HOSPITAL REPORTS

Statistical and Financial Statement For Past Year

Miss Anna Barrett, Superintendent, Says Hospital Work Has Far Exceeded Expectations—Student Nurses.

The report of Miss Anna Barrett, superintendent of the hospital, for the year shows the following statistics:

Number of patients admitted,	217
Males,	72
Females,	145
Males, medical,	16
Females, medical,	32
Males, surgical,	52
Females, surgical,	117
Discharged, well,	145
Discharged, improved,	45
Discharged, not improved,	5
Died,	10
Largest number any one day,	26
Smallest number any one day,	4

Of the 10 patients who died three were moribund when received, besides two or three for whom it was known there was no help. As to the ward and private patients these figures are given:

Free,	52
Part free, ward,	10
Pay wards, full rate,	92
Private rooms, full rate,	63
Total,	217

The average time each patient spent in the hospital was 18½ days, and the average number of patients per day was 10. These statistics are also given:

Daily average employes boarded,	22
Daily cost per capita, provisions,	$ .30
Daily cost all persons supported,	$21.37
Daily cost all persons boarded,	3.21
Weekly cost all patients boarded,	22.48

The names of the students in the training school for nurses are; Senior, Rachael Hammond, Somerville, Mass.; Mary B. Loomis, East Brookfield, Vt.; Ella Thomas, Newport, R. I.; Mabel De Graux, Newport, N. H.; Flora Cattanach, Brattleboro. Junior, Rose Loubet, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; May Ferguson, Worcester, Mass.; Catherine Van Gumster, Ilion, N. Y.; Marion Wells, Chester, Vt. Post graduate course, Minnie B. Miller, Grand View, York, Canada.

The training school was established soon after the dedication of the hospital, and as applications were made favorable novices were accepted on two months' probation. Out of 55 applications nine have been received as pupil nurses.

Miss Barrett's report gives the requirements for admission to the training school, which may be had by addressing the "Superintendent of Nurses of the Training School." It also gives the general plan of instruction for each of the three years which constitute a course.

In the latter part of her report Miss Barrett says: "The hospital work done this year has far exceeded our expectations for an institution in its infancy, and it is hoped that it has thus met and discharged its obligations to the community in a satisfactory way. It has certainly been the constant aim of the management to so conduct its affairs as to win for the hospital the approval, the respect, the esteem and friendship of all. Without this it would indeed be a cold and cheerless place in which to minister to the sick, and its mission would inevitably prove a dismal failure."

Following is the financial statement for the period from Dec. 7, 1904, to Dec. 1, 1905:

RECEIPTS.

Transfer from original accounts,	$ 821.11
Money borrowed,	3000.00
From hospital,	5888.02
Outside nursing,	985.49
Woman's Club room,	76.40
Miscellaneous,	38.05
Thompson fund,	6500.00
	$17,309.07

PAYMENTS.

Superintendent and nurses,	$3270.04
Labor,	3300.68
Equipment and repairs,	1398.03
Household supplies,	4610.53
Medical and surgical supplies,	1493.33
Fuel and light,	1264.69
Sundry expense,	1488.35
Interest on loans,	186.84
Miscellaneous,	50.50
Balance, Dec. 1, 1905,	246.08
	$17,309.07

The hospital was built out of the income of the Thompson trust, and at its completion Brattleboro's account had been overdrawn. The trustees declined to furnish any money for the running exxpenses of the hospital until the deficit incurred in building the hospital had been cleared up. For this reason the funds for current expenses were borrowed for some months after the hospital was opened. This accounts for the loan entered above.

MR. CROWELL'S OFFER

States Terms on Which He Will Sell Water System

Some Facts to Be Taken Into Consideration in Fixing Value—All He Wants is a "Square Deal."

Brattleboro, Dec. 13, 1905.

Wm. H. Vinton, Esq.,
Chairman Water Committee.

Dear Sir:—In response to a request of your committee for information concerning the proceedings and plans of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir company and Sunset Lake Water company in regard to the enlargement and completion of the present water works system, I beg leave to submit the following statement:

Without taking the time or space to rehearse the action of the village on the water question some twelve years ago, it will suffice to say that the practically unanimous vote of the village adopting the report of their engineer, which carried with it a recommendation to use the water of Stickney brook as an additional supply, together with the vote empowering the bailiffs to arrange with our company for an enlarged and continued water service—which arrangement was subsequently completed—made it obligatory on our part to carry out the purport of their vote and this recommendation and furnish this additional supply whenever it should be needed.

To this end we employed our engineer the following summer to make various surveys to ascertain the most feasible way to bring the water of the brook into our reservoir or mains and have followed up the work from time to time ever since then. To facilitate the work and help to finance the undertaking a new company, called the Sunset Lake Water company, was chartered, and the work of obtaining the necessary land and water rights and privileges—commenced several years ago—has now been completed. The needed rights on Stickney brook, Sunset lake and around to Pleasant Valley brook have all been secured and the work of bringing the water of Stickney brook into our village is well under way.

In addition to this increased water supply, our plan includes extensive and important changes in the present pipe lines throughout the village during the coming season, which with a 60,000,000 gallon reservoir in Pleasant Valley, connected with the present system by a 16-inch pipe through West Brattleboro and Western avenue, will give an all-around, up-to-date water works system complete in all its details and satisfactory in every respect.

When the work is completed and the efficiency of the system has been proved, if the town or village wants to buy the property it will be for sale at a fair price, subject to the following conditions and guarantees: 1st. Water in quality to be approved by the state board of health. 2d. Water in quantity to be ample for all the needs of the two villages and intervening territory for fire protection and domestic service for the present and a reasonable future. 3d. The water pressure for hydrant service to be approved by the chief engineer and at least a majority of the board of bailiffs and the fire department. 4th. In the event of a disagreement as to the price we will agree to submit the same to a court's commission and abide by its decision.

A considerable portion of the committee's report was given to the consideration of the present system as a possible purchase by the village, and various criticisms were made regarding its efficiency and value as a nucleus for a larger and more complete system, and quite a large amount of discussion has been brought out over this phase of the situation. Now this bone of contention can just as well be dropped now as at any other time, for there is not the most remote possibility of the town or village buying the water works in their present incomplete condition.

It is a difficult matter to fix a price upon any unfinished property that would be satisfactory to the buyer and at the same time just to the seller, while in this case so many factors would enter into a fair and equitable adjustment of its present worth that it would be practically impossible to fix a price that would be mutually satisfactory. To mention only one of many, complaint is made that the present pipes are too small and must be replaced and consequently their value is much impaired, and that the purchaser should not be asked to pay for the mistakes made during the establishment of the works. Now we claim that if the village had built water works at the time this system was put in the same mistake of too small pipes would have been made, as it was made by nearly or quite every town or city which built water works about that time, and there is no good reason for supposing that Brattleboro would have been an exception.

Indeed, the committee itself admits this, but says substantially: "Oh, that's our good luck. We have the experience and the other fellow has paid for it and the incident is closed." We don't think it is, but believe that this as well as other circumstances and conditions should have a bearing on the value of the plant, aside from the bare cost of the serviceable iron in the ground, and so we do not wish to name any price and do not expect to be able to accept any that would be made on the basis of the committee's report.

Nevertheless, if the village or town is desirous of taking the works in their present state we won't stand in the way, but will leave it to a court's commission to fix the price on condition that both parties agree to abide by its decision.

A word as to water rates. The committee has made out a list of 29 water companies out of some 2900 or more equally accessible—whose rates are less than those of our company. Now it would be an easy matter to make a list of several hundred companies whose rates are in excess of those of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir company, but neither list would be of any value whatever in determining what would be a fair rate for water service in Brattleboro.

In all the towns and cities given in the committee's list, and in nearly every other place of any considerable size, practically all the population on the pipe lines are served by the public water supply, while in our town more than half are supplied wholly, or in part, by the various smaller aqueduct companies, wells, cisterns or private springs, a condition which probably does not exist in any other community having public water works, but which would continue to exist here whoever owned the works, and this is a factor which enters very largely into an equitable arrangement of rates and totally eliminates all fairness from the comparisons made by the committee. The peculiar circumstances and conditions of any community should and do determine its rates of taxation, insurance, water and gas supply and all other matters of public or private interest.

It has been our intention from the first to make some changes in the rates upon the completion of the works, and this we still expect to be able to do—to what extent will depend upon the relative proportion of income and expense. We shall be satisfied with a fair return from the investment, and, to sum up the whole matter, all we ask and all we want is "a square deal."

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. E. CROWELL,

For and in behalf of Chestnut Hill Reservoir company and Sunset Lake Water company.

Athletics Drop a Game at Turners Falls.

The Brattleboro Athletics journeyed Wednesday to Turners Falls and in the evening had a hot game, losing to the Father Matthews quintet 29 to 15. Turners Falls has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Martin and Cocoran, the fast professionals, from Springfield and Chicopee. These two men excelled in the work for Father Matthews and Ellis for the Athletics.

Father Matthews.	Brattleboro.
Martin, l f	r g, Stafford
Grogan, r f	l g, Riley, Prendall
Corcoran, c	c, H. Bothwell
Cadron, l g	r f, Bothwell
Welcome, r g	l f, Ellis

Score, Father Matthews 29, Brattleboro 15. Goals from field, Grogan, Martin 3, Corcoran 4, Welcome, Cadron 3, R. Bothwell, Ellis 3, H. Bothwell. Goals from fouls, Martin 4, Corcoran, R. Bothwell 2, Ellis 3. Referee, Kelleher. Umpire, Kelleher. Time, 20-minute halves. Attendance, 250.

The team of ex-high school players will go to Townshend for a game this evening.

The Diamonds defeated the high school '05 team 10 to 8 during the waits for the principal game Tuesday evening.

Williston seminary is evidently in championship form. Wednesday evening at Easthampton Williston defeated the Adelphi Athletics 45 to 18.

The outlook for a basket ball league is not promising. Brattleboro, Bellows Falls and Easthampton are ready to join, but the prospects in other places under consideration are not good. The matter probably will be decided upon definitely within a few days.

The next game in which the Independents will participate after tonight will be with the All-American team of Troy Dec. 26. Games were scheduled with the Signal Corps and St. Jeromes for next week, but they have been cancelled on account of the holiday rush.

A fast game is assured tonight between the Independents and the Middletown team, which holds the state championship of Connecticut. Fourette, who played with the Delphi team last year under the name of Oakes and made the long shots, is captain of the team. Allen and Cobb, managers of the Independents, say: "We are out for the championship of New England and this is one of our strongest rivals." There will be dancing after the game.

Often the girl with false bangs has the most to say about peroxided tresses.

Suggestions FOR YOUR Christmas List

When buying your Christmas Gifts can you do a better or wiser thing than to select articles of practical use—of warmth and comfort? Every year the tendency is more and more to do this, and there is no place in Brattleboro where it can be done so easily and so satisfactorily as in our store. Here are some suggestions.

Slippers for Men and Women

What better Christmas present than a pair of nice slippers? Our variety is larger than ever and will meet every taste and every need.

For Women: Fancy Juliette Slippers with fur tops. Boudoir Slippers in several colors. Fancy Kid Slippers and Strap Sandals.

For Men: Fancy Opera and Tourist Slippers. Leather and Felt Slippers in variety.

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DUNHAM BROTHERS.

Daughters of the American Revolution.

The annual meeting of the Brattleboro chapter, D. A. R., was held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Cobb, Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 3 o'clock. The yearly reports were read and accepted, and the following officers elected: Regent, Mrs. Frederick I. Swift; vice regent, Mrs. Frederick L. Smith; recording secretary, Mrs. Harry W. Spaulding; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clarence L. Stickney; registrar, Miss Lillian Newton; treasurer, Mrs. Alfred S. Thompson; chaplain, Miss Marcia L. Stedman; historian, Mrs. Marshall I. Reed; board of management, Mrs. Frank W. Weeks, Mrs. Julius L. Stockwell, Mrs. George F. Barber, Mrs. Henry E. Bond, Mrs. Fred H. Holden, Mrs. Henry Brown, Mrs. Emily Edwards. Mrs. Wilfred F. Root was appointed press committee.

DELPHIS WERE A HOT BUNCH.

Took the Basket Ball Game Tuesday Night from Brattleboro Independents 21 to 18.

The Brattleboro professional aggregation was up against a fast bunch in the Delphi Athletics of Bristol, Conn., Tuesday night, and while at the outset it looked as though the Independents would play all around the visitors the lead which the home team obtained at the start was cut down rapidly and the game closed with the Delphis three points to the good, the final score being 21 to 18. Brattleboro scored seven points before the Bristol team's turn came, and the first half ended with the score 9 to 9. The team from the Nutmeg state included some of the best men in the business, and when it is considered that the Independents have no opportunity to practice together their defeat is easily accounted for. It was their lack of team work that cost them the game. Doran, of last year's Brattleboro team, played as a forward for the Delphis against Haggerty and scored seven baskets. He was easily the star player on the floor, although Charlie Martens put up an exceptionally strong game for Brattleboro. With the exception of one basket the Martens brothers did all the scoring from the floor for the Independents. Fourette was light in weight, but he did some fine defensive work. It was a warm contest and much enthusiasm was manifested for both teams. The summary:

ATHLETICS.	INDEPENDENTS.
Doran, rf,	lg, Haggerty
Fourette, lf,	rg, Long, Bothwell
Fox, c,	c, Davey
Sears, rg,	lf, C. Martens
McConiche, lg,	rf, H. Martens

Score, Delphi Athletics 21, Independents 18. Goals from floor, Doran 7, Sears 2, Fourette, C. Martens 3, H. Martens 3, Davey. Goals from fouls, C. Martens 3, Davey, Fox. Referee, Stolte. Scorer, Rice. Timer Allen. Time 20-minute halves.

Brattleboro High School Beaten at Shelburne Falls.

Brattleboro high school was beaten 75 to 13 in a basket ball game against Arms academy in Memorial hall at Shelburne Falls Friday night. The academy boys were very accurate in their passing.

ARMS.	BRATTLEBORO.
Tolman, rf	lb, Peach
M. Halligan, lf	rb, Brosnahan
D. Davis, c	c, Oakes
Wood, rb	lf, Ferriter
B. Halligan, lb	rf, Bardwell

Score, Arms, 75; Brattleboro 13; goals from floor, Davis 5, Tolman 13, B. Halligan 2, Wood 8, M. Halligan 9, Bardwell 3, Oakes 2, Ferriter; goals from fouls, Oaks, Tolman. Referee, O'Brien. Scorer, Mitchell. Time, 20m. halves. Umpire, O'Brien. Timer, Monahan. Attendance, 150.

Ralph Elrod, '07, of St. Albans, has been elected manager of the Brown university football team. Elrod has played first base on the 'varsity nine and substitute end on the football team. He was assistant manager in football this season.

Only 18 points separate the highest and lowest team fielding averages in the American league for the past season. Chicago led with an average of .968. Cleveland was second with .964, St. Louis, Detroit and Philadelphia tied for third place with .957. Boston and New York tied for sixth place with averages of .953, and Washington was eighth with .950. Of the individual players, Barrett of the Detroit outfield and Donohue, pitcher for Cleveland, had perfect records, their average being 1000 each. Both men, however, played in a comparatively small number of games, Barrett playing in 18 and Donohue in 20.

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