In May, 1891, the Resident Medical Officer, Miss Harris, M.B., entered on her work, and up to the present time has attended over seventy women in their own homes without any maternal death. The number of patients is steadily increasing, but up to the present time has not been sufficiently large to justify the Committee in taking students. The Committee have had to contend with the competition of University College Hospital Maternity Department. This well-organized School has been long in possession of the greater part of the field; it has given gratuitous attendance on the patients, together with many comforts, such as coals, beef tea, tea, and medicines. On the other hand, the Women's Hospital has charged five shillings to each patient attended, and has not offered any inducement beyond the fact of a qualified woman's attendance. In order to avoid this competition it is intended to abandon the western portion of the district, and to extend the work to the North and East, where no medical school has at present a maternity department. With this view the Committee hope to enlist the sympathy of the clergy, the missions, and the nursing establishments of the neighbourhood.

In 1891, Mrs. Garrett Anderson calculated that the undertaking ought to be self-supporting, or