

took their wretched cradles and nail down their little coffin. The treatment of children's diseases, not only in its medical, but also in its surgical aspect, has made great progress during the past ten years, and it is to be hoped that the time will come in the history of this institution when it may be as well equipped with funds as it is now with furniture, so that surgical appliances may be found within its walls, for the little ones of these are so poor they cannot provide the commonest necessities for their children. This Lakeside Home has saved from pain and reared into health and strength many a sick child,—as the chairman has said—nearly a thousand since it was opened ten years ago. I cannot allow this opportunity, before these friends and in the presence of the trustees and the Ladies' Committee, to pass without expressing my thanks, and I am sure the thanks of the staff, for the facilities which have been given us for carrying out all our requirements in caring for these sick and helpless ones. I do not know of any institution in which the results have been more satisfactory, and certainly as an annex to the great medical schools of this province, and the general clinical instruction to be derived by the rising physicians and surgeons, who hear the lectures at The Hospital for Sick Children, its teaching must take a front place from an educational point of view. It is pleasant to hear the statements made with regard to the proficiency of the graduates who have just been decorated with these well-earned marks of honor, and I am sure I re-echo the opinion of the staff when I say that the nurses of no institution give more satisfaction than those in connection with this particular work.

Mr. A. M. Smith closed the meeting, and in doing so said:—"What Mr. Osler is decorating the nurses said, I may repeat in connection with my visits to the Hospital. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to go to the Hospital on College street once or twice a week, or come over to this Island home and see these youngsters whose lives have been made comfortable by the love and wealth which has been showered upon this work by the many friends in this city and throughout the province, and I hope that the Biblical lines, "Thou shalt open thy hand to thy brother, to thy poor and thy needy in the land," will be remembered by those who have wealth to spare, and who desire to help on the sweetest of all charities. We here to-day in this room, having left our homes, bright and cheerful, to come over and see those, who, through

misfortune and calamity, lie on beds of sickness, but who with medical skill and patient nursing are gradually being restored to health and strength. To these young ladies who sit on our right and left, with their pleasant faces and bright uniforms, a great part of the success of this institution is due, and they may carry away with them the satisfying thought that during their stay with us they have conferred a vast amount of happiness upon hundreds of afflicted ones, many of whom perhaps never saw a kindly smile and never heard a pleasant word before coming to our Hospital. There is no man with any heart in his bosom but must sympathize with the work in which we are engaged, and when we know that the ambulance brings us the wasted forms of little children, racked with pain, who in a few months are sent back to their homes completely restored to health, what greater satisfaction can the friends of the Hospital desire than the knowledge that their money is accomplishing so much. Why, it was only a few weeks ago that a couple of children came into our building with deformed feet, deformed from birth. For the eight or nine years of their little lives they had been walking around like cripples. They fortunately came under the care of our good friend at the other end of the room, Dr. McKenzie, who, exercising his skill, in a few months the children were sent back to their homes with limbs straightened, bodies erect, running into their mother's house as if they had never felt an ache or pain. As they entered the poor mother, not knowing of their coming and seeing her children walking as other children, with tears streaming down her cheeks fell on her knees and thanked a kindly Providence for giving such skill and ability to the surgeon, and the management of this Hospital for the great ray of sunlight which this Hospital of ours had sent into her home. I am sure that I heartily agree with the chairman and Mr. Osler in what they said concerning the management of the Hospital, not only in connection with the nursing staff but also the medical staff. While it is regrettable that we have to part with so many of our clever young friends, who, as the chairman says, are such adepts in the art of nursing, it is satisfactory to know that in every case they have received responsible positions, and to their employers are giving the utmost satisfaction. As for the good women of our Ladies' Committee, the trustees appreciate the invaluable assistance they have rendered in the management of the Hospital. I know

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