

attention to them according to your wisheg and the directions of the Medical Superintendent. The gas and water fixtures which have been so recently and so extensively introduced, under the supervision of Mr. Ellicott of the Executive committee, have put the house in possession of a cheerful light at night and of six bath rooms with adjoining closets, the value of which in contributing to comfort and health cannot be too highly praised. It has been principally through a generous donation made to the Corporation by its present President, who was for many years its honored physician, that the benefits of a supply of both gas and water have been so adequately bestowed.

Early in the month of May a box of the implements for the game of Croquet, a game which is played in the open air, was received as a present from Mr. Enoch Pratt. It has given much amusement and bracing exercise to several who have taken an interest in the game. The Billiard Table, heretofore reported to you, which was also a gift from the same gentleman, has become so attractive a fixture that a privation of it now would be a misfortune; and the Bagatelle Table, purchased more than a year ago for the ladies department, also performs its part well as a means for their amusement.

The organization of the house as to Steward, Supervisors and Attendants generally has been satisfactory throughout the year. There has seemed to be a general and steady desire to conform to directions and to work together courteously and harmoniously in the performance of duty.

In closing the fiscal affairs for the year, it is pleasant to find that you are not in debt for current expenses. The economy, which has been practised for some years in expenditures for improvements, repairs, furniture and some other items, has been beneficially felt. The Hospital has thereby been able to provide for all expenses and to end the year clear of any pecuniary obligation whatever, pertaining to the household wants. In the general cash account comprising all receipts of cash and all expenditures, there is shown to be a balance in hand of \$901.32, with which to commence the new year. This is an acceptable statement; there is, however, another to be made which is not so pleasing. The cash receipts of a given year do not make the actual revenue accruing from the earnings of the year. When the cash account contains collections of debts due the Hospital in past years, in order to ascertain the revenue proper in the year, these must all be excluded; and when, towards the close of the year, there have been pre-payments for services to be rendered in the year following, these also must be excluded. The revenue is determined then by the balance remaining after this exclusion, with the addition of as much of the indebtedness to the Hos-