

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of management was held on Sept. 22nd, and was well attended.

Estimates for painting the interior of hospital were received from three city firms. Owing to the great differences in the prices asked, it was evident that the requirements of the committee were not clearly understood. It was decided that a sub-committee be appointed to go over the hospital with a practical painter and ascertain just how much work was necessary, and to put such information into the form of a specification and ask for tenders on this basis. Only such work as is needed for preservation and improvement will be undertaken for the present.

A cheque of \$1,000 was handed in by the President, being payment of the legacy from the estate of the late Mrs. Wm. Arnott, forwarded by the executor, Mr. S. W. Wells. Much satisfaction was expressed over the financial condition of the hospital, which the receipt of the money rounded out.

The placing of the \$100 grant from the Provincial Government in this year's estimates was reported, and being now due would likely soon be available.

Owing to the prosperous condition of the hospital's finances, it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to arrange for the total wiping out of the hospital's current liabilities.

A window was ordered to be put in the private ward, now lighted solely from the light-shaft, thereby making the room more cheery, as well as increasing its earning power. The chairman was requested to attend to the matter.

Some discussion took place as to the advisability of seeking to interest some of the friends of the hospital in the purchase of the houses adjoining. The proprietor is unwilling to sell the houses singly, and as there is only prospect for friends being able to purchase one of them, it was thought that if the other two could be purchased, the hospital could transfer the rent now being paid for No. 46 to No. 48, and thereby gain the much-needed accommodation for the nursing and domestic staff. The Presi-

dent kindly volunteered to inquire into the matter and report at the next meeting.

In the report of the Lady Superintendent, which was furnished by Head Nurse Trench, in Miss Lorenz's absence, attention was drawn to the fact that several applications from private patients had to be refused this month for lack of accommodation. A new housekeeper has been engaged, also a new cook and maid, all of whom are reported as giving satisfaction. No sickness was reported among the nurses. The amount of money on hand at this date was shown to be \$2507.87.

After discussion of this report, it was decided to call a special meeting of the committee, if the sub-committees could get their reports ready before next regular meeting, as it was thought best to have the improvement work done as soon as possible ere the busy winter season set in. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 27th.

 MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

These give a total of 5,451 graduates and 26,431 students registered for the school years 1900-1, and it is thus shown that one of every 2,888 inhabitants was a medical student. There are in the United States 155 Colleges that confer the degree of M. D. 122 of the regular schools, 20 homeopathic and 13 nondescript. In our table of medical colleges 159 were shown, but two of these do not grant degrees. This gives the almost startling ratio of one medical school to approximately every 500,000 population in this country. Comparing this to the figures shown in some of the other countries: Great Britain has one to every 2,350,000; Germany, one to 2,500,000, and Austria one to 5,000,000.

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