

# BUILT BY LOVING HEARTS

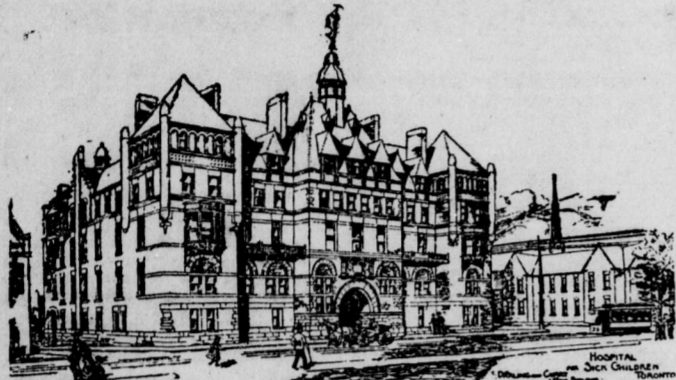
## AND MAINTAINED BY CHARITY.

### After a Brave Struggle with an Overwhelming Debt the Hospital for Sick Children is, Within Sight of Freedom — Only \$19,000 Required to Free It.

Eight years ago the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, was in a most precarious financial position. Only a few sanguine friends believed that the huge debt of over \$106,000 would ever be lifted from it. A prominent Montreal financier, when asked to loan money and hold as security on mortgage the hospital, enquired as to the suitability of the building for "factory purposes." Perhaps it was his remarks as much as anything else that helped the brave ones who stood by the hospital. The very idea of such

hospital in a generous manner. Many splendid gifts are received from friends outside Toronto. It costs over \$30,000 each year to maintain the Hospital. About \$100 a day is needed for food, medicine, surgical appliances and nursing for this army of little ones—146 patients being in the cots at the end of this fiscal year.

An appeal is being made by the Hospital Trustees this year for \$19,000—the sum required to entirely free the Hospital of its debt. They issue the



AN IMPERISHABLE MONUMENT OF LOVE.

a possibility stirred the hearts and spurred the efforts of those to whom the Hospital work had become dear. Taking the responsibility of the load upon their own shoulders the trustees of the Sick Children's Hospital appealed to the generous hearts of a rich province—Ontario.

Here is a Hospital—they told it through the newspapers—which throws open its doors in answer to the cry of any sick child, a Hospital that has nursed and cured thousands of helpless and crippled children; a Hospital equipped as is no other institution of its kind in the world. Shall a charity so sweet and deserving be forced to close its doors by a mortgagee who thinks it might do for a mill?

That was eight years ago. Not before nor since has a single sick child been refused admission to the Hospital. A staff of doctors and a corps of trained nurses are there during the day and the long watches of the night—tenderly and skillfully caring for the little ones given into their care by fond, anxious parents. Little children are brought to the Hospital from the farthest points of the province. Every town and township has been represented during the past quarter century. The fame of its great healing power has been told in many a humble home—for during twenty-five years 40,000 sick children have been taken care of. Some of the little ones treated in those early days are strong, healthy men and women to-day.

Last year the Hospital roll numbered 5,776 patients. Some spent days and weeks in the cots at the Hospital. Others came for a few days, while many were brought to the doors of the Hospital in the arms of their mothers and received such medicine and advice as to speedily effect a cure in their own homes.

More than one-third of the little children admitted to the Hospital wards came from places outside the city. The people in the province have helped the

appeal to their friends throughout the province. In a letter to the editor of this paper Mr. J. Ross Robertson says that the Hospital has many well-wishers among our readers who have given practical voice to their sympathy in past years. He believes that they will respond cheerily and generously this year to the call for help. They want to end the century free of debt—that on the morning of the first day of the Twentieth Century there shall stand free, a monument to man's generosity to countless sick children—an imperishable gift of love from the men and women of the Nineteenth Century to



THREE GIRL PATIENTS.—(From a Photo.) Little ones specially confided to our care.

More than 10,000 donors contributed to the maintenance and reduction of the Hospital debt last year.

Nearly half of these donations were single dollars. Mr. Robertson says the trustees like to have the greater number of individual friends—that they would prefer ten five-dollar bills to one fifty dollar gift.

Mr. J. Ross Robertson, chairman of the Hospital Trust, Toronto, publishes a list of the donations received during the Christmas month in his paper, The Evening Telegram, and copies of the paper are sent to all donors.

Donations may be sent to Mr. Robertson, or to Douglas Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

### Letter from W. A. Hare.

The following letter was received by Miss Ethel Hare.

Belfast, Nov. 18th.

Dear sister,—Have just come in from a five days march. The troops looted and burned all the houses. Major Hurdman sent a telegram saying that father is doing fine at Middleburg hospital. I have not heard from him yet, but was down eight days ago and he told me that he was doing fine except that rheumatism was bothering him a little. Orders for leaving Belfast. Moved out at 5 a. m. Tuesday, Nov. 13; crossed some deep ravines to the kopjes beyond. Rained off and on all day. Sixty C. M. R.'s scouts were fired on by our R. C. A. gun and two 15 prs. They retired very fast. Held a kopje for four or five hours, marching down a steep slope through a heavy rainstorm into camp about 8 p. m. Next morning recalled at 4 a. m., march off at 5.30, moved toward the first kopje, receiving a hail from the massers. The lancers retired, the guns covered the C. M. R.'s while they advanced and took the kopje. The C. M. R.'s acted as scouts, we advanced shelling each crest from a little in rear of the supports to the extreme line. Placed our gun, reversed the limbers, unhooked the horses for water, the scouts getting a volley and taking cover readily while our gun shelled the part indicated by small jets of smoke among some shrubs on a kopje. No 5 R. C. A. gun came up in action on our left, the maxims next, with the pom-poms on the flanks. The cols were in advance, they taking cover within 800 yards of the enemy. The 15 prs. and 5 in lyddite guns covered our party while the infantry took up a position about 400 yds. beyond our guns. The incessant roar of the field guns, the steady interval of the pom-poms, the whir of the maxims, the crack and echo of the massers and the scream of the shells of the 5 in. guns and the deafening noise seemed to make the earth quake and the air lively, but the enemy's fire is slackening. The Gordons, that famous old regiment, are now advancing. The shell fire is resumed until these men are near the kopje, then slackens and nothing is heard but the report of the massers and crack of the magazine rifles. The guns are limbered up, the scouts come out from among the rocks they sought cover in and the army corps proceeds. Travelled very steady to Whitpoort, a fertile valley, well populated, burning all the houses and ravaging stores and mills, devastating the place, ruining the owners, leaving slight shelter for the women and children. Having burned Whitpoort we started back, leading to the right, making our route by burned and ruined homesteads. For the first three miles our road was flanked by great hills, then an opening revealing an amphitheatre of rocks, green hillsides and far below the houses of the inhabitants, but climbing up a steep kopje to our right, was the enemy's convoy and numbers of cattle and sheep and horses. The guns were turned on these. The escorts left them, retiring very fast. The mounted troops including our two guns, made a detour to the left for the purpose of flanking the enemy, encountering some resistance at every point of vantage. Failing in their purpose the column camped within sight of Belfast. Nov. 16, reveille at 3 a. m., march off at 4 a. m., after four hours steady travelling drove the enemy from a range of hills unavailing our projectile point, Delatroom, a small flourishing village nesting beside a great high kopje near a spring stream. The ravages of war began. The beautiful street lined with trees, flowering shrubs and foliage, spring water ponds and shady nooks were covered with debris from dynamited houses, all the dwellings burned and looted, nothing being left for the helpless populace except a Dutch church. All the adjoining farms were ransacked and the buildings burned. The enemy offered a rear guard action on the return trip. The next morning marched into Belfast on anticipation of being sent to Canada. Fired 220 rounds of 12 pr. ammunition by two R. C. A. guns. Most of the fellows were disgusted, it seems hard, it is cruel to burn houses and turn women and children out of their homes on the belt, but after each trip the "Funerals," the "Dead March" and the "Last Post" with the "Parting Volley" remind you that it is no one-sided affair. The small graveyard below our camp now holds a lot of Canadiana, officers, N. C. O.'s, and men as well as men of the corps. A report is in camp that we turn in the horses and leave Belfast next week. I remain your brother,

WILL.

### Children Cry for CASTORIA.

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Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Middleton, visited at Mr. Teller's and Mr. E. Brooks' last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ladd, of Clinton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Young.

Mrs. Moss, of Aylmer, spent Christmas with her daughter Mrs. Hemstreet.

Miss Enol. Loop, of Brantford, is spending her holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Loop.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. House, of Aylmer, spent a few days with their Aunt Mrs. Loop last week.

Mrs. E. A. Woodworth left Saturday, for a visit to relatives in Detroit.

A bee will be held at Trinity every day this week till the sheds are finished.

Messrs. Bert and Guy Disbrow,

spent Christmas with their uncle at Delaware.

Mr. Charles Bearss left Saturday for Sarnia where he will spend a few days with his brother George, from whence he will go to Cass City, Mich. where he will visit friends for some time.

Mrs. Butcher, son and daughter, are the guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. Charles Haney.

Mr. Thos. Pound, of London, is visiting his father Mr. Jacob Pound. Miss Annie Pound, is home from London.

Mrs. J. Chambers is spending her Christmas holidays with her son in Detroit.

Mr. Monteith, of Delaware, has been visiting his sister Mrs. F. A. Disbrow.

Mr. Geo. Bearss is improving the appearance of his place by putting up a new wire fence.

Mr. Ellison McKenney, of Aylmer, spent Christmas at home.

On Friday evening a public meeting will be held at the school house to make arrangements for the dedication of the New Trinity church which will be held Sunday and Monday next. There will be three services on Sunday. On Monday evening a grand tea-meeting will be held.

Mrs. Hamilton McKenney and Mr. and Mrs. McKay, of Crosswell, are visiting friends here.

Miss May Bearss is visiting friends in Norwich and Dundas.

Mr. and Mrs. Beocraft left Tuesday to spend Christmas at Nixon.

Miss Bertha Patton, is visiting friends in Corinth.

Mr. E. J. Smith, of Mich., who has been visiting Mrs. G. W. Bearss, accompanied Miss May Bearss as far as Norwich.

### CASTORIA

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We wish our many friends and patrons all the happiness and prosperity possible during the new century. Thanking you, We are, Yours truly, YOELELL & WRONG.

### Forget Anyone

Did you forget any person at Xmas time? Any "return" gifts to make? Our Xmas sale was big, but we still have just a few articles in each line we carried. Taken all together perhaps the largest stock of New Years gifts in town. We have cut the price to nearly cost rather than carry them over.

### E. A. CAUGHELL,

White Drug Store, Aylmer, Ont.

Subscriptions taken for all the Magazines at publisher's prices.

### To the Electors of County Council District No. Five.

I have again been honored with the nomination for the position of county councillor for District Five. Time will not permit me to see all the electors personally and I would again solicit your vote and influence so generously accorded me on former occasions. If elected I shall endeavor to work in the future as in the past for the best interests of the whole district and county and trust to merit your continued support.

OSCAR MCKENNEY.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—House and lot in the Town of Tilsonburg, being lot 49 on the east side of Ralph Street. The house is one and one half stories, in fair shape, small barn, well set very cheap, and on easy terms or will exchange for property in the Town of Aylmer. Apply at once to C. O. LEARY, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

FOR SALE CHEAP, and no more, 1000 sq. ft. of land, in the south east part of 1000 sq. ft. of Aylmer. Now is your time if you want a pasture field for a little money. Also for sale a house and barn, and about two acres, on the south side of Pine Street, for the small sum of \$400. Also two beautiful building lots opposite the best location for a private residence in the town. Any of the above properties is a snap. For further particulars apply to C. O. LEARY, Real Estate Broker, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ont.

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