

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, TORONTO,

AND

THE LAKESIDE HOME FOR LITTLE CHILDREN, TORONTO ISLAND.

The Hospital for Sick Children was founded in 1875 by Mrs. S. F. McMaster and Miss Knapp.

Properly speaking this should be the seventeenth annual report of the Hospital, as it was first opened for the reception of patients in March 1875. On account, however, of the delay in the completion of the new building, College street, some material changes in the management which were pending, and the fact that a comprehensive and most interesting history of the Hospital and The Lakeside Home from establishment, with financial and medical statements, was issued, no report for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1891, was published.

1890-1891.

The three most important events associated with the work of these institutions during the period alluded to as unreported, were, the opening of the beautiful and spacious new Lakeside Home for Little Children, at Gibraltar Point, on the Toronto Island; the admission of patients to The Hospital, College street, some months previous to the formal opening, and the transference of all financial responsibility, both in connection with the building and the maintenance, from the Ladies' Committee, to the Board of Trustees.

The Lakeside Home was founded by Mr. Robertson in 1882; in 1886 it was enlarged by the addition of a wing, and again in 1891 it was remodelled, and the accommodation more than doubled, at a cost of over \$25,000, making in all, almost the sum of \$30,000 expended by this kind friend of little ailing children, in a sanatorium devoted to their use. The present building is an admirable and imposing structure, and is fitted up with every appliance requisite in a convalescent home for children. The formal opening of the Home, which was held in September, was an impressive and delightful service. The day was exceedingly stormy. Notwithstanding, the reception room and wards were crowded with many of Toronto's most influential citizens—ministers, visitors from a distance, and friends of the Home from all classes in society. A most interesting part of the proceedings was the handing of the deed of the Home, by Mr. Robertson, to Mr. A. M. Smith, as representing the Hospital Trust Board.

The children spent a pleasant, happy summer at the new Home, drinking in, with the fresh breezes from Ontario's broad expanse of water, health and strength. In October, 1891, The Lakeside Home was closed, and all the children requiring further treatment were admitted to the College st. Hospital, which, though incomplete in many respects, was partially finished and very comfortable. The very sick patients, who had been unable to go to The Lakeside, were placed in the College st. Hospital in June, and remained there all summer.

In the month of May, 1891, a united meeting of the Ladies' Committee and the Board of Trustees was held. The purpose of the meeting was to consider a resolution passed by the Trustees at a meeting of that body held some weeks previous, to the effect that they should relieve the Ladies' Committee of all financial control and responsibility and become the governing body. The following resolution was moved by Mrs. McMaster, seconded by Mrs. Howland, and unanimously adopted:—"That the Committee of Ladies, having considered the resolution of the Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children, of the 27th day of April, 1891, approve of the mode of government suggested by the Trustees, and request them to take the necessary steps to legalize the proposed change."