

Trustees have been compelled to decline the gift of the most perfectly equipped X-Ray apparatus ever made by the Edison Company, simply for the reason that there was no accommodation in the building for an up-to-date plant.

The Training School for Nurses in connection with the Hospital has been most successfully carried on under the supervision of Miss Brent, the superintendent. The results have been most satisfactory and the nurses trained in the school have earned for themselves the highest encomiums from the entire staff.

All branches of the work show a great increase over previous years, and in both the Indoor and Outdoor Departments the ratio of admission is so great that if it were to continue for another year the increase in expense would be a serious matter.

Last year—and in referring to the year's work it must be remembered that each Hospital year ends on the 30th September—5,776 children have been treated, an increase of over 831 over 1899. Of these 767 were in-patients, an increase of 97, and 5,009 were out-patients, an increase of 734 over 1899. Among the in-patients were 510 from Toronto, an increase of 19, and 257 from places outside the city, an increase of 78 over 1899.

In the Out-door and Free Dispensary Department 5,009 children have been treated. This is one of the most interesting departments. As many as forty little patients, accompanied by their parents, are often found waiting treatment at one time. Six physicians attend this department regularly and the results have been most satisfactory.

Compared with 1899—of the in-patients 383 were cured, an increase of 66; while 298 were relieved, an increase of 140; 38 were unimproved, a decrease of 6; and 48 died, an increase of 6. It should be stated that a large number of those who die are children who are brought into the Hospital when there is but a faint chance for life. Of the number above mentioned, six died within two hours after admittance, twelve being in less than a week and fourteen less than a month.

At the beginning of the year (October, 1899), there were 109 patients, and at the end 139 patients in the wards. The highest number at one time was 145, on September 7th, 1900; the lowest number 89, on January 7th, 1900.

Taking the number of children and the total number of days they were in the Hospital, the average stay of each patient was 53 days.

The average daily number of in-door patients for the past four years was in 1900, 111½; 1899, 101½; 1898, 100 1-3; 1897, 87¼.

During the twenty-five years of the Hospital's existence, nearly 40,000 children have been treated. From year to year the number of patients cared for and relieved has steadily increased.

At this writing there are 140 children in the Hospital. The building was erected with accommodation, including the wards for infectious and "suspect" cases, for about 195 patients. But 140 children require at least 40 nurses, to perform effectively night and day work. There are, however, only 30 nurses employed. There is not room in the building for more—many of whom have to be lodged in two wards