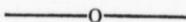


DIRECTORS' REPORT.



The Directors have great pleasure in once more presenting to the Annual Meeting a review of the statistics, and of the financial condition of the Infirmary for the past year.

This charity still continues its good work of relieving such of the very poor as are afflicted with diseases of the eye and ear, and the Directors are glad to acknowledge the continued liberality of the citizens of Toronto in supporting so purely benevolent an institution.

The Directors deeply regret that Mr. W. T. Mason, who has filled the office of Secretary to the Board for the last nine years, was compelled through illness to tender his resignation in February, which the Board very reluctantly accepted. Mr. Thomas C. Thomson was appointed to act in his stead until the next Annual Meeting.

Mr. Mason was one of the earliest friends of the Infirmary; he took an active part in its organization, and much of its success is due to his energy and perseverance. In this affliction both he and his family have our warmest sympathy, and we trust that in due time he may be fully restored to his wonted health and strength.

On the first of June the lease of the house on Adelaide street expired, and the premises now occupied being vacant, the Directors decided to move into them, believing that the change would be beneficial. The present premises afford no additional accommodation for intern patients, but it was supposed that the surroundings of the building would prove to be more wholesome than the situation on Adelaide street. In this, however, the Directors have been somewhat disappointed, having found that the back yard was undrained, owing to the want of a sewer on Dalhousie street, but as a sewer has since been constructed they trust that within a short time the back premises will be put into a thoroughly wholesome state.

During the year the Directors had the offer at a moderate price of a very desirable property on Elm street. Mr. Langmuir, Inspector