

The work was begun under great disadvantages and discouragements, and the Committee, then a very small one, scarcely knew the task they were undertaking.

Wan, pinched children were brought to the Home in numbers, some half dead from the baby farms of the city, others suffering from the want and privation of their mothers.

The house taken proved very unsuitable, owing to want of room, of proper ventilation, and of separate laundry.

The medical men visiting the establishment, Drs. Fenton Cameron and Oliphant, recommended a move as soon as possible, and in April the move was made to the present more airy quarters, 678 Yonge Street.

The larger number of rooms enabled the Committee to admit more mothers as nurses, and the success of the last few months has proved to the Committee, the true way of saving the life of the child, is to open the doors of the Home to the mother, and allow her to nurse her babe in the first helpless months of its infancy.

The rule of the Institution is, that each mother admitted shall remain four months, and in return for the board and lodging of herself and child, shall nurse one other besides her own, and shall take care of as many others as the matron shall direct.

At the end of four months, when her child is of an age to be left with safety, a situation is found for her. In many cases situations have been found for the mothers with their children. Widows with their infants have been received and cared for—in some cases orphans and also motherless children, whose fathers, working men in poor circumstances, pay the small sum required for their board.

The managers believe that this Institution has been the means of saving many lives, and that the Infants' Home is better prepared than any other known institution to administer, through its managers, aid and comfort to the helpless infant and the destitute mother.

The Register shows—

Admissions of infants for year ending 1st October 1876..	160
Deaths during that time	71
Making the percentage of deaths a fraction over	44 per cent.