

two lots, fronting respectively on Elizabeth Street and Emma Street, and now occupied by some wooden cottages of little value.

As shown by the reports of the Committee, the work of the Hospital has grown beyond the capacity of the present building. An increase of accommodation has for some time been felt to be a necessity. It could be provided, so far as the mere extension of the building is concerned, by additions made upon the present site. To this, there are however, objections, arising partly from the character of the present structure, which is not well adapted for alteration, and partly from the fact that the property is confined between premises on each side, with dwelling-houses on both streets, and their yards meeting in the centre.

It is desirable that the lots next to the avenue should be acquired and added to the Hospital property; or, that if both cannot be obtained, the one fronting on Elizabeth Street should be secured.

Negotiations for the purchase of this lot are now pending, and it is hoped, may result in its acquisition.

It will be remembered that the Report for 1880 showed that 68 monthly instalments of \$25.20 each remained to fall due upon the mortgage to the Imperial Loan and Savings's Co., and it was suggested, as it had been in the previous year, that possibly the friends of the Hospital might desire to redeem that mortgage, which would, at the end of 1880, have required about \$1,250.

This has not been done. Only two sums of \$100 each were, during 1881, given or promised for the express purpose of paying this debt, although other sums amounting to \$255, were given for building purposes, principally with a view to the extension.

The instalments which fell due upon the mortgage in 1881 were punctually paid, as part of the ordinary outlay, reducing the number to 56, representing a debt of about \$1,000.

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