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[Cook County Board of Commissioners \(1882\)](#). Proceedings, 1881-1882. Chicago, Illinois, 222-223.

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## LINEN ROOM REPORT.

Report of number of articles manufactured in linen room during the year ending Aug. 31, 1884:

Doctors' aprons.....	40
Sheets.....	1,450
Crash towels.....	2,043
Night gowns.....	614
Pillow cases.....	1,596
Check shirts.....	746
Flannel shirts.....	308
Draw sheets.....	296
Wrappers.....	135
Shrouds.....	180
Skirts.....	164
Table cloths.....	38
Hair mattresses.....	70
Straw ticks.....	90
Hair pillow cases.....	100
Napkins, hemmed.....	168
Bed spreads, hemmed.....	500
Total number of articles manufactured.....	8,548

## MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Report of patients treated by the regular school, with results, for the year ending Aug. 31, 1884:

## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

On hand, the year ending Aug. 31, 1883.....	108
Admitted for the year ending Aug. 31, 1884.....	2,275
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	2,383
Discharged, recovered.....	812
Discharged, improved.....	422
Discharged, unimproved.....	111
Discharged, by request.....	129
Discharged, disorderly.....	35
Discharged to County Infirmary.....	313
Discharged to Washingtonian Home.....	2
Discharged to Insane Court.....	8
Discharged to Home for Incurables.....	1
Discharged to Marine Hospital.....	1
Discharged to Home for the Aged.....	1
Transferred to surgical department.....	108
Transferred to gynecological department.....	32
Transferred to eye and ear department.....	5
Discharged to County Jail.....	4
Transferred to obstetrical department.....	1
Discharged, absconded.....	2
Discharged to dispensary.....	6
Number of deaths.....	284
Remaining on hand.....	95
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	2,383

## SURGICAL SUMMARY.

Report of patients treated by regular school, with results, for year ending August 31, 1884:

## SURGICAL DEPARTMENT.

On hand the year ending August 31, 1883.....	89	
Admitted during the year ending August 31, 1884.....	1,646	
		1,735
Discharged, recovered.....	654	
Discharged, improved.....	413	
Discharged, unimproved.....	46	
Discharged, by request.....	97	
Discharged, disorderly.....	30	
Discharged, to dispensary.....	10	
Discharged, for Marine Hospital.....	4	
Discharged, for County House.....	117	
Discharged, for insane court.....	3	
Transferred to medical department.....	70	
Transferred to gynecological.....	18	
Transferred to eye and ear department.....	5	
Transferred to obstetrical department.....	1	
Discharged, absconded.....	2	
Discharged, not an hospital case.....	10	
Discharged, deaths.....	108	
On hand August 31, 1884.....	147	1,735

## GYNÆCOLOGICAL SUMMARY.

Report of patients treated by the regular school, with results, for the year ending August 31, 1884:

## GYNÆCOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

On hand the year ending August 31, 1883.....	16	
Admitted during the year ending August 31, 1884.....	225	
		241
Discharged, recovered.....	56	
Discharged, improved.....	55	
Discharged, unimproved.....	21	
Discharged, by request.....	35	
Discharged, disorderly.....	4	
Discharged, absconded.....	1	
Discharged, not an hospital case.....	1	
Transferred to surgical department.....	12	
Transferred to medical department.....	23	
Transferred to obstetrical department.....	1	
Transferred to Foundling's Home.....	1	
Transferred to Home of the Friendless.....	1	
Transferred to erysipelas department.....	1	
Transferred to dispensary.....	1	
Transferred to County House.....	6	
Discharged, deaths.....	8	
On hand August 31, 1884.....	14	241

## OBSTETRICAL SUMMARY.

Report of patients treated by the regular school, with results,  
for the year ending August 31, 1884:

## OBSTETRICAL DEPARTMENT.

On hand the year ending August 31, 1883.....	21	
Admitted during the year ending August 31, 1884.....	226	
		247
Discharged, recovered.....	149	
Discharged, not confined.....	21	
Discharged, by request.....	11	
Discharged, for County House.....	10	
Discharged, not a case.....	4	
Discharged, improved.....	1	
Discharged, insubordinate.....	1	
Discharged, to Home of the Friendless.....	1	
Discharged, deaths.....	5	
Transferred to gynæcological department.....	14	
Transferred to medical department.....	5	
Transferred to surgical department.....	3	
Transferred to Foundlings Home.....	1	
On hand August 31, 1884.....	21	
		247

Births during the year, 156.

## EYE AND EAR.

Report of patients treated by the regular school, with results,  
for year ending August 31, 1884:

## EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT

On hand the year ending Aug. 31, 1883.....	4	
Admitted the year ending Aug. 31, 1884.....	82	
		86
Discharged, recovered.....	18	
Discharged, improved.....	39	
Discharged, disorderly.....	2	
Discharged, unimproved.....	1	
Discharged, by request.....	13	
Discharged, to County House.....	3	
Transferred to surgical department.....	2	
Transferred to medical department.....	3	
Discharged, deaths.....	1	
On hand Aug. 31, 1884.....	4	
		86

Total treated during year, 4,692.

Total died during year, 406.

Again, when opinions are litigated in either medicine or surgery, and a thousand different leaders hoist their separate standards, assigning different causes, prognosticks, and modes of cure, what tribunal can possibly decide truth in this clash of contradictory assertions and conjectures; or by what clue can medical wanderers find their way through the labyrinth of prognosticks and therapeuticks, except by medical arithmetick and numbers? Perhaps some would here answer, the best authors should decide the controversy. Who are they, ancient or modern; of what nation, university, metropolis, party, or sect? To borrow Moliere's satirical expression, Hippocrates often says Yes, and Galen flatly No. The system of medical arithmetick, although it may not shew the best mode of cure that may hereafter be invented, it will, however, by comparison, determine the best that has yet been discovered, or in use. By this criterion we should prove our superiority over the physicians of the Continent. For as to our superiority or excellence, even if founded in the collateral branches of general science, it is of no consequence to the community. Physicians have been too long running astray in speculative or frivolous employments of philosophick drudgery. They can scarce yet be said to have liberated themselves from the reins and fetters of ancient or of modern metaphysics.

GYNECOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

On hand the year ending August 31, 1883.....	3
Admitted the year ending August 31, 1884.....	72
	— 75
Discharged, recovered.....	23
Discharged, improved.....	17
Discharged for County House.....	5
Discharged by request.....	7
Discharged, disorderly.....	3
Transferred to medical department.....	8
Discharged, unimproved.....	1
Discharged by transfer.....	4
Discharged, deaths.....	4
On hand August 31, 1884.....	3
	— 75

HOMŒOPATHIC.

Total treated during the year.....	1,242
Total died during the year.....	103

MORGUE RECORD.

The following is a statement of the number of bodies, received in City Morgue, and disposition of same, and other unclaimed bodies during the year ending August 31, 1884:

Received in City Morgue (since February).....	147
Delivered to Rush College (Coroner's orders).....	11
Delivered to College Physicians and Surgeons (Coroner's orders)...	8
Delivered to Chicago Homœopathic (Coroner's orders).....	6
Delivered to Bennett College (Coroner's orders).....	5
Delivered to Chicago Medical (Coroner's orders).....	5

Total delivered to colleges..... 35

Unclaimed bodies buried in County Cemetery from county at large 313  
 Unclaimed bodies buried in County Cemetery from County Hospital 266

Total buried in County Cemetery by County Undertaker..... 579

TABULATED STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURES OF COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1884.

MONTH	Groceries and Provisions.	Dry G'ds, Clothing and Bedding.	Crockery and Tinware.	H'rdware and Cutlery.	Furniture.	Stationery.	Paints, Oils and Glass.
1883.							
September.....	\$ 3,027 52	\$ 1,494 24		\$ 15 92		\$ 10 90	\$ 50 24
October.....	3,991 27	2,066 47	\$ 282 42	154 47	\$ 651 06	29 05	82 40
November.....	4,133 27	900 70	95 51	288 77		4 75	19 31
December.....	3,454 24	387 39				22 90	30 00
1884.							
January.....	4,106 86	266 10	57 77	225 89		10 45	19 67
February.....	3,854 84	1,231 40	32 40	88 87			122 20
March.....	4,107 19	798 06	26 00	177 29		25 43	07 39
April.....	4,225 97	358 34		104 38	11 00	236 37	85 36
May.....	3,568 98	1,439 43	169 27	342 75			95 29
June.....	4,059 54	622 66		321 54		2 30	238 22
July.....	3,887 73	1,069 77	82 46	152 18	7 00	25 17	130 60
August.....	4,113 38	182 26					121 06
Totals.....	\$46,430 77	\$10,656 82	\$736 33	\$1,872 06	\$509 00	\$373 32	\$1,041 04