

cases, leave no doubt that this Hospital has as efficient a medical staff as may be found in the Dominion. The House Surgeon, Matron and Nurses have been attentive to their duties, and have given much satisfaction to the Board during the year. The several ministers have been constant in their visits to the Hospital, and faithful in the discharge of their sacred duties to the sick and the dying. The lady visitors have been constant in their attendance, and in their enquiries after the wants of the sick, and have on several occasions rendered their visits profitable to the Hospital, by sending donations of clothing and supplies.

The number of Patients received into the Hospital during the past year amounts to 214, being the exact number admitted during the previous year.

The Directors have, with the supporters of this institution, and the citizen generally, reason to be thankful for the immunity they have enjoyed during the year from infectious diseases, there having been but one case of small pox admitted since their last Annual Report.

A generous and large hearted anonymous friend of the institution, has during the year, through the Rev. D. M. Gordon made an offer of \$1,000 a year to continue for three years for the purpose of establishing a nurse training-school. The subject has occupied the very serious attention of the Directors and the medical staff, and after several consultations it was concluded by the Board, that under existing circumstances, they could not prudently avail themselves of the noble offer of Mr. Gordon's friend, but would utilize their present position as far as possible for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a training school for nurses in the institution, not losing hope that on some future occasion they may derive substantial benefit from the unknown and generous friend of the Hospital, giving effect to a larger scheme.

The Board desire to place on record their thanks to the city press for the kind and generous manner in which they have at all times given their powerful aid to make known the wants of the Hospital, and also to the several institutions and individuals who have given aid to the institution; and, finally, that while the Board have experienced much anxiety during the past year in administering the financial affairs of the Hospital, owing to the many demands for money for the payment of supplies, providing for, and the debt remaining due on building account, yet they desire to express their gratitude to the kind and charitable public for their support in the performance of duties that have been entrusted to them as managers of this institution.

"Blessed is the man that considereth the poor, the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble."