

A Maternity Hospital

The Women's Auxiliary Aid Society Make an Important Proposal.

Hospital Board Approves But the Necessary Funds Are Lacking.

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Royal Jubilee Hospital was held last evening in the board of trade rooms. The following were present: H. Dallas Helmecken, M.P.P., president, in the chair, and Messrs. J. Smith, D. M. Roberts and B. Wilson, Messrs. Forman, Day, Lewis, Gordon, Shott, the secretary, Mr. Elworthy, and Dr. Hasell, resident medical officer.

A deputation from the Women's Auxiliary Aid Society, consisting of Messdames Rocke Robertson, W. Walker, A. J. Smith, D. M. Roberts and B. Wilson, were in attendance, and in compliance with the chairman's invitation, Mrs. Hasell presented the following report and recommendation:

Mr. President and Gentlemen—I am directed by this committee to thank you very much for receiving them, and to lay before you the reasons which have prompted the Women's Auxiliary Aid Society to make this interview with the directors of the P. R. J. Hospital. This society has the interests of your hospital very deeply at heart and has not many years ago done its best to serve you in its behalf, and its members now feel that by asking for admission now and again before completion of the future building, they will be able to do more for the hospital, and with your thorough sympathy and approval. Among other things they desire most earnestly to see some actual movement towards the advancement of those objects still necessary to the full and complete equipment of the hospital, and for which they have already accumulated certain funds.

The fund for the children's ward—originally started in 1897 as a memorial to the Diamond Jubilee, now amounts to the sum of \$2,115.42. This fund is an object very dear to the hearts of all our workers, and one which would greatly add to the interest taken by the lady in the hospital. I am directed to say that if your honor-able board could see their way to commencing operations in this regard, the women will guarantee the future building of the same, and as soon as the completed building demands it. The hospital would then contain a memorial to the Diamond Jubilee—it being, in itself, a memorial to the first and this would leave the clear field for a proposition which the hospital board is prepared to lay before you. This evening meeting, the establishment of the maternity ward, by the women of the province, in memory of Her late most dear and gracious Majesty.

Gentlemen of the board, this committee are well aware that they can carry out nothing without your sanction and approval, and in approaching you with their special interests in connection with the hospital, they beg that you will believe that they have no desire to exceed their prerogative, or to encroach upon the territory deemed expedient by your good judgment and practical knowledge of hospital affairs. But may I add that in my formal capacity only—but as a woman who loves and tries to understand the work you have done, and who would want to see some results from their faithful labors; they want to see the loving sentiment they cherish in the hospital, and that they have been allowed to make your hospital complete in those particulars that have been mentioned. They beg you to give them your sympathy and support, and so soon as you can see your way, to add to the fund, and the effort which they now do greatly desire.

Mrs. Rocke Robertson urged the board to proceed with the completion of the children's ward. She said the Women's Auxiliary Aid Society had been doing that regard; it had raised a sum of \$2,000, and now felt that it was incumbent upon the board of directors to complete the work. Next to the children's ward the Women's Auxiliary had most at heart the establishment of a maternity hospital. The need for such an institution was pressing itself upon them more and more every day, and they felt that no time should be lost in making the first move towards securing its foundation. The present was an opportune time for bringing the matter before the people of Victoria, and the province. A maternity hospital would make a most appropriate memorial to our beloved Queen, a lasting memento of her reign, which would be in keeping with the desire which she had expressed, and which her memory should be kept green by just such institutions, and not by special interest in connection with the hospital, they beg that you will believe that they have no desire to exceed their prerogative, or to encroach upon the territory deemed expedient by your good judgment and practical knowledge of hospital affairs.

Mr. Helmecken complimented Mrs. Robertson on the eloquence and force of her address and the affecting tribute which she had paid to the Queen's memory. He spoke for the whole board in thanking the ladies for their untiring efforts and the great good they had accomplished for the hospital, and assured them that the directors would do all in their power to meet their wishes. He said the government would be asked to assist the hospital, and he hoped that the children's ward would be completed before the end of the year.

Mrs. Robertson again emphasized the importance of beginning the canvas for funds for the maternity hospital at this particular time, while the hearts of the people were overflowing with a desire to do something to perpetuate the memory of our late Queen. There was not a man, woman or child in the province who would not assist if the matter was brought before them.

Mr. Lewis endorsed what Mrs. Robertson had said, and thought it would be an excellent idea to enlist the aid of the school children in the project. Mr. Wilson opposed the idea of undertaking any more extensions of the hospital till the board had the necessary funds in hand to pay for them. The ladies could go to work at once and find room for 40, which was vacant, and children's ward. He then gave a rapid and comprehensive sketch of the work which women had done for the hospital, and other charities since the early '60s, and warned the ladies not to attempt too much at once.

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in the hospital. The ward could be completed for very little more than the \$2,000, which the Auxiliary Aid Society had succeeded in securing. Mr. Davies said the ladies had a right to demand accommodation for women and children. The board was indebted to their tireless exertions for many things. Witness the doctor's residence, now completed, through their work. They now only asked the approval of the board to continue their good work. The board moved, seconded by Mr. Day, that this board pledge itself to use its best efforts to have the children's ward erected this year, and approves of the Ladies' Auxiliary Aid Society proceeding to raise funds to assist in the erection of a maternity hospital.

Mr. Smith assured the board that the society had no desire to involve the board in debt or lead it into unnecessary expenditure, but they thought their efforts for the children's ward should be carried out, and that the project for a maternity hospital should receive the board's favorable consideration and support.

The ladies withdrew, after the president had assured them that their proposals were being considered by the board, and met with the hearty approval of the directors, the only question was one of funds.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Johnston wrote asking the board for a share of insurance for his company, the Union Assurance Society of London, filed.

Ladies Auxiliary Aid Society, informed the board of the finding of the doctor's residence was complete, and in inviting the members to attend and inspect that had been done, on next Friday afternoon. Invitation accepted with thanks.

REPORTS.

Dr. Hasell presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit my report for the month of January, 1901. The number of patients admitted was 65.

The number of patients treated was 118. The total days' stay was 1,689.

The daily average number of patients was 1.49. I enclose the statistics for the month which were approved by the finance committee to be passed for payment.

R. HASSELL, M.D.

Miss J. M. Grady, matron, presented the following:

To the President and Board of Directors of Jubilee Hospital:

Gentlemen—Donations of old linen and cotton have been gratefully received from Mrs. Musgrave, of Duncan; Mrs. Davies, of Poodie Dock restaurant; Miss Angus, of Belmont street; dressing gown, Mrs. Shott.

The Women's Auxiliary have also given us: Twelve pairs blankets; six dozen pillow slips; six bed jackets for men; ten bed jackets; three dozen caps; and saucers, (china); three dozen sheets; twenty-one towels.

With your permission, we should like to arrange for graduation exercises to take place at the hospital about the short day in March, as we will have four nurses ready to receive medals and diplomas by that time.

The first clause was adopted with thanks to the donors. The second clause was referred to the house committee.

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Previous statement	\$2,285.50
Amount collected by Mr. Elworthy	85.00
Amount collected by your committee from new subscribers	110.00
Total	\$2,480.50
Total amount subscribed	\$2,480.50
Amount paid in to Bank of Montreal	2,480.50
Outstanding subscriptions	\$ 0.00

Names of subscribers who have not appeared on our previous list:

Hudson's Bay Co.	\$25.00
Hamilton Powder Co.	50.00
Capt. John Irving	50.00
W. & F. Fraser & Co.	10.00
H. B. Wilson, Manager, Columbia Bank	10.00
The Hutchison Co.	10.00
F. C. Davidson & Co.	5.00
Total	\$120.00

The house committee's report was then taken up clause by clause, as follows, and adopted, excepting the last clause, which was referred back for further consideration and report:

To the President and Directors, Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital:

Gentlemen—Your committee met at the hospital on the 12th instant. Present, Messrs. Day and Orlin.

The account of Mr. McKilligan, \$35.75, for jobbing to the hospital buildings was approved.

The regulations were presented and approved, including a dozen electric night lamps and cord, we having found by trial that they will be useful and economical.

The porcelain basin in the doctor's residence are constantly being broken. We have ordered these, after future breakings, to be replaced by enameled ones.

The doctor having moved into the new house, we requested Miss Grady to transfer the nurses' room No. 6 to the rooms vacated by him.

We are not aware of any means by which we can protect or preserve our form, and recommend, if desirable, that the question be referred to the legal gentleman on duty at night.

The doctor reported that the meat contractor has refused to supply him at contract price for the month of February, 1901. The contractor has offered to supply him at contract price, though each article at contract price, though each article at contract price, though each article at contract price.

The doctor is willing to arrange special prices for the hospital, but the contractor has refused to do so. The doctor has offered to supply him at contract price, though each article at contract price, though each article at contract price.

The doctor having reported that the plan for the proposed extension and improvement of the lavatories and closets was not approved, your committee have drafted another scheme which will be presented to you.

The question of telephone communication between the doctor's house and the hospital has been referred to the legal gentleman on duty at night.

A definite reply from the court is not expected before the end of the new year. The court has decided to grant the writ, at least ten days off, but the envoys believe that the court must wait.

Count von Walderssee has issued a formal denial of the published statement that he had been in the hospital. He says that he could not move out without instructions from Berlin, and that he had been in the hospital.

Tien Tsin, Feb. 15.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have replied to the latest telegram from the imperial court, that they have accepted the withdrawal of the Chinese plenipotentiaries with respect to the punishment of the guilty is irrevocable, although the sentence has been suspended.

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Defences Of The Legations

Dr. Morrison Says Foreign Preparations in China Are Too Elaborate.

Report from Tien Tsin That Seven Nations Have Declared War.

London, Feb. 16.—Dr. Morrison, in a despatch to the Times from Peking, dated Thursday, describes the international scheme for the defence of the legation quarters as "exhibiting an exaggerated fear of the strength of disarmed China."

He says the scheme is equivalent to the construction of international forts alongside the legations, notably on Gold Hill, have been made recently, continued Mr. Graham.

"There are from 300 to 400 men mining at this time on Gold Hill. Squads of three, four and six to the mine are operating on many hillsides. Indeed, the camp has been the scene of exceptional activity this winter, with the brightest prospects for summer operations. There are now in the district from 1500 to 1,500 men, and as navigation opens up the population of the district will be swelled possibly to twice that number. Last year, Peking produced about \$750,000 worth of gold, though royalty was not paid on so large an amount as in the past. It is not possible to collect on the entire output, owing to the disposition of some to smuggle it out."

"Adia will produce a handsome lump sum of gold the coming season. The output will be larger than ever before. Hydraulic power will greatly swell the total. Numerous hydraulic plants are being constructed. The Chinese are particularly adapted to hydraulic mining, and there is a vast area of hydraulic ground yet unmined."

After giving details of elaborate defensive works which will be begun forthwith, with apparently the idea that the legation quarters will be made invulnerable, Dr. Morrison says that the Chinese plenipotentiaries have replied to the latest telegram from the imperial court, that they have accepted the withdrawal of the Chinese plenipotentiaries with respect to the punishment of the guilty is irrevocable, although the sentence has been suspended.

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Is Fighting With Dewet

Plumer's Column Engages the Boers Between Colesberg and Philippstown.

Lord Methuen Has Been Clearing the Country Towards Kuruman.

Colesberg, Cape Colony, Feb. 14.—Plumer's column engaged Dewet between Colesberg and Philippstown on February 13, and gradually pushed back the Boers. The British had a battery of field artillery, and the Boers one 15-pounder. The Boers fought splendidly.

Ten of the British were wounded during many hours' fighting. An occasional dead Boer was found. The engagement is being continued to-day.

All the males at Graaff-Reinet have been arrested. This is done in order to prevent them from assisting the Boers.

Melbourne, Feb. 15.—The fifth Victoria Cross was awarded to a man all told, started for South Africa to-day.

Capetown, Feb. 15.—For a month Lord Methuen has been scouring the country between Kuruman and the Orange river, bringing in women and children, cattle and food from all the farms. Fifty women and one hundred children, together with a few men, he has sent to Vryburg.

On one occasion, while he was pursuing a Boer, Lord Methuen sent off his wagons in charge of women and girls in one direction, and went himself in another. The women were such expert drivers that the British had considerable difficulty in catching the conveyer.

The British occupied Amsterdam and Tauris on February 9.

Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 15.—The anti-boer campaign has been continued by the Boers to the Portuguese at Kooipootport will be sunk at sea.

London, Feb. 15.—The House of Commons to-day the debate was resumed on the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament. The discussion ranged round the Boers in South Africa.

The principal subject, however, was the government's policy in South Africa. Many members spoke.

Mr. Labouchere elicited some opposition by his remarks. He said it was a noble determination on the part of the Boers to incur all risks rather than submit to a foreign power, and I honor them.

Lord Stanley, member for West Houghton, who was side-camp to Lord Roberts in South Africa, and press censor, said: "I do not think anyone can regard the Boers as devoid of honor when they are fighting for their country. They have always shown towards the British a sense of honor peculiar to themselves—they do not think it a dishonorable deed to fire under a white flag; we do."

The new way of dealing with Boers who surrender is to keep them in a big camp. Lord Roberts did his best to communicate with