

The Board were greatly cheered and encouraged by the generous aid of Mr. J. Ross Robertson, who entirely furnished in a most liberal manner the beautiful ward known by his name. This is the largest ward in the Hospital and contains eight beds.

The new building was opened on the 8th of May, 1890. It contains 30 beds for public ward patients, one private ward, and one semi-private ward containing two beds. This accommodation has already been found entirely inadequate. The public wards are full and applications for private wards are refused almost daily. This is greatly to be regretted as the hospital is thus deprived of a profitable source of revenue.

Patients for the public wards are admitted on the same terms as to the Toronto General Hospital, and the charge for semi-private wards is \$6 per week, and for the private wards from \$10 to \$14 per week.

The Training School for Nurses was opened in September, 1890, the applicants being numerous. The nurses so far have proved themselves in every way suitable and efficient. Owing to the limited accommodation of the hospital only a few nurses can be admitted. There is, however, a constant call for nurses for outside work far beyond the power of the Lady Superintendent to supply. This is the more to be regretted, as the practical experience thus obtained would not only be of benefit to the nurses, but would materially increase the income of the Hospital.

The first Lady Superintendent was Miss Appa Grant, who most generously gave her services as a free gift to the Hospital from January, 1890, to March, 1891. The Board desire gratefully to acknowledge their deep indebtedness to her in this respect, and also to record their appreciation of her invaluable services, to which the present success of the Hospital is largely due.

She was succeeded by Miss L. Brent, a graduate of Brooklyn Training School for Nurses, who combines with the office of Lady Superintendent that of Superintendent of the Training School for Nurses. Miss Brent has proved herself thoroughly competent for the work which she has undertaken, and has discharged her onerous duties to the entire satisfaction of the Board and of the medical staff of the Hospital. The present household staff consists of the Lady Superintendent, nine nurses, a ward tender, house-keeper and servants.

The Board feel that the need for a house Physician is becoming urgent, but with the accommodation at present at their disposal it is an impossibility. In the absence of a House Physician the extra calls upon the medical staff have been many, and the Board feel that they cannot adequately express their gratitude to the physicians who, both by day and by night, have given their services so freely to the Hospital, often at great personal inconvenience.

The Board desire to thank the many kind friends who have visited and cheered the patients during their residence in the Hospital, especially those gentlemen who have so kindly conducted