

happiness brought into their experience is, of itself, a sufficient reward for the beneficence back of the Home and permeating its management and care.

Usually the large flag streaming from the staff of The Lakeside has been the signal to the watchers on the tower of the Hospital. When it fluttered down that was a sign that the craft with its precious freightage was under sail for the city. The terrific storm the Saturday previous parted the halyards, and the flag was not in evidence.

Capt. Clarke and his son anchored their tug off the Home landing, and sent a scow in to the wharf. The children were snuggled down into its hold, being made comfortable with mattresses, pillows and blankets. Mr. J. H. Gordon, secretary of the Hospital, superintended the transportation. Efficient and willing service was given by Messrs. Stanley Gzowski and Dawson, Dr. Goldsmith, of the Home, and other gentlemen. Miss Underhill, the matron, assisted by the cheerful and patient nurses, dealt with the comfort of the children.

The cargo consisted of 62 children. This by no means illustrates the summer work of the institution. The daily average number of inmates was 90. They came and went. Some were so quickly benefitted that their stay was short. Others, with stubborn disease and chronic lameness, still linger. The average blessing of relief and health dealt out is beyond estimation.

The embarkation was made without incident. Yes, there were two incidents, "funny" in a way. A young man, who worked like a hero tugging away at the barge, got so far out of the line of gravity that a heavy swell caught him and sent a shower of spray over him from head to foot. Another ambitious gentleman over-estimated his longshoreman's ability, and took a "header," or, rather, a backer, and sat plump down into the lake while pushing the scow. He found comfort in the pity of the nurses.

The water was not rough, but there was a heavy swell on—something like that which, out on the ocean, induces a man to be unselfish and give up everything he has. However, our little voyagers were not seasick, and they found awaiting them, at the foot of Bay street, the carriage procession, in charge of the well known liveryman, Mr. Robert Bond. Mr. C. S. Gzowski and Drs. Robinson and Steele came down to the landing and gave valuable assistance in transferring the children to the carriages.

The route was up Bay to King, to Yonge, to College, to the Hospital,

where by 1.15 the patients were all safely housed. There were 32 children in the building, making the total number now being treated 94. The school term began September 1st, and work in this department will go forward regularly under the excellent direction of Miss E. Y. Sams, the teacher. The Home at the Island is now deserted and closed.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the Hospital for Sick Children and with reference to every phase of it. Here there is only room to speak of some improvements for the benefit of the children. The floors have all been thoroughly waxed. It has been found necessary to open another ward, "J," in the east wing, third floor. In this ward may be seen all the children seven years old and under—the nursery ward. It has been thought advisable to give the tots a ward of their own. The writer walked in and out among them yesterday, and found them lovable and interesting, despite their sufferings.

Upon the ground floor, under a verandah, at the central back area, a bacteriological department is being built. Above this area, opening out of the landing between the first and second floors, is the "Sun-bath Room," a most delightful retreat for the sick. It faces the south, so that for the greater part of the day the sun pours his healing beams down into it. It is cosily furnished with rugs, chairs, beds and lounges, besides ornamental screens—just the kind of a bower where a sick child would feel happy, to say nothing of the benefit of a sun-bath.

An additional boiler, the third, has been put into the building, for heating purposes, and the entire building is ready for the reception of patients.

The six large verandahs overlooking the central yard area have been extended, and are being enclosed with glass screens. Here the children can lie all day long, if need be, even during the winter, for they are all heated. Nothing that adds to the comfort of the inmates and to their restoration to health and strength is forgotten.

One might write of some skilful surgical operations done at this hospital. This summer there was the largest number of such in its history. One might relate a hundred incidents, touching, tender, humorous, running the entire gamut of human feeling, all growing out of the daily life of this blessed institution. Its work is noble, and always challenges the interest and practical help of the citizens of Toronto, who may well rejoice in this monument of its charity.

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