

named the charges are \$2.80 per week in the public wards. In the latter are included all patients whose parents are too poor to pay for treatment. In the case of non-paying or free patients, absolute proof of inability to pay must be shown by certificate. This is the usual plan adopted to prevent imposition.

2nd. The Outdoor Department for free dispensary patients, where those who are unable to pay receive advice and medicine free. These patients are necessarily from Toronto and its suburbs. Each applicant must produce a certificate signed by a clergyman showing inability to pay for advice and treatment. The expenses of this department are covered by the \$7,500 grant made by the Corporation of Toronto to the general funds for the maintenance of the Hospital.

3rd. The Orthopedic Department, a most important branch of the work. This department was established in the month of June, 1899, to supply mechanical appliances, such as supports, trusses, crutches, braces, etc.

Last year over 200 cases were treated in this department, and about 120 were supplied with mechanical appliances, being an increase of 75 cases over 1899. The appliances are made by adept workmen and are furnished at the cost of manufacture for patients in either the Indoor or Outdoor Departments.

In opening this important branch, the desire of the Trust was to supply an absolutely necessary annex to the Surgical Department of the Hospital. The Trust is convinced that this new feature has been of the greatest value in the treatment of orthopedic cases. The furnishing of proper appliances at a moderate cost is a blessing to the deformed children who have come under our care, for it has enabled them to become useful members of society, and thus given them an equal chance in life with their more fortunate companions. The hospital surgeons consider that this department is doing most valuable work. No other department is so enthusiastically spoken of or excites such sympathy as that which removes deformities and aids those unfortunately afflicted with club feet, bow-legs, knock-knees, flat feet, infantile paralysis, spinal diseases, etc.

The surgical appliance shop contains two rooms, one of which is used for forging, grinding and polishing and is fitted up with benches, vises, lathes and electric power. The second room is used for the leather work necessary in connection with the manufacture of appliances.

THE X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

Since the introduction of the X-Ray apparatus into hospital work, all leading hospitals have been supplied with equipments more or less perfect. That in use in this Hospital has given excellent service and has been improved in order that effective work may be secured. It has been of assistance in the locating of fractures, etc., and the Trustees hope as the process develops to provide a perfect equipment for the use of the surgeons. Were it not for the crowded state of the building many other features of the work would be adopted. A fairly large room, for instance, is required for X-Ray work, but at present in the building there is not a square foot of vacant space. Indeed, the

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