

The instructions in the resolution were carried out by Mr. Wm. Macdonald, solicitor of the Hospital, and the five Trustees, Messrs. J. Ross Robertson, E B Osler, Geo. A. Cox, S. Rogers and A. M. Smith, became the corporate or governing body. The change was effected with the understanding that the Ladies' Committee, twenty-five in number, should have charge of the household, and that they should have the privilege of conferring with and making recommendations to the Trustees. This happy arrangement, whereby a large part of the burden of care, which had previously weighed heavily, was transferred from the shoulders of a few weak women to those of strong and capable business men, is regarded as a most remarkable answer to prayer. The new Hospital, under the supervision of Messrs. Darling and Curry, was steadily progressing and as it advanced it was daily becoming more and more apparent that the amount necessary for its perfect completion would considerably exceed \$100,000; the furnishings of both the Hospital and The Lakeside Home at the lowest estimate would require \$15,000 additional, and the Ladies' Committee numbered nine, with an average attendance of four, at some seasons of the year five. The "two or three" met regularly for prayer, and one of their "large petitions," and the one most frequently and fervently presented, was for money for the building on College street, and for the furnishing of both it and the Island Home. It is not surprising therefore, that the above proposal, coming from the Trustees that they should assume control, and share the burden of these great undertakings, is regarded as an answer to the earnest prayers offered in this time of weakness and trial.

This work is conducted on the voluntary principle, and the usual methods are not followed. As a work of faith the Hospital for Sick Children, from its earliest beginnings, has surely had the kindly care of the Watcher over Israel, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

It is difficult for us to give expression to the services rendered to the Hospital and The Lakeside Home during the past three years by the Trustees, who are most faithful, courteous, and generous, in the discharge of their manifold duties and responsibilities, but their efforts together with those of the Ladies' Committee, and the gifts of a large and ever-increasing circle of friends, in many parts of the Dominion, are all requisite to meet the heavy expenditure, necessary in the care, nursing, and treatment of our large household of sick children.

At the weekly prayer meeting the debt on the building (as well as the "daily bread") is always remembered, and, believing that God answers prayer, we are ever expecting to hear that our Hospital, one of the finest and most thoroughly equipped in the world, is set free of debt through the liberality of the friends of little sick children in our land.

In September, 1891, Mrs. McMaster, who had taken a two years' course at the Illinois Training School, Chicago, returned to Toronto, resigned the Presidency of the Ladies' Committee, and was appointed Lady Superintendent. During Mrs. McMaster's absence Mrs. John Harvie had acted as President and with the Trustees supervised the Hospital plans and conducted the business. The Ladies' Committee, in harmony with the rules framed by the Board of Trustees and approved by the old committee, was enlarged to twenty-five, and Mrs. W. H. Howland, who had long been associated with the work, was unanimously chosen as President.

The bequests and special contributions for 1890-91 were:—

Mr. T. M. Thomson.....	\$ 500
One-half bequest of Mr. W. Gooderham.....	1,000
Miss Ross	500
Annie Adams (Cherry Valley).....	5
Total.....	\$2,005

The City Council very kindly contributed a special grant of \$1,700 for furnishing The Lakeside Home, and \$2,000 for furnishing the Hospital for Sick Children. The first amount contributed for furnishing was the sum of \$200 from Miss Hillary's Ladies' Choral Club. The Little Reapers contributed \$140, the proceeds of a sale of work, for the maintenance and furnishing of a cot.

Eighty-seven dollars and forty cents, the amount realized from the Mikado performance, was contributed to The Lakeside Home, and \$213 81, the proceeds of a bazaar held at the house of Mrs. Casimir Gzowski, on Centre Island. "The Richard Dunbar Cot" was also endowed, Mrs. Richard Dunbar paying into the treasury the sum of \$1,700 for this purpose, and the receipted account for \$76 83, sum due for gasoline used at The Lakeside Home for the season, was sent by Mr. S. Rogers.

There were also many bazaars and sales of work held by young girls and children, which it is impossible to mention separately in a general report, but we can give expression to our

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