

As the character of the Institution will now be better expressed by the term "Infirmery" than by that of Dispensary, an alteration of the Constitution giving it the former designation is recommended to the Annual Meeting, as also a few other changes, chiefly to adapt it to the altered circumstances of the case.

In conclusion, the Directors feel that the work of affording gratuitous aid to the poor, afflicted with diseases of the eye and ear, more particularly the former, is to be commended, not only upon the ground of merciful benevolence, but also of public policy.

The Ontario Government has recently very properly appropriated a large sum for the erection of a Blind Asylum, where the hopelessly blind can receive an education and be cared for. The pressing need of such an Institution shows, on the principle that prevention is better than cure, the greater need of a curative establishment, to prevent, if possible, disease from rendering its victims fit only to become inmates of the Blind Asylum.

Where the labor of all is gratuitous, it is perhaps not invidious to remark that the surgeons, Drs. Rosebrugh and Reeve, have been incessant in affording the benefit of their medical skill, as well as in other ways promoting the objects of the Charity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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