

the provisions of the charter. The Management, thus increased, then leased the Western Hospital building at the above rental for a term of six years, and on the first of May moved into possession.

The Committee beg to draw attention to the fact that this Hospital is the only one of its kind in Canada, being specially devoted to the treatment of diseases of women, and, therefore, filling a want hitherto unsupplied; in proof of which the increasing number of patients bears testimony. The Committee, for this reason, would state that, in soliciting public support, they do so without infringing upon the claims of older institutions. The very unobtrusive manner in which the Management in former years had worked considerably delayed the full recognition of its merits by the general public, so that the amount of subscriptions was not as large as it would otherwise have been. This the Corporation hope in future to remedy, and by soliciting subscriptions, and more publicly claiming support, trust that the institution will soon become known by all as a great public charity.

Since the Hospital has moved into its present quarters a considerable sum has been expended in placing the building in effective working order, obtaining new furniture and altering the arrangement of some of the rooms so as to make them better adapted for the purposes intended. They are thankful to announce that they have received many donations in kind of articles absolutely required by the Hospital, and friends have come forward with subscriptions in aid of its support. One special feature deserving of notice is its private department, which admits patients of a better class who are able, by the payment of a special rate, to have all the benefits of hospital treatment and nursing, while, by a wise liberality, such patients are permitted to have the attendance of the physician of their choice, irrespective of any connection with this Hospital, being the only institution in this city which permits of this privilege. The Committee beg to state there are four large public wards, containing twenty beds, for the reception of patients, this being the utmost limit which they feel justified in providing, thereby being obliged to refuse admission to many deserving applicants. This the Committee deeply regret. Should, however, the financial condition of the Hospital afford an increase in the number of beds in the future, there is room enough for an additional twenty beds which would be obtained, and are at present required to meet the demands made by applicants.

During the past summer, a few members of the Ladies Committee held a bazaar in aid of the funds of the Hospital; the sale of articles was chiefly limited to the circle of friends and acquaintances of those interested in the welfare of the Institution. The sum realized by this almost private effort amounted to \$80.14, for which the thanks of the Corporation are due. Thanks are also due to the Ladies Committee for their valuable co-operation in visiting the patients, and assistance in the management by suggesting and supervising the necessary domestic requirements.

The Management congratulate themselves on the efficient assistance rendered to the Hospital by the Matron and staff under her, and also to the interest manifested by the members of the Medical staff in the care and treatment which they have bestowed on the inmates.

Special acknowledgment is also due to the Provincial Government for the annual grant of \$500.00, which sum your Committee expect to receive during the present month.

In addition to the above information the Committee would announce that the Hospital is visited daily, at noon, by three physicians, at which time patients presenting themselves at the out-door department also receive attention.

PATIENTS.

*In-door Department.*

At date of last report, remaining in Hospital..	11
Admitted during the year.....	107
Remaining in at present.....	13
Total .....	131
Protestants .....	85
Roman Catholics.....	46
Deaths.....	5
Protestants.....	3
Roman Catholics.....	2
Out-door department.....	176
Protestants.....	100
Roman Catholics.....	76
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DIED.

In Montreal, on the 9th March, Elizabeth Steel, aged 77 years, widow of the late Rollo Campbell, and mother of Dr. Francis W. Campbell.