

to make a beginning, and a notice of the project was inserted in the daily press, and subscriptions solicited.

Read what Sir George Burrows, M.D., Bart., wrote when he heard of it:

"The proposal to establish a hospital for sick children is a measure so fraught with prospective benefits to every class of the Community, that I cannot but regard it with deep interest and solicitude."

In December of 1874, the first contribution, consisting of a few English coins amounting to \$10.00, was placed to the fund. This, however, can scarcely be termed the first donation in one sense, as it was given by Mrs. Samuel F. McMaster, one of the ladies starting the good work. Therefore this unique honour is held by Fergus, Ontario, for the next amount received was \$20.00 from there, signed "Anonymous." These were the first gifts towards what proved a



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mighty work, and, as a contributor wrote, "A work of the Lord's planting." And well, indeed, might it so be called, as the undertaking was started on the simple basis of entire faith in His everlasting goodness and mercy.

Little did these few faithful and earnest workers think, that within fifteen years, in sight of this humble home, there would stand a palatial structure which, at that time, was the most perfectly equipped hospital in the world, and the largest on this Continent. Well may it be said that out of small beginnings, what mighty works are accomplished.