

are on a very considerable scale, in accordance with the expressed views of our generous benefactor and chancellor, Lord Strathcona, who so opportunely announced a little more than a year ago, in the names of Lady Strathcona and the Hon. Mrs. Howard, the munificent donation of one hundred thousand dollars, to provide additional accommodation for the Faculty. The work is now proceeding as rapidly as possible, but owing to our long sessions of nine months, leaving only three months in the year for building operations, the work will require two years for its completion, but when complete, we shall have a set of laboratories in anatomy, chemistry, pharmacology, histology, physiology, pathology and hygiene which will bear comparison, collectively, with those of any medical school now in existence.

"I had occasion last year to call attention to the urgent need on behalf of the citizens of Montreal, even more than on behalf of the University and our Faculty, of much more ample and suitable accommodation for maternity work, and also the almost imperative necessity for the establishment of a hospital for infectious disease among our English-speaking population. The hardships produced by our lack of such an institution are almost unspeakable, and no community should be asked to bear them, for apart from the distress and suffering involved, it makes it impossible to keep these diseases within reasonable bounds, to the great danger and injury of the community, and a notable increase in its mortality. I am happy to say that, thanks to the untiring and tactful energy of Mrs. Miller, a large proportion of the funds necessary for the establishment of a new and commodious maternity on modern lines, has been already collected, and is now in bank, so that the attainment of this portion of our urgent needs may be said to be fairly in sight.

"Even in the other matter of the infectious diseases hospital for English-speaking people, I may say that light has begun to dawn upon us; for Ald. Ames, the able chairman of the Civic Health Committee, has been good enough to say that if the funds for the erection and management of the necessary buildings can be secured, he is assured that a suitable site will be provided by the city. This is an important point, for in all our previous attempts to establish such an institution, the question of a suitable site was always one of the most difficult with which we had to deal. The other part of the problem is not so difficult nor so expensive as might be supposed. Two or three, or, at most, four, plain brick buildings, plainly furnished, would be sufficient, and of these, seldom more than one or two would require to be in use at the same time, the others being disinfected and closed until again needed. The cost of management, moreover, need not be great, as a large proportion of those using them would be able and willing to pay, and the work could be supervised by the authorities of any of our large general hospitals.