

A LOOK AT THE LAKESIDE HOME.

The engraving shows the Lakeside Home as it was in the summer of 1883. Then it included only a central elevation and a south wing. In the plans there was an effort to unite the useful and ornamental. The result is a structure that strikes the passer-by with its attractive outline, and meets all the requirements of convenience and comfort. It is constructed of wood throughout. A broad stairway connects two floors with a united area of 3,600 square feet. On the ground floor there are a large dining-room, a pantry, kitchen, board-room, and two large apartments for the use of the Matron. On the second floor there is a large hall, on either side of which is a large ward for the use of the boys and girls respectively. Opening from these wards is a smaller room, which is occupied by children in advanced stages of disease. At the east end of the hall is a commodious bath-room, fitted up with the most improved appliances. A broad and shady verandah runs round the west and south sides of the building. This is two stories in height, and is reached by wide doors which open from the Boys' Ward. Here the little invalids are placed during portions of each fine day, and on the hottest days they receive the full benefit of the cool breezes which blow in from the broad expanse of Lake Ontario. A laundry and wash-house has been erected at the east end of the building, and an ample supply of pure water is brought from the lake by means of a windmill on the lake shore.

This sketch describes the Home as it was until the summer of 1885. But the help to renewed health that short sojourns at the Lakeside during the hot summer months of 1883-84 proved to so many poor children made the donor of the original building anxious to enlarge the Home's circle of usefulness. He aimed at extending the advantages of a few weeks' residence at the Lakeside to weakly children from such institutions as the Boys', Girls', Orphans', and Infants' Homes. Early in 1885 he proposed to add a duplicate of the south wing to the north end of the building on two conditions:—(1) That the Lakeside Home should be the charge of a trust composed of Mayor Howland, Messrs. John J. Withrow, A. S. Irving, Daniel Spry, and the donor; (2) that children from other city charities should be admitted to the Lakeside Home subject to the control of the Management of the Hospital for Sick Children. These conditions met with the hearty approbation of the trustees of the mother Hospital, and contracts for the building of the annex were let in February, 1885. The work was quickly completed, and on July 15th the entire building was occupied. The remodelled structure is thus described by a writer in a local newspaper who spent "An Hour at the Lakeside Home."

On the plank route of travel, but away beyond the usual limit of the Island-stroller's tramp, the brown walls, dark verandahs, and ruddy-tinted roof of the Lakeside Home for Little Children break the bareness of the sandy plain that stretches south from the end of the straggling row of summer cottages almost to the water's edge. The windmill on the shore shades the west frontage line marked by the sidewalk that runs from Hanlan's. The picket-fenced fog-bell station and the little cluster of stunted willows around the whitewashed lighthouse buildings hem in the enclosure south of the Home. The visitor who on a sunny afternoon turns off the plank-road on to the footway leading up to the main door finds the strongest of the residents sporting in the shady spots on the sandy front. Their voices have a sturdy ring, and they go into their play with all the energy of health. A month's experience of the lake breezes has advanced these children so far on the road to health that a glance recognizes in the browned faces in the

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