

REPORT.

BALTIMORE, January 1st, 1900.

To The Honorable The Board of Police Commissioners

GENTLEMEN :

We, with pardonable pride, hereby respectfully present the report of 1898 and 1899. It consists, first, of three tabulated statements; the first being an alphabetical arrangement of diseases; the second of injuries and the third is a recapitulation of the whole by grades, which shows the number of cases, the time lost therefrom and the final disposition. During the winter months of 1898 and 1899, it is acknowledged to have been the most severe, to those who were compelled to be exposed to the elements, in a number of years. We had also an epidemic of La Grippe with increased severity over former years. Consequently during those months we had an increased number of daily sick; also on account of the icy condition of the streets, many of the men received injuries from falls.

Notwithstanding the above conditions, your Board of Police Physicians feel a special pride in the work they have performed in the last two years. During the years of 1896 and 1897 there were lost 23,596 days from disease and injuries, while during 1898 and 1899 there were lost 12,781 days from disease and injuries, making a saving to the department of 11,815 days in the latter two years.

During our incumbency in office we have inaugurated a proper weekly report with a recapitulation of the week's work, including therein a tabulated statement of all diseases, injuries causes and results; also examinations and re-examinations, those rejected and accepted; surveys held and the percentage of sick and disabled.