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 "the sun and fresh country air, which have been proven to be  
 "essential to the treatment of these diseases."

This expressed the original idea of the promoters of this charity. It is the object they have ever had in view, and which they trust is nearing its accomplishment.

The first meeting of the Committee of Organization was held on the 25th November, 1902, at which officers were elected and the aims of the promoters were declared, and appeared in a circular, subsequently printed and distributed, of which the following is a copy :—

"It is the desire of the Committee of Organization of the proposed Children's Hospital to organize and build a small hospital for children in the neighbourhood of Montreal.

"It is to be built as a memorial to our late Queen and will be called the Children's Memorial Hospital to Queen Victoria.

"It will be large enough to comfortably house at least from twelve to fifteen children.

"This hospital will be primarily for crippled children, but if at any time there should be unoccupied beds, those suffering from other surgical or medical affections may be admitted.

"If at a later date it should appear necessary to enlarge the field of our work it is our hope to convert this institution into a children's general hospital, but at present our expectation is to build a hospital especially adapted to the treatment of the class of patients which can at present be but inefficiently treated at our general hospitals owing to their situation and inability to take advantage of the curative effects of the sun.

"It is to act as an adjunct to the General Hospitals of this City (The Montreal General, The Royal Victoria and others) and will even be prepared to receive children convalescing from chronic surgical affections who have been already treated in these hospitals.

"This hospital should be built either on Mount Royal or in the country immediately adjacent to this City, where the children being treated therein could receive the full benefit of the sun and fresh air (essentials to the treatment of consumptive disease of the bone) and also the attendance of surgeons and physicians resident in the City.

"It will be built with large verandahs for the use of the children during the summer months, and will be surmounted by an edifice built of glass simulating a large conservatory which will be artificially heated during the winter months, and into which our children will be carried each day during that season, that they may obtain every benefit derivable from the sun."