

when we have fewer patients. The house must be kept warm, and our number of paid nurses and attendants kept up whether the hospital is full or not. Our staff of attendants does not change, but goes on year after year with increasing experience and interest in the house and work; we could not send anyone away for it is not easy to replace faithful and earnest helpers, when we require them again; so our readers will sympathize with our days of anxiety as well as with all the prosperity which our dear LORD has given us. It is only our share in the general depression, and to counterbalance it we have innumerable causes for Thanksgiving. It is indeed a blessing to have our new wards quite ready for use now when many applications come. Last year we had to refuse many, and this year we have received all who applied. Now we are again full, but probably some patients will be discharged before others apply. "S. Anne's" ward has been moved up to the second floor, and presents a very cosy appearance. This is a bed for a gentlewoman in need, which used to be in a ward with another bed. Now it has a little room all to itself, with a delightful sofa and large soft cushions on which to spend restful hours of convalescence. It is supported by a little company of ladies who contribute yearly towards this laudable object, and many a sufferer, unable to meet the expenses of so comfortable a room, gladly accepts this boon.

We have elsewhere an account of of the M.C.L. Ward for eight patients. There are three rooms still unfurnished, of the same size as "S. Anne's." We have the iron bedsteads and mattresses, but nothing else! However, we must hope that comforts will be found for them 'ere long. Our Guest House proves very comfortable and useful, not only as a sitting-room for our good nurses, etc., but as a light, pleasant place for the Bible-Class which our good Chaplain holds each Friday afternoon, as last year. It will also serve as a Recreation Room for our school children who have no homes to go to for the Christmas holidays, and whom we hope to bring up from Oshawa for a week or two, not only giving them the pleasurable excitement of "going off for the holidays," but also allowing all our School Sisters to return to the Convent for the Happy Festival. These Sisters do indeed rejoice in an opportunity of joining once more in the Services at S. Thomas' Church, which are so dear to our hearts, the loss of them being, perhaps, the greatest trial our Sisters have to bear in going out to Branch Houses. No doubt such an inroad of young people—some of them are very young—will change the character of our peaceful convent for a time! But it will be a joy to them to help in preparing the Christmas