

to help forward the work of the Lord by practical support, as well as by sympathy, signified to the Committee his willingness to place at their disposal a site for the new Hospital, on Wells' Hill, contiguous to the Convalescent Home, recently erected there. With thankful hearts the members of the Committee visited this delightful spot on Wells' Hill, and all agreed that in many respects the location was most desirable. The view from the crest of the hill is one of the finest in Ontario, the surroundings are pleasant, there is plenty of room for trees and flowers, and beyond all, the air is delightfully pure and invigorating. Several meetings were held, trustees and physicians consulted, and the lot in question prayerfully considered from every standpoint, but as yet the members of the Committee are undecided. The Hospital must be convenient to the city for many reasons, especially on account of water, gas, and street car service. It should be easy of access for nurses, physicians, students, parents, and others, and not too far for the speedy relief of a bruised, bleeding or burnt child; but specially is it necessary that the weekly service of prayer should be held on the spot, where the wants of the Institution may be fully known and considered. These difficulties might be partially overcome by the establishment of a Receiving Hospital (with an ambulance) in the city. Other sites have been looked at, but the way of the Committee seems to be hedged up, and God is evidently delaying us a little that He may bring us to the most desirable place. In any case we trust Him, and will be ready to follow where He leads. We might say that our trustees and physicians advise building on the Elizabeth street property, but some of the Committee are anxious for more room and the purer air which is to be found in the locality mentioned or in other parts of the city.

In the month of May Miss F., who for a period of seven years had most faithfully and untiringly discharged the duties of Matron, sent in her resignation, which the Committee felt compelled, under the circumstances, to accept. As always in our difficulties, we came to God with earnest and importunate prayer, and proved our extremity to be His opportunity, help coming to us through Miss C. and Miss S., both consecrated, devoted women, and *skilled*, having been trained nurses in Toronto General Hospital.

Miss S. was placed in charge of the Hospital, Elizabeth street, for the summer, and Miss C. was appointed to and accepted the position of Superintendent of the Lakeside Home for the season, and when the children returned from the Island she assumed charge of the Hospital. We very regretfully parted with Miss S. to whose experience and ability we are indebted for our comfortable establishment in our new quarters on Jarvis street, and for her devotion in the care of a few of the very sick children who remained in the city during the summer.

Our little patients were conveyed to the Lakeside Home on the 8th of June, the journey across the bay being comfortably and successfully made under the superintendence of a band of students from our Medical Schools, the President, Secretary, and Mr. J. R. R. kindly assisting. Messrs. D. Bros. generously placed one of their boats at the disposal of the children. This kindness was continued throughout the year, children, nurses and servants being transported free of charge to and from the Lakeside Home by the ferry service of this company.

The children were unable to return to the Hospital until the 15th October, owing to the fact that the committee was wholly without accommodation. For a considerable time the old building on Elizabeth street had been in a very tumble-down condition, the Inspector having, months before, pronounced it unsafe. However, supports were introduced, and it was hoped that we might be able to continue in it until the new building (not yet commenced) was ready for use. But late in the summer the walls began to break away and crumble to pieces, and immediate removal was found necessary. Again we were in difficulty. The little invalids must very soon leave the Island, and we were absolutely without shelter for them. Again we sought the Lord, and at the same time made careful search and inquiry for a suitable house. Mr. E. kindly offered the committee a house on Gloucester street, and the following sympathetic letter was received:—

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