

past twelve months. This department has been a great convenience in the work of the Hospital, and has given the staff an opportunity of making cultures without sending out of the building.

The average stay of children in the Hospital during 1896 was 55.30 days; during 1897, 56.57 days. As the Hospital was closed for admission we suffered a loss of about 1,500 days, which increases the average stay.

The students' fees have increased during the year. A greater interest is being taken by the students of all the medical schools in the work of the Hospital.

The ordinary expenditures of the Hospital have been confined to work actually required. The item for insurance this year is heavier than the former year, because this year the payment made was for three years. The extra expenditure on buildings and furniture in connection with both institutions was made in accordance with the requirements of the special donation made for that purpose, the terms of which could not be varied.

The statement as given and the explanations cover the work of the Hospital during the past year. While it is pleasant to note the fact that the debt has decreased, it must be remembered that special donations and bequests do not fall into our hands every year. Therefore, to bring the debt down to an amount which can be handled with ease, a considerable amount of energy on the part of those interested in the work is absolutely necessary.

It costs about \$2,400 per month to meet all the expenditures of the Hospital, and this expenditure is to a certain extent uncontrollable.

Administration has to be provided, nurses have to be lodged, boarded and remunerated; drugs, medicines and surgical instruments and appliances have to be purchased, and the many incidental expenses necessary to hospital work have to be met in order that the work of the institution may be carried on with due regard to the highest efficiency.

In 1896 there were 123 children from 88 places in the Province of Ontario, outside of Toronto. This year there are 118 children from 83 places.

In 1896 there were 54 cots supported. This year there are 53.

The list shows 25 fatal cases during the year. It will be noted that 14 of the little ones who died were 7 days and less in the Hospital. It is safe to state that, at least, six more of the fatal cases were brought to the Hospital when hope of life was almost *nil*.

There were 236 surgical operations in 1896; in the year 1897 there were 258.

The medical report shows 312 cases absolutely cured out of 476 admitted, while 109 out of 476 were improved and only 30 unimproved. The rules of the Hospital only permit the admission of children between the ages of two and fourteen years, yet in cases of the minimum age where immediate operation was necessary, such cases have been admitted.

The rule regarding the minimum limit has not been strictly adhered to, that with regard to the maximum age of fourteen years has been specially enforced by notification to the staff that no children over that age, under any consideration, be admitted.

The Trust have always endeavored to do the greatest good to the greatest number of children, and have admitted those of both sexes over fourteen years; but experience has proven that all patients over that age should be treated in a Hospital for adults. This resolve has been arrived at after a most careful consideration and consultation by those who are competent to give an opinion on the subject.

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