

"written message" of direction and encouragement; and in the early summer she made us a short holiday visit, which was a great delight to us all.

EDUCATIVE.

Our nurses come to us a month on probation. If they develop capabilities for the work and find it congenial, they are provided with a uniform and receive \$8 per month for the two years of their course. During these two years they receive regular weekly lectures upon various branches of medical science. The course of training this year, though broken in upon by the absence of Miss Cody during the summer, has been more systematic than ever before. Regular lectures on surgery, fevers, obstetrics and bandaging, have been given weekly, on Monday evening, by Dr. Peters, Dr. Primrose, Dr. Thistle, and Dr. W. P. Caven. On Friday evenings the class studied, under the direction of the Superintendent, various text-books on nursing and physiology.

We hope to have in the new Hospital a diet kitchen and other appliances, whereby our nurses may receive more thorough and regular training in their profession.

Dr. B. E. Mackenzie some time ago laid before the committee a plan which, in many respects, commended itself, for the instruction of the children. A large number of our patients are suffering from chronic diseases, and consequently they remain with us for months and frequently for years. Many of these are boys and girls over twelve years of age. Dr. McKenzie's plan was to ask the Public School Board to supply a teacher, and have our children, as they were able, instructed, regularly and methodically. At present we have not the facilities to carry out a scheme of this kind; when we are settled in our new Hospital we shall be better able to decide as to its advisability.

PROSPECTIVE.

Our new Building, the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, is steadily nearing completion. It is a large, handsome, substantial structure, and is admitted by all to be one of the finest buildings in Toronto. An elaborate description of it, by the architects, Messrs. Darling & Curry, will be found elsewhere in this Report.

For months earnest prayer has been offered that God would send the money, so that we might enter it *free of debt*. The total cost will be upwards of \$120,000. A large sum, doubtless, but nothing to the Lord of Heaven and earth, who holds in His hands the wealth of the universe. The members of the building committee have been very painstaking in the discharge of their duty, and it is their purpose to have the Victoria Hospital second to none in the world, as far as equipment and facilities for hospital work are concerned.

The furnishing of this great building is occupying much of the time and attention of the committee. We are making arrangements to secure at very reasonable rates, a quantity of sheeting, pillow-casing, toweling, blankets, bedspreads, etc., so that friends wishing to furnish cots and wards, may purchase from us at very advantageous terms. By this means we hope to secure uniformity as well as suitability in our furnishings.*

The Queen Street Methodist Church Sunday-school has undertaken to furnish one of the wards, and the Ministering Children's League a second. Friends furnishing wards or cots have the privilege of naming them, and these names may be retained in perpetuity by the appropriation of a small sum of money annually, to meet "wear and tear." It is our intention to have two free wards, one called "God's Sparrows," the other "God's Lilies." In these wards the cots kept by churches, Sunday-schools, societies and individuals, will be found; and in these cots we shall place the children of the very poor, who could not be paid for in any other way.

We are looking forward to the extension of our out-door and dispensary

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