

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
UNIVERSITY LYING-IN HOSPITAL,
 SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS,
 OCTOBER 5, 1872.

The Committee of Management, in resigning the trust confided to them, desire to express their grateful thanks to the Giver of all Good for the measure of success which has attended the work of this charity.

The number of patients admitted during the year just closed was 108. Of these there were:—

Natives of Canada.....	58
“ Ireland.....	26
“ England.....	10
“ United States.....	7
“ Scotland.....	5
“ France.....	1
“ Newfoundland.....	1
	108

With regard to civil condition, there were:—

Married.....	28
Unmarried.....	80
	108

And with regard to religious persuasion, there were:—

Protestants.....	47
Catholics.....	61
	108

They regret to state that puerperal fever appeared in the Hospital during the month of April, and that there were four deaths from that exceedingly fatal disease to lying-in women. As in the previous year, puerperal fever had prevailed for some time, and to a considerable extent, in the city before any patient in the Hospital was attacked by it. In the two instances in which this disease has, of late years, appeared in an epidemic form in the Institution, it has been in both imported from without; in neither did it *originate* in the Hospital.

The limited amount of disposable space in the present building of the Institution, rendering it altogether impossible to isolate the sick from those recently confined, the Committee felt it to be their duty, on the strong recommendation of the Visiting Physician, to at once close the Hospital for the purpose of arresting the further progress of the disease. It remained closed from the 15th April till the 1st June, a period of six weeks.

During this time it was thoroughly cleansed, re-painted and disinfected, and since the re-opening the patients have all made excellent recoveries.

The Committee have been more than ever deeply impressed with the importance of obtaining, as soon as possible, a properly constructed building for the purposes of the charity. They had fully proposed to commence the erection of a suitable building during the past year, on the lot of ground situated on Upper St. George Street, belonging to the Corporation of the Hospital; but owing to the existence of a difficulty arising out of a misapprehension entertained by some persons regarding the character and management of the Institution, they did not feel themselves warranted in proceeding with the building until this difficulty had been finally settled.

The Treasurer's Report, which is herewith appended, exhibits clearly the sources of revenue of the Hospital, and the application of its funds in general expenditure. A new account has been opened for the Building Fund. The sum already deposited to this account amounts to \$1,168.79; which, with the balance of \$2,382.02 remaining on hand, as shewn in the general account, makes the surplus funds of the Hospital \$3,551.81.

The Matron, Mrs. Hannah, is deserving of great praise for the kind attention with which she has invariably treated the patients under her charge, and for the care and assiduity with which she has discharged all the duties appertaining to her position.

To the Reverend Gentlemen of the Seminary the grateful thanks of the Committee are due for their generous donation.

The Committee beg to return their grateful thanks to Dr. MacCallum for his attention during the past year.

H. C. G. McCULLOCH.