

is no longer necessary, but who still require Medical aid as out-patients; to forward poor patients, especially cripples, to their homes; to supply flannel, linen, or other necessaries to those patients whose diseased condition may require such comforts; and for other charitable purposes.

The Samaritan Fund is altogether a distinct and separate fund, no part of the donations or subscriptions for the general support or maintenance of the Hospital being applicable to it; it is not distributed indiscriminately to all applicants, the assistance granted being voted at the Weekly Board, on the application of the chaplain, either from his own knowledge that the patient is deserving and necessitous, or at the recommendation of one of the Physicians, Surgeons, or visiting Governors.

Owing to increasing demands upon the accommodation, the wings of the Hospital were extended thirty feet towards Mortimer Street, in 1834; in 1848 extensive and costly alterations and improvements were made, and further accommodation for ninety additional patients was provided.

dents, Treasurer, and Governors of the Middlesex Hospital" were declared by Act of Parliament to be one body politic and corporate, and by that name to have perpetual succession and a common seal, with such other privileges as are usually granted under similar circumstances.

The increased and still increasing number of applications for relief has obliged the Governors to enlarge the Staff of the Hospital. Formerly a single Assistant-Physician and Assistant-Surgeon, in addition to the Physicians and Surgeons, were found sufficient to satisfy these demands, but it has become necessary to appoint three Assistant-Physicians and two Assistant-Surgeons. A fourth Surgeon and an Ophthalmic Surgeon have also been added to the Staff.

It must be obvious that an establishment so complete and extensive as the Middlesex Hospital cannot be maintained without great expense. The annual charge of upwards of two thousand of our fellow-creatures, as inmates of the Hospital, and of over twenty thousand out-patients, suffer-



The disadvantage of not possessing a Charter or Act of Incorporation had on several occasions been experienced, and was becoming daily more apparent; it had therefore been suggested that application should be made to Parliament to obviate this inconvenience. In the year 1836 facilities for obtaining this desirable character of legal perpetuity were afforded, by the circumstance of William Tooke, Esq., the honorary solicitor of the Hospital, being then Member of Parliament for Truro, and he, with great readiness and liberality, undertook the task of conducting through Parliament an Act of Incorporation. His kind endeavours were successful; and, on the 30th of March, 1836, "the President, Vice-Presi-

ing from accidents and illness, is a serious and expensive responsibility. The remedies and surgical appliances are costly; the Staff of experienced Sisters and Trained Nurses cannot be supported without a considerable annual outlay. The dietary (in accordance with the present system of treating disease) is also on a liberal scale; while for the cancer patients there is no limit to the dietary.

The number of in and out-patients in the past three years is as follows:—

	In-Patients.	Out-Patients.
1885	2,679	32,985
1886	2,856	35,933
1887	2,413	27,714

*Closed for ten weeks for repairs.

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