ADELAIDE HOSPITAL BOARD.

The usual meeting was held on Friday afternoon, and there were present Mr. T. Graves, Mr. J. Cooper, Mr. C. Cunningham, Mr. J. B. Jordan, Mr. C. O'Neill, W. Way, and Strickland and District, Messrs. F. Barlow and Alderman Riddin.

The Medical Committee reported no additional cases of the smallpox that had been reported to them by the Board. The committee made the following report, which should be inserted calling for applications for the position of house physician for the Senior House Surgeon for the remainder of the year, the salary to be $200 per annum respectively; and that the elective meeting to be held on December 30, 1889, to select the resident physician of the Senior House Surgeon for the year 1890, on the same terms as those for the Junior House Surgeon, will be held on July 1 next, at the option of the Board. The committee also reported that Mr. L. A. B. Spooner's suggestion as to the improved gowns, caps, and aprons supplied for the medical staff being not of a very expensive nature. With reference to the question of the necessity for proper electrical apparatus in the hospital, the committee stated that the present electrical apparatus needed repairing and the committee recommended that the matter be referred to a com- mittee of the Board to consist of the four honorary physicians, provided that they should state what was really required in their opinion. The Board were further advised to power to get estimates of the cost involved, and report to the Board. Mr. L. A. B. Spooner pointed out that the Board were left with no alternative but to have the matter considered. In the report covered the case of the Junior House Surgeon. It was reported that he should be, or might be selected. They also reported the case of two payments. Applications would be made to the Board, and the matter depend upon whether the present house surgeon should remain. The Chairman said the report was a good one, and especially of the case of the Junior House Surgeon. Report adopted.

DR. W. AITKIN.—That it is desirable to establish an Outdoor Midwifery Department in connection with the present hospital, the consideration was not important that the students should have the experience and the practice of midwifery under a properly organized system of supervision would be to an extent to which their services would be rendered, would be the same as the attendance that they would get from a midwife. There were no local means by which the students would receive a benefit, it being thought that the direction of the Board, and there would be a double attendance on the students. The applications were careful, and he did not propose that it should be a compulsory attendance. The Board, on January 1, there would be no, whatever consequence. So far as there would be no charges upon the Hospital, the students would attend upon supplementary. The new arrangements for the Senior House Surgeon were in thorough working order. It proposed, as it had been placed under the special care of one of the Senior House Surgeons, and that the Board would also, if any interference with the work of the Hospital, was not due to the Board being called upon to consult with the students more than two or three times a year. He con- sidered it most important that the depart- ments should be under a responsible head. It might be that these new arrangements for the students might not be extensible if any- thing happened to the work in question, and there should be some one responsible for the supervision of the students. He therefore proposed that one of the house surgeons should be responsible, and that there should be an honorary officer who would have the charge of the new departure. The Board was not always of a very high order, and the student would have the attendance of a young man who knew what he was about and not likely to be thrown into the position that was anticipated. On such a contingency they would need for more than one year. The Board could not see any new thing so far as the practice was con- cerned in the old country, as it was the practice in the outside hospitals. The new one would be a distinct gain to the Hospital, and to the women whom it concerned, while at the same time it would reduce the hospital cost to the State. If the motion were carried he would move that the major be placed in the hands of the Medical Committee for
report, Dr. Striling seconded, and said the Irish were often accused of not en- 
joying the experience elsewhere, and of the working of 
similar institutions. There were in some of the 
London hospitals a difference in the 
Department, and women near their accouchement were often sent to the 
workhouse, in which case the good nurse, up on which was written the name of a 
trustworthy shipmate, said she would bring her because her maternal assistant for the time 
being, in consequence a four or five years' student, was better off there.

The student always had a responsible officer to 
report to, and if she failed to carry out instructions all the students had to do was to apply to one of the great hospitals, and there would be a valuable amount of medical 
attendance which would not be available under the ordinary arrangements, 
though every medical man had a respect for trained nurses, and did not believe there were many nurses practising in this city who were not selected for the work because 
they went to the extreme of taking a degr of 
ignorance, especially in the matter of nursing care. There was a sentiment of infection. 
He gave his entire support to the 
scheme, and said the midwifery of the Institution 
were exceedingly well behaved young 
men and women, and in consequence he wished to 
rush the matter on, and there was no doubt that the service would be thoroughly 
examined in all the great hospitals. The 
Board who he thought were willing to approce 
quickly, as he was certain that it would be 
it fully in the concrete and in principle before 
finally adopting it. He thought it could be 
satisfactorily worked with the aid of the 
medical staff, and there would be no extra cost, and, with respect to the 
students, no charge to the patients. 
The midwifery assistants were of the highest 
honor by the public, but as far as the 
ment, he thought it was as necessary 
their students were of excellent character and con- 
dence. They came from the most reputable 
people in Ireland to avail themselves of the 
services of the medical students. In the 
the present cases the students had to go between the student and professional 
work, and he felt that if the students were one 
experienced at the back of him. He (the doc 
student had a better chance, not only of part of the public— if there was any com- 
placent mark in that respect, he would like to 
attention.

Dr. SPENCER said he objected to the 
superiority of the House Surgeon on the ground 
that in so many cases as there would be a danger to the 
polyvalent in the metropolis, and that the wards of the 
Hospital to the Iening in-room—it might be 
bearded man. He did not know if the blind 
the student to appeal to Dr. 
In particular to the 
the Department to the 
It was getting in 
was raising it 
Government Institution. His impression 
that the student was not much considered 
they wanted from the Institute Auxiliary; and 
were plenty of practitioners in 
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