OFFICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF
AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT.

CAMBRIDGEPORT, Sept. 1, 1895,

HON. WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, MAYOR,

Sir:- A report of the doings of the Ambulance Department for the quarter ending Aug. 31, is hereby rendered:

E X P E N S E S.

June.	Laundry.	$3.54.	
	Horse Board, &C.,	41.00.	
	Straps on girth,	1.50.	
	One pair bridle snaps	1.25.	
	Pay Roll,	120.00.	
			$167.29.
July.	Horse shoeing,	6.00.	
	100 yds. gauze,	2.50.	
	Horse Board,	41.00.	
	Pay Roll,	104.00.	
			$153.50.
Aug.	Oil and wicks,	1.22.	
	Tar paper and tacks,	.30.	
	Laundry,	3.46.	
	Axle washers,	1.00.	
	Setting tire,	1.00.	
	Bolts in wheel,	.20.	
	Irons on stretcher	3.75.	
	Repairing hot box,	2.00.	
	Horse Board,	41.00.	
	Pay Roll,	130.00.	
		$183.43.	
Total expenses for quarter.		$504.22.	
Expenses preceding half year.		1182.70.	
Expenses of year to date.		$1686.92.	
Appropriation.			$2150.00.
			1686.92.
Unexpended balance.			$463.08

TABULAR REPORT OF AMBULANCE WORK PERFORMED IN THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST, 1895.

	CALLS.			CITY LIMITS.			OUT OF TOWN.			AFTER 6 P.M.			ACCIDENTS.		
	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.
WARD 1.	20	18	8	16	13	6	4	5	2	1	1	3	6	3	3
WARD 2.	18	13	20	13	10	12	5	3	8	4	2	2	7	2	6
WARD 3.	8	10	10	5	3	3	3	7	7	3	4	2	5	5	5
WARD 4.	9	12	12	9	8	7	0	4	3	5	2	3	8	7	4
WARD 5.	3	8	1	2	6	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
TOTAL.	58	61	52	45	40	29	13	21	22	13	9	10	27	18	18

This department has now been running eight months, at an avarage cost of $210.87, per month. This includes the purchase of a horse, the fitting up of the ambulance and the quarters of the men, and the employment of three men during the first month.

Should the department be continued another horse will be needed the coming winter, owing to the size and weight of the ambulance and the long distances which it is required to cover.

Experience does not justify the idea advanced of increasing the number of ambulances. With such assistance as the patrol wagons can give in emergencies the present ambulance service affords ample facilities for the transportation of the sick and injured, and will continue to do so for some time to come if the department is placed on a firm footing and given the encouragement it aims to merit.

Three hundred and eighty five calls have been responded to, an avarage of forty eight per month. Two hundred and sixty nine of these were for transportation within the city limits, and one hundred and sixteen from or to this city. Sixty four were night calls, and one hundred and twenty five were for accidents. These 385 calls according to wards were: Ward 1 - 104, ward 2 - 105, ward 3 - 70, ward 4 - 71, ward 5 - 35; wards 1 and 2 using the ambulance 209 times, or nearly two thirds of its whole service. Of the 125 accident calls 23 were to ward 1, 29 to ward 2, 31 to ward 3, 33 to ward 4, and 9 to ward 5. From the above I am led to believe the best permanent location for the department to be as near to Central Square as possible.

Included in the list of calls to which the department has responded are forty two cases of communicable disease, of which 19 were Diphtheria, 21 Scarlatina, and 2 Measles. These were conveyed in the old ambulance, and the latter has been used for that purpose alone. It is sadly in need of repair, and should be thoroughly overhauled and used solely for the transportation of those suffering from contagious or communicable diseases.

Bills to individuals amounting to $285.00, have been made out and - according to the auditors' monthly sheet - $98.00, has been collected, making the total revenue for the eight months from all soufces $138.00.

In conclusion, as I am about to retire from the management of the department, permit me to thank you, sir, for whatever of encouragement and advice you have given me. My aim has been to establish a service in this city which should meet the approbation of her citizens, not for self aggrandizement; and whether the department be continued, or be lost in some other and greater one, I shall always have the satisfaction that my best efforts have been spent in its interests. The three men whom I have employed as drivers and attendants are trustworthy and capable and should be retained if possible. They have the interests of the department at heart and their places could not be refilled without seriously crippling the service.

Very respectfully yours,

Lewis L. Bryan

Supt. of Ambulance Department.

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Quarterly Report of the
Superintendent of the Ambulance
Department.