

is not so much of a begging proposition as we usually have to lay before you. We want some of our friends to arrange for the purchase of the houses Nos. 48 and 50 and give us a chance to rent the former. As a matter of business this proposition is a good one. No. 50 has been continuously rented, and will always be in demand. At the present rate of rental of these houses, the return on the investment is about ten per cent.; so that the purchaser would run no risk, while enabling us to solve an important problem in regard to the successful working of our hospital.

The acquisition of this extra house would give us ample room for the comfortable housing of our nursing staff and domestic help, at the same time giving us increased facilities for the care of patients in the rooms now used by the nurses. Think this matter over and see if you cannot find some way to help us to open a new Nurses' Home in the near future.

GOVERNORS' MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Governors was held in the Hospital Board Room on Thursday, Sept. 25th. Among those present were Misses Moodie and Ames, Dr. L. Muller, Messrs. Grafton, Aird, Durnford, Baylis, O'Connor, Dawson, Drs. E. M. Morgan and A. D. Patton.

In the absence of the President the chair was taken by Mr. E. G. O'Connor, Vice-President. Mr. T. J. Dawson acted as Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Reports were read from the Medical Superintendent, the Treasurer, and the Committee of Management, all of which were adopted.

The report of the Medical Superintendent showed a great increase in number of patients cared for, as compared with a like period of last year, the increase being marked in the number of private patients.

The number of outside medical men attending the hospital was greater than ever before. The total death rate was 2.08% for the past half year. Comment was made on the falling off in the outdoor department, and suggestions offered in remedy thereof. Additional clinics had been opened and means taken to thoroughly advertise the advantages of the dispensary to the deserving poor.

The Treasurer's report showed a very flourishing financial condition. During the past half year the hospital has paid its way, in addition to reducing the floating debt by the sum of \$240.00. This was done in the face of increased expenditure. The liabilities at present amount to \$1845.00, and the balance in bank to hospital's credit is \$2600.00. The report estimated that after all the liabilities of the Hospital up to October 1st were met, there would be a balance to its credit of between \$200.00 and \$300.00. This is the first time in the history of the institution that such a financial condition has existed and it places our hospital in a unique position among like establishments in the country.

The report of the committee of management showed that the main endeavor had been to keep the expenses within the income. Much had been done in the way of repairs and improvement of equipment. The committee being now freed from the worry incident to a large floating debt, expressed a hope that, with the assistance of the hospital's friends, they would now be able to carry out the much-needed improvements they had long had in contemplation, though they also expressed the determination to keep out of further debt, and hand over the hospital to their successors unhampered by obligations of any kind. The report presented to the governors a resolution that some means should be devised to minimize the abuse of the charity patients' privilege. The fee of fifty cents per day should be insisted on, and