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## CHARTER.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Women's Hospital Association of the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled,* That Abram D. Gillette, Byron Sunderland, Charles H. Hall, George W. Sampson, J. N. Coombs, William B. Matchett, Henry D. Cooke, William W. Corcoran, Charles Knap, J. H. Thompson, Moses Kelly, Ansel St. John, Mrs. Adelaide J. Brown, Mrs. Mary W. Kelly, Elmira W. Knap, Mary C. Havener, Mary Ellen Norment, Jane Thompson, Mary L. Harkness, Isabella Margaret Washington, Mary F. Smith, Mrs. Elmira W. Powell, and Mrs. Elizabeth Samson, and their successors, duly chosen, are hereby constituted and created a body-corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name of the Columbia Hospital for Women and Lying-in Asylum.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation hereby constituted shall consist of twenty-four members. They shall have power to fill all vacancies created by death, resignation, or otherwise and to make by-laws, rules, and regulations: *Provided,* That such by-laws, rules, and regulations are not repugnant to the Constitution or laws of the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the affairs of said corporation shall be under the control and management of a board of twelve directors, to consist of the first twelve of the above-named incorporators, or such further number as the duties of the corporation may require, such increase of numbers to be made by a vote of two-thirds of the existing board. The board of directors shall have power to appoint all subcommittees necessary to the direction and efficiency of the institution hereby authorized to be established.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the first twelve incorporators named in the first section hereof, together with those who may be elected directors as provided in the preceding

section, shall constitute the first board of directors, who shall from their number elect a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, and treasurer; and seven of the directors, of whom the president or one of the vice-presidents shall be one, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the object of the association hereby incorporated is to found in the city of Washington a hospital and dispensary for the treatment of diseases peculiar to women, and a lying-in asylum, in which those unable to pay therefor shall be furnished with board, lodging, medicine, and medical attendance gratuitously, and to that end full powers are hereby conferred on the association.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall have power to accept, purchase, receive conveyance of, and hold property, either personal or real, to an amount necessary for the full accommodation, convenience, and support of the institution and those participating in its benefits.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the property, personal or real, so held by said corporation shall be exempt from all taxes and assessments levied under act of Congress or by authority of any municipal corporation or board within the District of Columbia.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal this act.

APPROVED, June 1, 1866.

[Extract from Sundry Civil Bill, 1872.]

For purchase of building now occupied by said hospital, with forty thousand feet of ground, twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the title to said real estate shall be vested in the United States, for the use of said hospital, and that no part of the real or personal property now held or hereafter to be acquired by said institution shall be devoted to any other purpose than a hospital for women and lying-in asylum without the consent of the United States; and that in addition to the directors whose appointment is now pro-

vided for by law, there shall be three other directors appointed in the following manner: One Senator, by the President of the Senate, and two Representatives, by the Speaker of the House; these directors shall hold their offices for the term of a single Congress, and be eligible for reappointment.

APPROVED, June 10, 1872.

AN ACT making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty one, and for other purposes. APPROVED, June 4, 1880.

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“*Provided*, That one of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, to be selected by the Board of Commissioners, shall be a trustee of said hospital and lying-in asylum, with all the powers, privileges, and duties of other trustees of the same.”

## By-Laws and Regulations.

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### CHAPTER I.

#### *Of the Directors.*

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than fifteen members, with such special members as may be added by authority of Congress. Seven Directors shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. If any elected Director remove permanently from the District of Columbia, or be absent without excuse from four consecutive regular meetings of the Board, such absence shall be deemed a resignation of Directorship, and the vacancy shall be filled by the Board.

SEC. 3. Vacancies in the Board of Directors may be filled at any regular or special meeting of the Board, nomination thereto having been made at a previous meeting.

### CHAPTER II.

#### *Meetings of the Board.*

SECTION 1. The Directors shall hold quarterly meetings during the year at the Hospital, on the third Tuesdays of January, April, July and October, at half-past 7 P. M.; that in January shall be the annual meeting. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or, in case of his absence or inability to act, by a Vice-President, or by two members of the Board of Directors; giving at least two days' notice of the same, and stating the object of the meeting.

SEC. 2. At the annual meeting there shall be elected by a majority of the Directors present, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Superintendent, and a Matron for the ensuing year. They shall also, at the annual meeting, elect, in like manner, four members of the Medical

Board, a Resident Physician and one or more Assistant Resident Physicians, and a Board of Lady Visitors to consist of not less than twenty-five nor more than fifty. At the same meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the President shall appoint the following Committees :

- I. Committee on Rules.
- II. Committee on Expenditures.
- III. Executive Committee.
- IV. Auditing Committee.
- V. Committee on Personal Property.
- VI. Committee on Ways and Means.
- VII. Committee on Annual Report.
- VIII. Committee on Lady Visitors.

SEC. 3. The term of office in all of the above shall begin with the election in January and continue until the next annual election, or until their successors are appointed and duly qualified. Vacancies may be filled at any regular or special meeting.

### CHAPTER III.

#### *Order of Business.*

The following shall be the order of business at the regular meetings of the Board :

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Communications.
4. Report of Executive Committee.
5. Report of the Treasurer.
6. Report of the Medical Board.
7. Report of the Superintendent.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Resolutions and new business.
12. Election of officers.
13. Nomination and election of Directors.

## CHAPTER IV.

*President.*

The President, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and preserve order therein. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise provided by the Board.

## CHAPTER V.

*Secretary.*

SECTION 1. The Secretary shall attend the meetings of the Directors, take minutes of the proceedings, and transcribe them in a book provided for that purpose. Immediately after the election of Directors and officers he shall give notice to the persons so elected. All reports relating to the Hospital and Dispensary, except such as can be properly preserved on file for reference, shall be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall keep a roster of the Directors, arranging them as nearly as practicable, in equal numbers, as Visiting Committees, and at each quarterly meeting shall notify the Directors he has designated as Visitors for the ensuing quarter.

## CHAPTER VI.

*Treasurer.*

The Treasurer is the custodian of all papers and documents relating to the property of the Hospital, and of all moneys belonging thereto, except his own official bond to the Hospital, which shall be in the custody of the President of the Board of Directors. He shall give bonds and security, as required by the regulations of the United States Treasury. He shall also give bonds and security, satisfactory to the Board of Directors, for such money as may be received from pay-patients. He shall pay no moneys except under resolution of the Board of Directors, or upon vouchers approved by the

Committee on Expenditures. All payments shall be by checks, and checks drawn upon the pay-patient fund shall be countersigned by a majority of the Committee on Expenditures. At each quarterly meeting he shall present an account showing the state of the funds in his hands, and report in detail at the quarterly meeting in July his receipts and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year, ending with the 30th day of June, which report shall then be referred to the Committee of Audit for examination and report at the next stated meeting.

#### CHAPTER VII.

##### *Committee on Rules.*

The Committee on Rules shall consist of the President of the Board of Directors and two other members, to which shall be referred all motions to alter and amend the By-Laws, and who shall report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

##### *Committee on Expenditures.*

The Committee on Expenditures shall consist of three Directors. They shall elect a chairman and secretary, and have supervision and control of all expenditures. They shall not authorize alterations or repairs without personal inquiry and inspection, and shall not approve any expenditure for such purposes not previously authorized by them or the Board of Directors.

#### CHAPTER IX.

##### *Executive Committee.*

SECTION I. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board of Directors, and the Committee on Expenditures, three of whom shall constitute a quorum. They shall make such rules and regulations as they from time to time may judge proper for their own government and that of the officers and members of the

Medical Department, patients, and employés, not provided for in the By-Laws of the Hospital, and shall enter the same on their minutes. In case any physician, surgeon, officer, or employé of the Hospital shall neglect or refuse to perform his or her duty, the Committee may suspend the offender and report the case to the Board of Directors at next meeting. The vacancy in the meantime shall be supplied by the Committee.

SEC. 2. The Committee shall see that proper economy is observed in the administration of all the affairs of the Hospital, having due regard to the welfare of its beneficiaries. They shall hold monthly meetings at the Hospital, and, subject to the regulations and orders of the Board of Directors, shall have the general control and management of all the affairs of the Hospital, and of its officers, employés, and inmates.

#### CHAPTER X.

##### *Auditing Committee.*

The Auditing Committee shall consist of two Directors. They shall examine the annual Report of the Treasurer and the quarterly reports of the Superintendent, with their vouchers, and report thereon at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### CHAPTER XI.

##### *Committee on Personal Property.*

The Committee on Personal Property shall consist of three Directors. It shall be their duty to inspect and compare with the inventories the surgical, medical, and household supplies of the Hospital, as hereinafter required to be kept by the Superintendent and Resident Physician, all the books, surgical and medical supplies, linen, kitchen and household furniture, garden tools, live stock, etc., the property of the Hospital, and report thereon at the July meeting of the Board.

## CHAPTER XII.

*Committee on Ways and Means.*

The Committee on Ways and Means shall consist of the Treasurer and of two other Directors. It shall be their duty to keep themselves informed of the amount of money on hand available for Hospital purposes; to make estimates of the amount that will probably be required during the succeeding fiscal year for improvements, repairs, salaries, and Hospital support; to report thereon to the Board of Directors at the quarterly meeting in July and represent the interests of the Hospital before Congress.

## CHAPTER XIII.

*Committee on Annual Report.*

The Committee on Annual Report shall consist of the President and two Directors, whose duty it shall be to prepare and present to the Board of Directors the annual report of the Board of Directors, and transmit the same to the proper authority.

## CHAPTER XIV.

*Visiting Committees.*

The Visiting Committees shall visit and inspect the Hospital twice in each month during the respective periods of their assignment. They shall record in a book kept for that purpose their opinion of the condition of the Hospital and its inmates, and such suggestions as may appear to them advisable, reporting the same at each quarterly meeting.

## CHAPTER XV.

*Medical Board.*

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall annually appoint two Visiting Surgeons in charge of the Lying-in Department, and two Visiting Surgeons in charge of the remaining pa-

tients in the Hospital, who shall together constitute the Medical Board. They shall report to the Board of Directors at each quarterly meeting the condition of the Hospital during the preceding quarter. They shall also present at the July meeting of the Board of Directors each year their annual report, giving a full statement of their conduct of the Medical Department of the Hospital for the preceding year, with such recommendations as they may deem proper.

SEC. 2. The members of the Medical Board may attend the meetings of the Board of Directors and participate in its discussions, but shall not be entitled to vote.

SEC. 3. No capital operation, except in case of immediate danger, shall be performed, unless such proposed operation shall have first been submitted for consultation to all the members of the Medical Board.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### *House Staff.*

SECTION 1. The House Staff shall consist of one Resident Physician and one or more Assistant Resident Physicians.

SEC. 2. The Resident Physician shall be a graduate of medicine, nominated by the Medical Board, and elected by the Board of Directors for the term of one year, with privilege of re-election, but subject to removal for cause, upon recommendation of the Medical Board. He shall reside in the Hospital free of charge, and receive such salary as the Board of Directors may decide upon. He shall have charge of the Medical Department of the Hospital, subject to the control and under the immediate direction of the Medical Board. He shall accompany the Visiting Surgeons on their visits to the Hospital wards, and shall render them such assistance as they may desire. He shall not engage in private practice, nor be absent from the Hospital without leaving it in charge of the Assistant Resident Physician, who shall act in the capacity of Resident Physician during such absence. The Resident Physician shall perform no surgical operation ex-

cept in case of emergency, or with the permission of the Visiting Surgeon in charge of the patient. He shall keep a complete medical history of each patient in the Hospital, and shall perform such other duties as the Medical Board, Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors may direct.

SEC. 3. The Resident Physician shall have charge of all instruments, apparatus, and books of record belonging to the Medical Department, and shall be responsible for them and their good order.

SEC. 4. The Assistant Resident Physician shall be a graduate of medicine, and be nominated by the Medical Board. His election shall be by the Board of Directors for the term of one year, with privilege of re-election, and he shall be subject to removal for cause upon recommendation of the Medical Board. He shall reside in the Hospital free of charge, and shall not engage in private practice. He shall render such assistance as the Resident Physician may require, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Medical Board, the Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors.

SEC. 5. No patient shall be taken to the operating-room, or subjected to examination (except in case of emergency), without special direction from a member of the Medical Board. By cases of emergency shall be understood only those of hemorrhage or excessive pain.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### *The Superintendent.*

SECTION I. The Superintendent shall have charge of the Hospital and all the premises, and shall see that all rules and regulations are carried into effect. He shall admit and discharge all patients, subject to the rules and orders of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. He shall keep, or cause to be kept, for the inspec-

tion of the Executive Committee a record of the names of all patients, with their age, residence, employment, date and term of admission; date of discharge, elopement, or death; result of treatment and disposition of remains in case of death, with such remarks as he may be requested by the Medical Board to make. He shall hire and dismiss all the servants and employes in and about the Hospital, subject to the order of the Executive Committee. He shall keep an inventory of all furniture and other property belonging to the Hospital, and shall make quarterly report to the Executive Committee of articles injured, destroyed, or missing. He shall report to each quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors a statement of the number of patients received and discharged, and such information in respect to employes and the conduct of the Hospital, so far as the same is in his charge, as will enable the Board of Directors to determine as to the efficiency and economy of its management.

SEC. 3. He shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, purchase the provisions and all other stores required by the Hospital, and shall attend to the proper issue of the same, keeping under key wines, spirits, stores, and other household articles, and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### *The Engineer.*

SECTION 1. The Engineer shall have charge of the boilers and steam machinery of all kinds. He shall be responsible for the economical use of coal and steam, and it shall be his duty to see that a uniform temperature be maintained in all portions of the Hospital buildings during the winter.

SEC. 2. The Engineer and his Assistant shall be subject to the directions of the Superintendent in all matters pertaining to the Hospital, and shall render such other service as the Superintendent may require when not otherwise necessarily employed in their duties.

## CHAPTER XIX.

*The Matron.*

SECTION 1. The Matron is the housekeeper of the Hospital, under the general direction of the Superintendent. She shall have the immediate oversight and direction of its domestic management, and shall superintend and direct the cooking and distribution of food; shall see that the supply is sufficient and of good quality.

SEC. 2. She shall see that all the rooms of the Hospital are kept in order; shall have charge of the linen and bed clothing for same, and shall discharge such other duties as the Superintendent may direct. She shall not leave the Hospital without his permission.

## CHAPTER XX.

*Patients.*

SECTION 1. The Superintendent shall personally receive the patients into the Hospital on their admission, and appoint for each patient the ward or bed she shall occupy, and change the same from time to time, as occasion may require, after consultation with the Visiting Surgeon in charge.

SEC. 2. All applicants for admission to the Hospital presenting cards of admission from any member of the Medical Board shall be admitted without question to the service of the Surgeon by whom she is sent.

SEC. 3. Any applicant presenting a letter from a physician not connected with the Hospital, designating the service of a particular Surgeon, shall be assigned to such service, provided the case is a suitable one for admission, unless it is contrary to her own wish expressed at the time.

SEC. 4. A patient once admitted and assigned shall not have the privilege of changing to another service without the consent of both Surgeons concerned.

SEC. 5. All patients not presenting cards of admission from Visiting Surgeons of the Hospital shall be admitted by

the Superintendent after consultation with a House Physician, who shall have the right in doubtful cases to make such examination as may be necessary to determine whether the case is suitable for admission.

SEC. 6. No advice or opinion whatever, either voluntary or solicited, as to the choice of Surgeons, shall be given to any applicant for admission by the Superintendent, by any members of the House Staff, or by any nurse or other person in the employ of the Hospital, nor shall anything be said in the presence of an applicant to influence her in her choice.

SEC. 7. Patients unassigned shall be allowed to choose their Surgeon, but the choice must be made at the time of admission.

SEC. 8. Patients unassigned, and having no choice or preference, shall be assigned in regular rotation to each of the Surgeons, without partiality or regard to the number of patients already in the service of each Surgeon.

SEC. 9. Patients shall be admitted to the pay ward in the Hospital on payment of not less than \$6 a week, and to separate rooms, at rates to vary with the room occupied and attendance required. Such rates shall be determined by the Superintendent with the approval of the Executive Committee, and the amounts so charged shall be collected by the Superintendent, and turned over as collected to the Treasurer.

SEC. 10. Patients are not permitted to use any article of diet, drink, or medicine, except such as are prescribed by the Visiting Surgeon in charge, nor to visit the rooms of other patients, or the working rooms of the Hospital, or to leave the Hospital without the consent of the Superintendent.

SEC. 11. No charge shall be made for any surgical or other service performed in any of the free wards of the Hospital, but the Visiting Surgeon in charge of a pay-patient may charge and receive a reasonable fee for any operation performed by him at her request.

## CHAPTER XXI.

*Nurses and Employés.*

SECTION 1. The nurses shall treat the patients with uniform kindness and respect, evince good will, interest, and sympathy, and never address a patient coarsely or with rudeness.

SEC. 2. Any complaint made to the nurses by the patients shall be immediately reported to the Superintendent.

SEC. 3. Under no circumstances shall a nurse or other employé be allowed to inform anyone of the nature of the disease from which a patient may be suffering, nor shall they be allowed to speak with disrespect of any officer of the Hospital, under pain of prompt dismissal.

SEC. 4. Employés shall not be permitted to absent themselves from the Hospital without first obtaining the consent of the Superintendent; and in all cases they shall strictly obey his instructions, and be subject to such regulations as he shall establish.

## CHAPTER XXII.

*Visitors.*

SECTION 1. Visitors may be admitted between the hours of 10 A. M. and 6 P. M. on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays of each week, or at other times by special permission of the Superintendent.

SEC. 2. No visitor shall be allowed to carry articles of diet to patients unless by permission of the Superintendent.

SEC. 3. Patients shall receive visitors in the parlor unless confined to their rooms.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

*The Dispensary.*

The dispensary service of the Hospital is intended for poor women only, who are unable to pay for the services of a physician, and who are suffering from diseases peculiar to or essentially modified by their sex. The days for attendance

will be Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 1 to 3 P. M. Patients will be required to furnish their own bottles for medicine.

#### CHAPTER XXIV.

##### *Board of Lady Visitors.*

The Board shall meet at the Hospital monthly. It shall appoint from its members the following Committees :

*First.* A WARD COMMITTEE, composed of four members.

The Hospital beds shall be divided among the members of this Committee, and the members thereof shall inform themselves regarding the condition of each patient under their care, and, so far as is consistent with the Hospital rules, conduce to the comfort of the same, giving personal care and sympathy.

*Second.* A COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY AND DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES. This Committee shall consist of three members, and shall have charge of the Library and of the Sabbath and other devotional and religious services

*Third.* A COMMITTEE ON HOUSEKEEPING. This Committee shall consist of three members. They shall investigate the condition of the wards, rooms, and offices of the Hospital.

Each of the foregoing Committees shall report to the Executive Committee monthly, and the Board of Lady Visitors shall report to the Board of Directors at its July meeting the result of their work during the preceding year, with such suggestions in respect to the conduct of the Hospital as they may deem best.

#### CHAPTER XXV.

##### *Amendment of the By-Laws and Rules.*

These By-Laws and Rules, or any of them, may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, provided such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed in writing at a previous meeting of the Board.

## Appendix.

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### REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND LYING-IN ASYLUM.

COLUMBIA HOSPITAL,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 2, 1891.

DEAR SIR:—In compliance with your request, I herewith transmit the annual reports of the surgeons in charge, the treasurer's report, and that of the Committee of the Hospital for Women and Lying-in Asylum, showing the amount of money received and expended during the past fiscal year in the support of the institution.

The need of such an institution is shown by the constant demand made for service of the Hospital, not only by resident patients, but of others from almost every section of the country.

We have, however, been able to care for all applicants, and none have been refused admittance who were proper subjects for the Hospital.

During the past year improvements have been made (from the pay-patient funds), increasing the efficiency of every department; and there is every reason to believe that the Hospital will, in the future as in the past, commend itself to the confidence of the community and the liberal support of Congress.

The directors request that the amount asked for for annual support be granted, as the amount is as small as is consistent with good care and comfort of the patients.

Very respectfully, JOHN T. MITCHELL,  
*Vice-President of the Board of Directors.*

SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARITIES,  
*District of Columbia.*

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AUGUST 1, 1891.

*The Board of Directors, Columbia Hospital and Lying-in Asylum:*

GENTLEMEN:—The committee on personal property respectfully report that the record of the property in the Hospital has been properly kept.

Examinations have been made by the committee whenever requested by the superintendent; worn-out and unserviceable articles have been condemned and destroyed, and credited on the inventory of the Hospital.

The furniture and other personal property of the Hospital is properly cared for, and the careful administration of this department is to be commended.

Very respectfully, JOHN T. MITCHELL,  
*Chairman of Committee.*

COLUMBIA HOSPITAL,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 2, 1891.

*The Board of Directors of Columbia Hospital:*

I have the honor to present the following report:

During the past year there have been admitted into the Hospital 424 patients, and 396 have been discharged. We have received from the pay patients the sum of \$2,574.71.

During the last quarter of the fiscal year the service has been very active in both the gynecological and obstetrical departments.

The nursing of the Hospital is at present being conducted under the system employed successfully in the principal hospitals of the country. Two head nurses are engaged to take charge of the two departments, and a present staff of nine under-nurses are detailed on day and night duty throughout the Hospital. These nurses are giving good satisfaction in their work. We have also a sufficient and efficient staff of servants to maintain the cleanliness and good order so essential in a hospital.

The general conduct in the Hospital has been very satisfactory.

There has been prepared a complete inventory of the property belonging to the Hospital, which I beg to present with this report to the board of directors and the committees authorized to inspect the same.

Very respectfully,  
GEORGINA F. POPE,  
*Superintendent.*

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COLUMBIA HOSPITAL,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 2, 1891.

*The Board of Directors:*

GENTLEMEN:—We have the honor to herewith submit the annual report of Columbia Hospital for the year ending June 30, 1891:

The increase in number of patients during the past six months (the period of our connection with the Hospital) and the evidence of increased popularity of the institution, both at home and abroad, are very gratifying, and give promise of still further usefulness. We are not, however, insensible to the growing demands for better facilities in order that we may keep the Hospital fully abreast with the spirit of scientific progress of the day in treatment of both gynecological and obstetrical cases, as well as in pathological research.

We therefore recommend that steps be at once taken to secure the erection of a suitable building on the L Street front, in which proper arrangements could be perfected to make this institution compare favorably with any other, both in facilities and in result of surgical and other treatment.

Further suggestions as to details will, in due time, be handed the board for their examination and treatment.

Very respectfully,  
J. WESLEY BOVEE, M. D.  
LOUIS W. RITCHIE, M. D.  
I. S. STONE, M. D.  
J. TABER JOHNSON, M. D.

## Report of the Columbia Hospital for Women and Lying-in Asylum.

Patients in Hospital July 1, 1890 .....	24
Patients admitted during the year .....	424
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<i>Color :</i>	448
White .....	251
Colored .....	197
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Discharged or left during the year .....	396
Died during the year .....	9
Remaining under treatment July 1, 1891 .....	43
Death-rate per cent during the year .....	2.22
Prescriptions compounded during the year .....	2 147
Daily average of patients .....	35.14

## NATIVITIES.

Alabama .....	3	Louisiana .....	1
Austria .....	1	Maryland .....	85
Canada .....	1	Massachusetts .....	3
California .....	1	Mississippi .....	2
Connecticut .....	1	New Jersey .....	1
Delaware .....	1	New York .....	16
District of Columbia .....	78	North Carolina .....	6
England .....	2	Ohio .....	6
France .....	3	Pennsylvania .....	14
Georgia .....	2	Scotland .....	3
Germany .....	17	Unknown .....	1
Indiana .....	2	Virginia .....	171
Ireland .....	21	West Virginia .....	2
Italy .....	2		
Kentucky .....	2		<hr/>
			448

## STATES OR COUNTRIES.

California .....	2	Mississippi .....	1
District of Columbia .....	294	North Carolina .....	2
Indiana .....	4	New York .....	1
Ireland .....	2	Pennsylvania .....	6
Kansas .....	1	Unknown .....	1
Kentucky .....	3	Virginia .....	89
Louisiana .....	1	West Virginia .....	1
Maryland .....	41		<hr/>
Massachusetts .....	2		448

*Medical and Surgical Report.*

Patients in Hospital July 1, 1890 .....	14
Admitted during the year .....	213
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Total to be accounted for .....	227
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Discharged or left .....	194
Died .....	8
In Hospital July 1, 1891 .....	25

*Medical and Surgical Report for fiscal year 1890-'91.*

Diseases.	Cured.	Relieved.	Incurable or unreliev'd	Unknown	Died.	In house.	Total.
Abscess of leg.....	1						1
Amenorrhœa.....		1		1			2
Anteflexion.....							1
Anteversio.....		2	1			1	4
Bronchitis.....	1						1
Carcinoma uteri.....			6		1		7
Chronic pelvic cellulitis.....		6	1				7
Chronic salpingitis.....		6					6
Cirrhosis of liver.....			1				1
Cirrhotic ovaries.....	1						1
Cystitis.....		2					2
Cystocele.....	3		2				5
Dermoid cyst of ovary.....	1					1	1
Dysmenorrhœa.....	1	4					5
Dysmenorrhœa with profound anæmia.....	2						2
Endocervicitis.....	8	6		1		2	17
Endometritis.....	7	8				3	18
Endometritis with hypertropic enlarge- ment of cervix.....	2	1				1	4
Endometritis with anæmia.....		1					1
Erosion of cervix.....	5	2					7
Exophthalmic goitre.....			1				1
Facial erysipelas.....	1						1
Fibro-myomata.....	4		5	3	2	2	16
Fungoid granulations of uterine mucosa.....	1		1				2
Hæmorrhoids.....	2	1					3
Hysteria.....		1	1				2
Intramural fibro-myomata.....		1					1
Kyphosis.....			1				1
Lacerated cervices.....	8	1	2			4	15
Lacerated perineæ.....	2		1				3
Menorrhagia.....		4				2	6
Metritis, following abortion.....	2	2					4
Metritis, following criminal abortion.....		1					1
Metrorrhagia.....	2	2					4
Omental hernia (umbilical).....	1						1
Ovarian cystomata.....	4		1		2	2	9
Ovarian neuralgia.....		2					2
Perforation of intestines.....					1		1
Perimetritis.....	1	1					2
Phthisis pulmonalis.....			2				2
Procidentia uteri.....		1	3			1	5
Prolapse of rectum.....	1						1
Prolapsed ovaries.....	1		1				2
Puerperal salpingitis.....		1					1
Pyosalpax.....	1						1
Rectal abscess.....	1						1
Rectocele.....			1				1
Recto-vaginal fistula.....			1				1
Retroflexion.....			1				1
Retroversion.....	1	1	2			2	6
Retroversion and endometritis.....		2	1				3
Salpingitis.....	1	2	3			3	9
Sarcoma uteri.....			1				1
Sciatica.....		1					1
Schirrus mammae.....	1		1		1		3
Sloughing submucous fibroids.....	1	1	1				3
Spasmodic dysmenorrhœa.....	1		1				2
Stenosis of cervical canal.....	1	1				1	3
Submucous polypi.....	1	1				1	3
Suspected extra-uterine pregnancy.....			1				1
Tubercular peritonitis.....					1		1
Urethral caruncles.....	3		1				4
Vaginitis.....	2						2
Vesico-vaginal fistula.....			1	1			2
Total.....	76	66	46	6	8	25	221

## Operations for fiscal year 1890-'91.

Diseases.	Cured.	Relieved.	Incurable or unrelieved.	Unknown.	Died.	Remaining under treatment.	Total.
Laparotomies :							
Cirrhotic ovaries.....	1						1
Cystic degeneration of ovaries*.....	1				1	1	3
Ovarian cystomata.....	1				1		4
Ovarian dermoid cyst.....						1	1
Prolapsed cystic ovary (double oophorectomy).....						1	1
Double oophorectomy for dysmenorrhœa.....						1	1
Pyosalpax (double).....	2						2
Hysterectomy (for fibroids).....	2				2	2	6
Myomectomies.....	1					1	2
Omental hernia (umbilical).....	1						1
Perforation of intestines (abdominal cavity flushed)†.....					1		1
	9				5	9	23
Abscess of leg.....	1						1
Carcinoma uteri, curetting.....		1					1
Carcinoma uteri, intra-uterine galvano-cauterization.....			1				1
Cystocele, anterior kolporrhaphy.....			1				1
Cystocele, perinæorrhaphy.....	4						4
Curetting.....	4	2					6
Dilatation.....	8	1					9
Dilatation and curetting.....	2						2
Hæmorrhoids (external).....	1						1
Lacerated cervix.....	9				1		10
Lacerated perineum.....	1						1
Lipoma of buttock.....	1						1
Prolapse of rectum.....	1						1
Rectal abscess.....	1						1
Scirrhus mammae.....		1			1		2
Submucous polyp of uterus.....	1						1
Urethral caruncles.....	4						4
Vesico-vaginal fistula.....			1	1			2
	47	5	3	1	6	10	72

\* Extensive adhesions, with perforation of intestines.

† Patient admitted in dying condition.

J. TABER JOHNSON, M. D.  
I. S. STONE, M. D.

## OBSTETRICAL REPORT.

Patients in the Hospital July 1, 1890 :	
Delivered .....	7
Undelivered .....	3
Admitted during the year .....	211
Total to be accounted for .....	<u>221</u>
Discharged after delivery or cure .....	196
Left undelivered .....	6
Died .....	1
In Hospital July 1, 1891 :	
Delivered .....	9
Undelivered .....	9
	<u>221</u>
Patients delivered during the year .....	187
Admitted after delivery .....	1
Abortion .....	1
Threatened abortion (averted) .....	5
Retained placenta .....	<u>5</u>
Sex of children :	
Males :	
White .....	55
Colored .....	46
Females :	
White .....	35
Colored .....	54
	<u>190</u>
Operations :	
Forceps deliveries .....	4
At inferior strait .....	2
At superior strait .....	2
Podalic version .....	2
Stricture of rectum dilated .....	1
For laceration of perineum, primary .....	14
Laparotomy (pelvic abscess) .....	1
Mammary abscess, incised .....	2
Breech presentations .....	3
Dorso-lumbar presentations .....	1
Face presentations .....	2
Footling presentations .....	2
Footling with prolapsed funis .....	1
Hand with head .....	3
Posterior occipital presentations with posterior rotation .....	6
Puerperal eclampsia .....	3
Placenta previa .....	1
Post-partal hemorrhage .....	4
Antepartal hemorrhage .....	1
Carcinoma of rectum .....	1
Phthisis .....	1

Premature births .....	9
Patulous foramen ovale of heart (recovered) .....	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum .....	3
Twins .....	2
Maternal mortality (cause of acute congestion of kidneys) .....	1
Infantile mortality .....	14
Cause of :	
Hernia cerebri .....	1
Inanition (two weak twins) .....	3
Infantile convulsions .....	1
Maldevelopment .....	1
Prematurity .....	7
Umbilical hemorrhage (from shrinkage of cord) .....	1
Stillbirths .....	13
Causes of :	
Breech (protracted labor) .....	1
Footling (protracted labor) .....	1
Footling (prolapsed funis) .....	1
Prolapsed funis after birth of first twin .....	1
Carcinoma of rectum of mother .....	1
Coiled funis .....	1
Fall of mother .....	1
Placenta previa .....	1
Premature birth (4½ months) .....	1
Puerperal eclampsia of mother .....	1
Congenital syphilis .....	1
Unknown .....	1
Violence during intoxication of mother .....	1

LOUIS W. RITCHIE, M. D.,

J. WESLEY BOVEE, M. D.,

*Obstetric Surgeons.*

*Dispensary Report.*

Number of patients under treatment at date of last report .....	180
Number of patients received .....	1,100
Total to be accounted for .....	1,280
Number cured .....	183
Number relieved .....	358
Unrelieved or incurable .....	49
Unknown (did not return) .....	189
Sent to Hospital from Dispensary .....	224
Not subjects for treatment .....	134
Sent to other institutions .....	128
Number under treatment July 1, 1891 .....	143
Number of prescriptions compounded .....	6,028

*Report of Columbia Hospital for Women, and Dispensary, Washington, D. C., for fiscal year ending July 1, 1891.*

	Hospital.	Dispensary.	Total.
Number of patients under treatment at date of last report .....	24	180	204
Number of patients received .....	424	1,100	1,524
Total treated .....	448	1,280	1,728
Number cured .....	272	183	455
Number relieved .....	66	35	101
Unrelieved or incurable .....	46	49	95
Unknown .....	12	189	201
Not subjects for treatment .....		134	134
Died .....	9		9
Sent to Hospital from Dispensary .....		224	224
Sent to other institutions .....		128	128
Number under treatment at date of this report .....	43	143	186
Births .....	187		187
Prescriptions compounded .....	2,147	6,038	8,185

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20, 1891.

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the following report of receipts and disbursements on account of Columbia Hospital for Women and Lying-in Asylum during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, with an estimate of the amount required for the support of the Hospital during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893.

	United States appropriation for support and maintenance, 1891.	Pay-patient fund.	Total.
RECEIPTS.			
By balance on hand July 1, 1890 .....		\$2,712 40	\$2,712 40
By amount appropriated by act approved August 6, 1890 .....	\$20,000 00		20,000 00
By amount received from pay patients during the fiscal year .....		2,574 71	2,574 71
Total .....	\$20,000 00	\$5,287 11	\$25,287 11
EXPENDITURES.			
To amount expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, viz:			
1. Services .....	\$7,509 12	\$600 00	\$8,109 12
2. Marketing .....	3,316 37		3,316 37
3. Use of telephone .....	80 00		80 00
4. Gas .....	467 65		467 65
5. Fuel and forage .....	1,588 70		1,588 70
6. Ice .....	495 98		495 98
7. Groceries and provisions .....	2,436 17	9 00	2,445 17
8. Improvements and repairs .....	1,802 50	850 00	2,652 50
9. Furniture and housekeeping supplies .....	626 44	309 69	936 13
10. Books, journals, stationery, and printing .....	52 95	150 45	203 40
11. Medical and surgical supplies .....	1,624 12	6 00	1,630 12
12. Insurance .....		51 25	51 25
13. Incidentals .....		389 95	389 95
Total amount expended .....	\$20,000 00	\$2,366 64	\$22,366 64
July 1, 1891, balance on hand .....		2,920 47	2,920 47
Total .....	\$20,000 00	\$5,287 11	\$25,287 11

## ESTIMATE.

For the necessary support and maintenance of the Hospital for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, the sum of \$20,000 will be required.

I am, with respect, your obedient servant,

JNO. D. MCCHESENEY,  
*Treasurer.*

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

COLUMBIA HOSPITAL,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7, 1891.

*The Board of Directors, Columbia Hospital:*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my annual report of money received from pay patients during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, viz:

July, 1890 -----	\$ 184 00	February, 1891 -----	\$ 82 00
August, 1890 -----	210 00	March, 1891 -----	240 71
September, 1890 -----	183 00	April, 1891 -----	68 00
October, 1890 -----	133 00	May, 1891 -----	288 00
November, 1890 -----	333 00	June, 1891 -----	562 00
December, 1890 -----	155 00		
January, 1891 -----	136 00	Total -----	\$2,574 71

GEORGINA F. POPE,  
*Superintendent.*

