

The need of an infirmary is growing upon us day by day, and it is the wish of not only Dr. Burgess, but the Board of Management, that before another year passes this very desirable building may be erected. Plans were prepared, and estimates taken for such a structure, but the computed cost exceeding the means at our disposal, and the season being far advanced, further consideration of it was deferred until the spring.

The lack of cottages in the vicinity of the Hospital is a great hardship to our married help, and it is hoped that some means may be adopted to supply this want.

We would call attention to the fact that only one Life Governor was added to the list during 1896, and trust that many more may see their way to contribute the necessary \$200.00 to qualify as such during 1897.

There has also been a falling off of subscriptions in the past year, and it is hoped that this Hospital, which has such a strong claim upon the charitably inclined public of this Province, will be better remembered during the coming one.

We regret to record the death of the following Life Governors, viz:—Warden King; Robt. Anderson; John Black, of St. Johns; R. W. Shepherd; and Moses Parker.

The Board of Management, having in view the better and more economical administration of the Hospital, decided, after due consideration, to do away with the City Office altogether, and have all work done, and all meetings of the Board and sub-committees held, at the Hospital, at Verdun. With that end in view, the Office was ordered to be given up at the end of the present lease, May 1st. It is expected that arrangements can be made whereby parcels for the Hospital may be left at some convenient store or office, to be called for by the hospital messenger every morning.