

The Hospital has ward room for 200 cots. The building was originally built for 165 cots, but since that time two wards of three beds each, used for newly-admitted patients, and six verandah wards, which will hold 29 cases in an emergency, bring the accommodation up to 200 beds.

The accommodation for nurses and domestics is so cramped that two wards and one corridor have to be divided up into bedrooms.

Even with the strictest economy, it requires no less than five officers, twenty-four nurses and twenty domestics to carry on the work of the Hospital. Twenty-five more children could be taken care of with the same number of attendants.

It is pleasant to hear from the Government Inspector, Dr. Chamberlain, and from officials of other Hospitals in Great Britain and the United States who have visited our Hospital and know the details of work, that the management is considered not only economical but efficient, as shown by the per head per day cost.

A prominent Hospital lady official from the United States, while on a visit to Toronto this summer, spent some hours in the College Street building. She declared that as a building it is perfect, that its sanitary condition is first class, and that after a close examination of the wards, dressing-rooms, lavatories, laundry, kitchen and store-rooms, its condition could not be excelled by any Hospital on either continent.

The present need of money for the Hospital can be seen by a glance at the balance sheets. The bank overdraft is \$12,000, an amount which will be increased during the next three months to \$20,000, and this sum with amounts that may accrue by 31st Dec., 1897, the Trustees are required to pay off before the end of January.

The thanks of the Trust are due to Mr. John Stark and Mr. E. B. Freeland, who have kindly audited the books of the Hospital for the past twenty-two years.

Miss Maria Buchan, Treasurer of the Hospital, has been most faithful in the discharge of the many onerous duties involved in the care of the finances of the institution.

The Committee of ladies in connection with the Hospital have been most attentive to their duties during the past year, and have added largely to the success which has attended the efforts of the Trust.

The work of the Hospital is ever increasing. At this writing, three weeks after the closing of the financial year, there are 112 patients in the building, and from the present outlook it is evident that the number will increase during the coming six months. The doors of the Hospital are open to every ailing child in the province, and the increased demands upon the services of the institution must not be lessened, but rather increased. This can only be done by aid from friends all over the province, thousands of whom can testify to the magnificent work which the Charity has accomplished during the twenty-two years of its existence.

Everyone can help in this grand work.

There is a pressing need for aid.

The demand comes from an institution which tries to give health, life and ease to sick little children.

In this request for aid we appeal to you, the reader of this report.

Your dollar will bless you in the giving.

Your giving will be a help to those who need help.