

## REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

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At the close of the third year, it is the pleasing duty of the Directors, to record and present to the subscribers the Report of the Institution under their charge.

The most noticeable feature of the year is the extension of the operations of the Charity. Heretofore, its character has been exclusively that of a Dispensary, and although as such a large amount of good has been done, the effect of medical treatment has been to a certain extent neutralized, in many cases, by the absence of facilities which an Infirmary affords.

Notwithstanding the praiseworthy liberality with which the citizens of Toronto have sustained the Dispensary, the Directors have felt that the means at their disposal were insufficient to justify them in attempting to establish an Infirmary or Hospital, and that as the wider field of operations would be chiefly beneficial to persons living out of Toronto, it should only be entered upon with the assistance of external aid.

Having again laid the facts before the Government of Ontario, the Directors are pleased to be able to state that their efforts have resulted in the appropriation of a small sum of public money in aid of the Charity.

Consequent on this, new and more commodious premises have been leased and furnished, and a Superintendent and Matron engaged; and it is gratifying to be able to state that although the Infirmary has only been in operation a small portion of the year, enough has been ascertained to warrant the expectation of large results for good.

Patients are now admitted to board at a low rate of charge, and in certain exceptional cases they are admitted free of charge.

As the benefits of the Infirmary become more widely known, the necessity of establishing it on a still more substantial basis will no doubt commend itself to the favorable consideration of the Ontario Government, resulting in the appropriation of public money for the erection of a suitable building and the providing of all other appliances necessary to its efficient working.