

The medical report showed that there were 195 inmates, and that there had been less deaths than in the previous year. Miss E. Ross Greene, lady superintendent, in her report stated that the institution was founded in 1875, and was enlarged in 1879. Mrs. Cragie, at present an inmate, had described to her the institution's early struggles. It was opened by the then Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne, who was accompanied by Princess Louise. They had then neither gas nor sewerage, but now they were thoroughly up-to-date. It had been decided to change the name from "Home" to "Hospital" in view of the city's recognition. They had now a nurses' home, and were able to give the nurses a two years' course. Miss Groat, secretary-treasurer, then read her report, which drew commendation.

Controller McCarthy, moving the adoption of the reports, said that there was perhaps no institution in the city to which one could turn with more tender solicitude. It was a credit to the busy professional men and women who cared for it. There were 195 patients, and 136 were patients upon the city's order, without friends. Some time ago the city allowed then 35 cents per patient per diem. Now it paid 50 cents, but his idea was that it should be 60 cents. Rev. Mr. McMillan seconded the adoption of the reports.

Sir John Gibson regretted the demise of Lady Clarke, a stalwart, whose care for the institution had been so steadfast. Although the name had been changed it was still a homely place. These grants which they got from Government and municipalities were intended to be by way of supplement to their own resources. It would be disastrous to its best interests were the hospital to be dependent upon grants, for the word "grant" seemed to be inconsistent with any degree of sympathy. Toronto, he said, possessed some good citizens, fulfilling their obligations to their fellow creatures. Rev. Prof. Law, of Knox College, also spoke.

Mr. Ambrose Kent, president, said they had had a busy year. A new elevator and other conveniences had been installed. There was now a diet kitchen and a dietician would commence her duties soon. For other improvements most of the money was in sight and they needed \$6,000. They need more probationer nurses, and if they could not get them they must get graduates and charge the cost to the city, for out of the total of the inmates 88 were entirely helpless.

This bequest, said Mr. Baird, at the president's request, is for \$10,000, to be invested in Government or other debentures in perpetuity. The income is to be used as the board thought fit, but the principal must not be touched. It was the gift of the late ex-Mayor Manning, a former president, and the ten years had lapsed for it to become negotiable.