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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL, MONTREAL, FOR  
THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31st, 1878.

The Medical Committee to whom is entrusted the management of this institution beg to present the following report in regard to the work performed during the past year and the general condition of the affairs of the Hospital. In the Lying-in department the number of cases admitted is in excess of that of last year. At times the entire accommodation of the Hospital has not been sufficient to meet the demands made upon it by the cases on hand, and the Hospital attendants have had to relinquish their apartments temporarily to furnish the extra room required. It is proposed by the Committee, if funds permit, to extend the present apartments by securing a part of the adjoining house, or, at the termination of the present lease, to procure a more commodious building.

The splendid opportunities afforded in the public wards for gaining a knowledge of midwifery and nursing has during the past year been taken advantage of by a large number of medical students, and women studying with a view to becoming midwives and nurses. Instruction in these branches is given by the competent matron of the Hospital, and the visiting physicians.

This department is under the supervision of the Ladies' Committee and is visited frequently by its members.

In the *Out Door Department*, where females suffering from diseases peculiar to women receive medical attendance free of charge, there has been a large number of applicants, and the number is gradually increasing, as the advantages of this institution and its facilities for treatment are becoming more widely known and appreciated.

One or more members of the medical staff attend daily at 11 a.m.

The private wards of the Hospital are open to cases where special treatment and constant attendance is required and to patients from a distance; and during the past year a number from different parts of the Dominion and adjoining Union have availed themselves of this privilege. The Committee are anxious, as soon as means will permit them, to make this department complete in every respect, and make needed additions to the present supply of gynecological instruments and appliances.