in all cases, hold themselves in readiness after the visit to receive orders from the house physician or surgeon. Concerning everything which may occur between the visits, the nurse may consult either house physician or surgeon, as the case may be.

X. A strict watch of each patient and of every symptom shall be kept by the nurse, and reported to the physician or surgeon at his visits, and the nurse should be able to give exact information of the quantity and quality of all discharges, etc.

XI. The nurse shall see that the medicine glasses of her ward are kept replenished, fresh medicine prepared daily, and the empty glasses thoroughly cleansed.

XII. The bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be cleansed immediately after use, and kept in a designated place for inspection at the morning visit of the matron.

XIII. Articles belonging to each ward shall be kept for that ward only.

XIV. The nurses shall frequently wash the utensils, as well as their own hands, with a weak solution of some disinfectant.

XV. Nurses will see that all is quiet in their wards during the night, and that the patients are not wakened before 6 A. M. Between the hours of 9 P. M. and 6 A. M. all noise, such as the turning on of water, unnecessary opening and shutting of doors, etc., shall be completely avoided.

XVI. The nurse in the surgical department shall see that the patients are kept perfectly quiet twenty-four hours at least after any important surgical operation, and that no person shall see them during this time without the permission of the surgeon.

XVII. No visitors are allowed to patients in the maternity wards until five days after confinement.

XVIII. The nurses are required to see that visitors do not come into their wards without permission, nor remain longer than the time prescribed.

XIX. Each nurse, when on duty, shall wear a soft cotton dress, white apron, and soft shoes without heels. She shall particularly care for her personal cleanliness, neatness, and simplicity in attire.

XX. Underclothes should be perfectly plain; no elaborately trimmed garments can be sent to the Hospital laundry, and the number each ward shall not exceed eighteen pieces for each person.

XXI. The nurses shall take a half-hour's exercise daily, in the open air, at such time as the matron shall designate. When the nurse requires to be out a longer time, she must obtain special permission from the matron.

XXII. It is strictly forbidden that nurses spend their time in each other's wards or rooms.

XXIII. All lights are to be put out in the wards at nine o'clock except in special cases of sickness.

XXIV. The nurses are, in a great degree, responsible in their wards for the happiness and comfort of their patients, and will, in any difficulty or need, apply to the attending physician, house physician, surgeon, or matron, as the case may be, in securing these.

XXV. The nurses should immediately report to the matron any infringement of the rules and regulations of the Hospital by the patients.

XXVI. The nurses are requested not to waste gas or water, and to read over these rules every week.

PHARMACIST.

The pharmacist shall have charge and make all purchases of the medicines, medical and surgical supplies, and instruments required in the Hospital, as directed by the Medical Board. He shall make such rules in relation to the purchase of supplies as he shall think fit, not inconsistent with the regulations of the Board of Trustees.

JANITOR.

The janitor shall have charge of and be responsible for all the fires in the Hospital, and shall keep the wards and halls at a temperature of 70°, or as near thereto as possible. He shall also see that the gas and water are properly regulated, and not wasted or unnecessarily used, and that the Hospital grounds are suitably cared for.

He shall assist in the moving and care of the patients, and attend to such other matters about the Hospital as the matron may require. He shall not leave the Hospital grounds without the knowledge and consent of the matron. He shall see that all the windows and doors are secured, and the gas in the halls turned off at 10 P. M.

SERVANTS.

I. Servants are to rise at six o'clock, summer and winter.

II. The servants will receive their orders from the matron, or some one designated by her, and will be held accountable by the matron for their proper performance.

III. The work must be done promptly, and as early as possible in the morning.

IV. All employees must be in their respective places during their hours of duty. The doors of the Hospital will be closed at 10 P. M., at which time all are expected to be quiet, and those not on duty in their own rooms.

VISITORS.

I. Patients will be permitted to receive visits from their friends on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week, from 2 to 4 P. M., and at no other time without a special permit from the physician or matron.

In all cases, however, the attending physician or surgeon may exercise discretionary powers as to excluding or admitting visitors. All visitors must leave at the expiration of the visiting hours.

II. Visitors will not be permitted to take any meal in the Hospital, or to pass the night therein, without the permission of the Executive Committee.

III. No visitor will be allowed to give any article of food or drink to a patient unless by permission of the attending physician or surgeon, and any articles sent to the patient shall be left with the matron or nurse.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

DURING the past year a change has occurred in the Board of Officers of the Ladies' Aid Association; Mrs. Allen, for over two years Secretary of the Association, having resigned, and Miss Mary J. May having been chosen in her place.

Since last October, Mrs. Hooper has acted as Treasurer in place of Mrs. F. W. Andrews, who is still in Europe.

In August a change of matrons became necessary, and during the interval between the departure of Mrs. O'Neill, and the arrival of the new matron, Mrs. Bellows, Dr. Dean had the management of the Hospital, and gave general satisfaction. Mrs. Bellows has proved herself of the greatest value to the Board, and has made herself most popular with all the inmates of the Hospital. The necessity of her resignation is deeply regretted. The Purchasing Committee has, as heretofore, expended a large part of the funds of the Association in supplying the Hospital with useful articles, besides furnishing during the summer months drives to such patients as were unable to walk, and providing ice-cream weekly.

The flower beds and the turf were attended to early in the summer, and gave great satisfaction during the entire season, the flowers being especially gratifying to the patients.

The Free Bed has been occupied throughout the year by patients recommended by the ladies of the Association.

Religious services have been held at the Hospital several times during the year, and have been enjoyed very much by such patients as were able to attend them, and the ladies hope to have them continued during the coming year, the Women's Industrial Union having agreed to furnish a minister whenever desired.

Nearly a year ago a fair was held in Providence for the purpose of raising funds for a proposed Homœopathic Hospital in that city. The ladies of the Association undertook a "Boston Table," with Mrs. David Hunt as President. Many useful as well as ornamental articles were contributed by the Boston ladies, and the table in consequence cleared the amount of \$975. The Providence ladies were greatly pleased with the interest shown, and expressed themselves as very grateful for the material aid.

The ladies of the Association most earnestly hope that the interest in the Hospital may be increased, and that the good and really necessary work of the Association may be carried on even more vigorously than heretofore.

The principal need is money, and it is desirable, if possible, to increase the number of yearly subscribers.

For the Association,

MARY J. MAY.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. The object of this Association shall be to aid the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.

ART. II. Ladies may become members of this Association by the payment of \$2.00 annually.

ART. III. The officers shall consist of twelve Directors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall have the control of the affairs of the Association, and shall submit a report of their doings at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

ART. IV. The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to those offices. Each Director shall select some person or persons who, with herself, shall be a Board of Hospital Visitors for the month to which she is assigned. It shall be the duty of the Board of Visitors to provide, as far as possible, for the needs of the patients. The number of visits per week may be left to the discretion of the monthly visitor, provided the visits be not less than two per week.

ART. V. The Annual Meeting of the Association for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the last Wednesday of January, immediately after the monthly meeting.

Monthly meetings of the Board of Officers shall be held on the last Wednesday of each month.

At each regular meeting a report shall be made by the Board of Visitors for that month.

Special meetings of the Association and of the Board of Officers shall be held on the call of the Secretary, at the request of three Directors.

ART. VI. Should vacancies occur in the Board of Officers, they may be filled by the Board.

ART. VII. The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended at its Annual Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH MRS. S. T. HOOPER,
TREASURER *pro tem*, JANUARY, 1881, TO JANUARY, 1883.

	DR.	
To cash bills paid		\$817 20
Balance to new account		80 86
		\$898 06
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By balance from last account		\$56 20
" subscriptions and donations		829 80
" cash discount on bills		2 06
		\$898 06

E. & O. E.
Approved.

Mrs. OLIVER DITSON,
Mrs. A. S. FOSTER,
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BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1883.

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ANY person can aid the Hospital by contributing in either of the following ways:—

1. Donations of money in any amount and at any time, as it is always needed; also of fruit, flowers, vegetables, provisions, books, ornaments, clothing, bandages, old linen, and whatever is necessary or useful for the sick.
2. Annual subscriptions, to be paid at any time during the year, and continued at the will of the donor.
3. One hundred dollars for membership.
4. One hundred and fifty dollars annually for a free bed, to be used six months in the year.
5. One thousand dollars for a free bed, to be used three months each year during the donor's life.
6. Twenty-five hundred dollars for a free bed, to be used all the time, if desired, during the donor's life.
7. Five thousand dollars for a permanent free bed, which may be kept always full.
8. Any sum of money given or collected for free beds, for which a certificate is issued which entitles the holder to a free bed within one year, to the full amount of the certificate, at the established Hospital rates. By this method almost any person may secure the control of a free bed.

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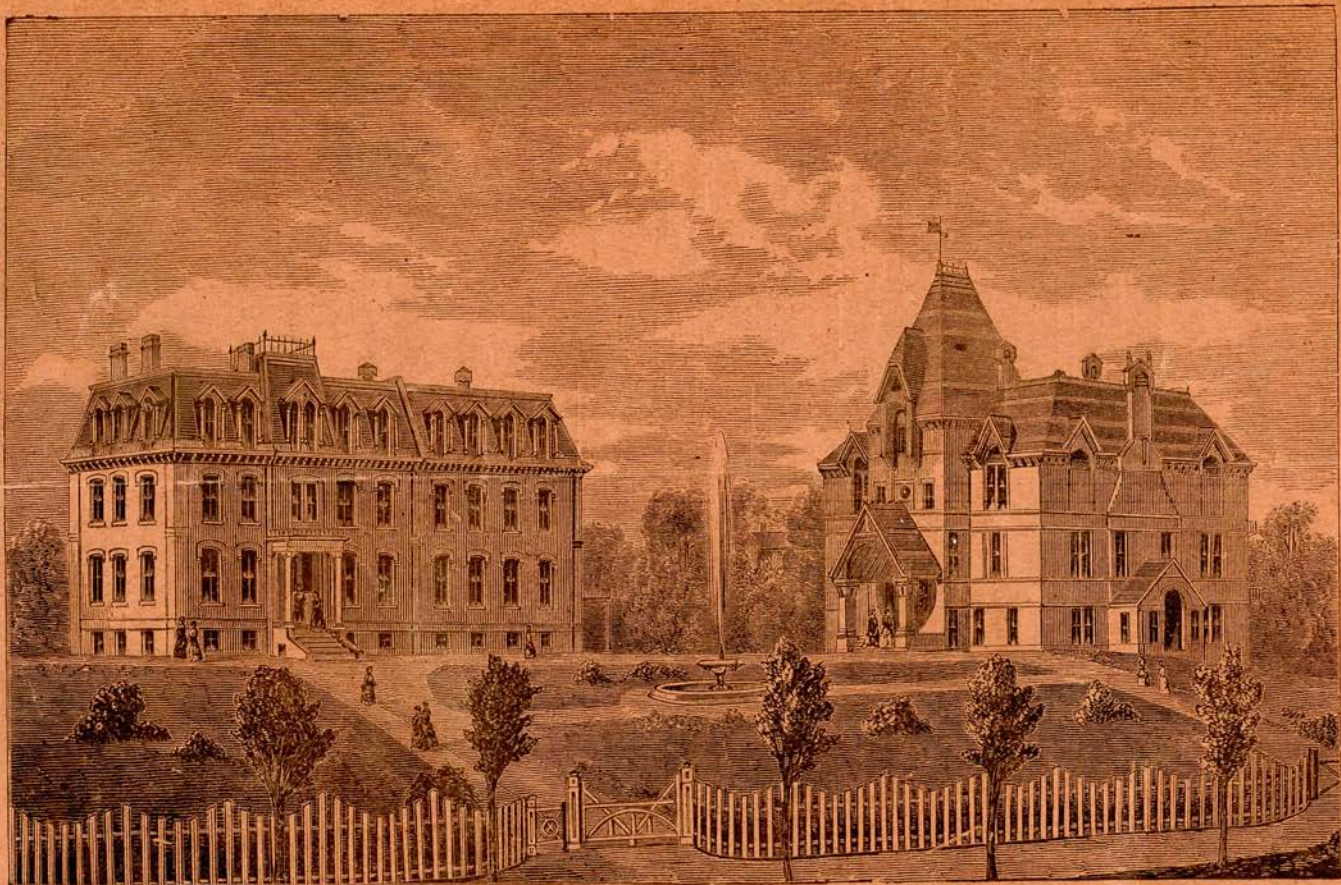
I give and bequeath to the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, to be paid by my executors to the person acting as treasurer, the sum of _____ dollars, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Hospital, under the direction of its board of officers.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

All applications, either by letter or otherwise, for admission to the Hospital, should be made to the Attending Physician or Surgeon, who will ascertain whether the case is suitable, and if so, will procure and furnish to the patient the necessary papers for admission.

The arrangements for rooms, attendance, etc., with terms for paying patients, must be made with the Matron, to whom all payments should be made.

In cases of accident or of extreme emergency, the patient will be admitted without delay, and provided for as well as circumstances will permit.



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