

Medical Staff: I am glad to indorse the opinion expressed by several witnesses that the appointment of the staff for so short a period as one year is objectionable, and has no tendency to encourage the best and ablest practitioners to apply for an appointment.

The representation of the medical staff on the Hospital Board, by giving a seat to the Chairman or one of its members, is a scheme which has elicited divergent opinions. I think it is likely to have some good effect, but the experience of other places has not proved it to be a specific for all troubles.

Conclusion.—I now bring this report to a conclusion, with the hope that the somewhat tedious and minute inquiry in which I have been engaged, in pursuance of your Excellency's Commission, may result in some good by clearing up confusion, dissipating prejudices, refuting calumnies, pointing out the sources and proper remedies of complaints that are well grounded, and generally helping to facilitate the administration of the Hospital, to increase its usefulness, and to enhance the estimation in which it is held by the people of Christchurch.

I have, &c.,
J. GILES.

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