

is less than was received in 1889, by \$153.88, and the Church collections exceed those of 1889 by \$124.89.

The instalment of principal, \$2000, and the interest, \$385, that fell due on the 1st of January on the mortgage to the London & Canadian Loan & Agency Co., on the Maternity Hospital and the Nurses' Home buildings, were duly paid. There now remains due on this mortgage \$3,500, with interest.

It was found to be necessary last spring, in order to maintain the sanitary condition and comfort of the Main and Administration Buildings, to take out and discard all the baths and water closets that had been put into these buildings when they were first erected. New baths and closets of the most suitable pattern that could be found were put in their place, and the pipes and plumbing connected with them were carefully over-hauled and refitted. Durable hard-wood floors were also laid down in the bath-rooms and closets, and the worn out flooring in the kitchen was replaced with a hard-wood floor. The cost of these necessary improvements makes up the principal part of the item of \$2202.06 that appears in the account for "repairs."

In April a contract was entered into with the Manitoba Electric & Gas Light Co., for the lighting of all the Hospital buildings with Incandescent Electric Light; and the cost of wiring the buildings, supplying lamps, etc., is included in the item of \$761.47 for "light." The electric lighting has been found to be satisfactory and convenient, and it was a great relief to the Board to get rid of the numerous coal-oil lamps with which the buildings had previously been lighted, as the risk of fire with so many lamps in use was a serious and constant danger.

The Board deemed it necessary, during the year, to call the attention of the City authorities to the fact that in the event of a fire taking place in the Hospital buildings, there would be difficulty in obtaining a supply of water; and the Board are under obligation to the Mayor and Council for promptly taking action in the matter by directing the construction of a tank at the corner of McDermot and Nena streets, adjacent to the Hospital property.

In May last, Dr. O'Reilly resigned the position of Medical Superintendent, which he had held since 1887. The Board