

An Appeal to Canadians for a Great Canadian Charity.



THERE is no charity that has so great a claim on human kind as the charity that looks after, cares for the sick and suffering little ones, the boys and girls of this great Province who are so helpless that they cannot help themselves.

Nearly twenty-five years ago with very humble beginnings, the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, was established. Thus the coming year is the Silver Jubilee of the Hospital. Year after year the work increased until in 1892 a large building capable of holding 175 beds had to be erected. This involved a large expenditure, a debt in fact of about \$125,000.

The interest of this indebtedness amounting to many thousands per year, and in addition to this a monthly expense of \$2,500, materially hampered the work of the Hospital. The trustees, half a dozen business men in Toronto—J. Ross Robertson, of *The Evening Telegram*, Mr. E. B. Osler, Senator Cox, Mr. Samuel Rogers, Mr. A. S. Irving, and the late Mr. A. M. Smith—took hold and placed the work of the Hospital on a business basis. The giant debt stared them in the face. The burden was a tremendous one, but not too heavy for half a dozen energetic men to handle. From 1892 to 1894 the dollars rolled in but slowly. The decrease in the debt was very gradual, but in 1895 redoubled energy animated the trustees, and under the direction of Mr. Robertson, aided by *The Telegram*, a general appeal was

made to the people of the Province. It was pointed out in this appeal that the Hospital was a provincial charity—that every sick child, whose parents were certified to as being unable to pay, was treated free of cost. Then came the first ray of monied sunshine. Seven or eight thousand dollars came in at Christmas time. The succeeding year brought double that amount and the year following it tripled. Last year the contributions amounted to about \$30,000. At midsummer the trustees were enabled to cut the mortgage of \$30,000 in two and leave only a mortgage debt of \$25,000 to hamper the building; but the work during the past year had been heavy. Hospital work is always expensive. The Hospital expenditure amounts to \$2,500 a month. The additional expenditure increased the expenses by about \$5,000 so that the debt on 30th September last amounted to about \$30,000.

Even a small reference to this great charity



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lish philosopher who said that "in charity there is no excess, neither can man or angel come in danger by it."

The appeal for this year was made a month ago, and on the day after Christmas the amount received was in the neighborhood of \$12,000. In the meantime the expenses are

running on, but the money is coming in. The people of this Province are responding most generously. Every trifle helps. Every one who has a dollar to spend cannot put it out to better advantage than by sending it to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, in order not only to lighten, but wipe out the financial burden that to such an extent retards the good work that the charity is doing.

If every one in this Province interested in work of this kind would send a dollar it would be most gratefully received. If they

cannot send a dollar, send something less. Every little helps. Send in your mite no matter how small it is, it will help, and will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

Send contributions to J. Ross Robertson, *Evening Telegram*, Toronto.



VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, TORONTO.

would not be complete without a few words about the summer sanitarium for sick children which is known as the Lakeside Home. This building was erected on the Island by Mr. J. Ross Robertson in 1882, enlarged by the donor in 1886, and remodelled in 1891, over \$21,000 in all having been spent upon it. This great addition to the resources of the hospital has been of incalculable advantage, and many a little one has been restored to robust health through staying in this quiet home on the shores of Lake Ontario, where the breezes and sunshine have done much in aiding the work of the doctors and the loving nurses. The Home, which is furnished with everything necessary for the work carried on within its walls, is capable of accommodating about two hundred patients.

The extent and scope of the work among such helpless little ones can only be put in the words of that great Eng-



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