

the work of the hospital, conceived the idea of an association destined to aid in the general support of that establishment. This association is at present regularly constituted, and the lady patronesses of the hospital, to the number of about one hundred, vie with the most ardent benefactors of the work in furthering its cause. Each lady patroness pay a yearly contribution, which varies according to circumstances, and furthermore, the ladies engage to supply the hospital with all the linen and other such effects as may be required for the use of the sick.

The business of the association is conducted by a committee consisting of a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and several councillors. The committee meets at least once a month. Besides this, two of the lady patronesses visit the sick at the hospital once a week.

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The most important event in connection with the operations of the year 1881-82 was the purchase of the property actually occupied by the hospital. The property was bought for the sum of \$30,000, of which \$10,000 were paid down on the signing of the deed of sale, the balance to be met within ten years at an interest of 6 per cent per annum. This transaction definitively settles the success and maintenance of the institution. The amount to be paid is certainly considerable, but the generosity of the public will doubtless prove equal to it. A list of subscription has already been opened, specially to cover the amount of the purchase money, and Mr C. S. Rodier, whose generosity is proverbial, headed the list with one thousand dollars. Several citizens have also subscribed large sums, and there is ground for hope that their example will be followed by a great number of others. Notre Dame hospital has, thus, a future which is assured. An idea may be formed of the good it is doing to all classes of our population, when it is stated that during last year, the number of cases treated, both in the interior service and the dispensaries, was double that of the year preceding.

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It may not be out of place to recall here a few of the points set forth in last year's report, as they will tend to show how the directors of Notre Dame Hospital, intend going about the care of the sick confided to them.

"The hospital is opened to all the needy sick, *without distinction of race or creed*. For such of the patients as have the means of paying something, there are in the hospital private wards where they may enjoy all the comfort desirable, and where, indeed, they may be treated by their own doctor or any physician of their choice.

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