

REPORT FOR 1881.

The Board of the TORONTO HOME FOR INCURABLES gladly welcomes the warm friends and liberal supporters of this charity, on the occasion of this the first annual meeting held in their new and beautiful building, and hopefully looks forward to a continuance of their attachment in the loving work of caring for the lingering days of those who seek a shelter within its walls.

Kind friends have added to the furniture, and adorned the rooms, and the admirable arrangement of the building has enabled us to give it the character of a home rather than that of a hospital. To ensure these comforts has been our constant endeavour, and we hope that in some degree we have attained success.

Our family in March, 1881, numbered 39. There were 28 admitted during the year. The number at present in the HOME is 45; of these 26 are women, and 18 are men; besides whom we have under our care a sadly crippled little boy, who was pronounced incurable, and transferred to us from the Hospital for Sick Children.

We have to record the death of 12 patients during the year—7 men and 5 women. These deaths occurred chiefly among those admitted since our last annual meeting, several of them being brought to the HOME in the last stage of fatal disease.

The Board desires to place on record its appreciation of the kindness of the unknown friend who has presented to the city the gift of an ambulance, by which patients can be brought to this institution in comparative ease.

We bear testimony to the generous grants from the Ontario Government and the City Council.

We are much indebted to Mrs. Topp, the widow of the late President, Rev. Dr. Topp, for the donation of a clock, which is placed in the hall in memory of his name.