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### IMPROVEMENTS.

The repainting of the interior of the hospital is now under way, and good progress is being made under the circumstances. Owing to the disinclination of the management to undertake the work without some assurance of funds being forthcoming to meet the expenditure, it was delayed until the present winter season, when the increase of patients, and the lack of airing facilities, make it more difficult to prosecute. However, we hope, with the aid of our friends, to have this necessary improvement completed ere long.

The painting has brought in its train the necessity for other changes, which we have long had in mind, and have had to defer the execution thereof for the same reason that delayed it. Among others, is the aging away with the present light shaft, by the extension of the floors through which it passes. By so doing we can enlarge our two diet kitchens to a reasonable size and increase our dispensary room. The cost of this improvement could be met by an expenditure of about \$150, exclusive of the fitting up of the new

kitchens, as they should be in a model hospital; this would probably take \$100 more. If you could see three nurses trying to work in the present cramped kitchen quarters you would realize how much we need the money to make this alteration and improvement.

Another improvement, most necessary, is additional room in connection with the operating theatre, for purposes of preparation for surgical operations. This could be obtained by the extension of the gallery on the third floor out to the Burnside street line, and the conversion of the present gallery into an annex to the operating room, where the necessary apparatus for sterilization of dressings, the preparation of patients, and surgeons, would not infringe upon the operating room proper. The cost of this improvement would be in the neighborhood of \$200, and the advantage gained would be worth more than double the expenditure.

Another imperatively necessary improvement is the provision of better accommodation for our nurses and domestic help. Of this we have spoken before. The only feasible solution of this difficulty lies in the purchase of the house adjoining the Maternity Annex, and converting it into a nurses' home. This would entail an expenditure of \$5,000 to \$6,000, and possibly half this amount in ready cash. There is probably no better way of helping our hospital, and increasing its efficiency than this founding of a home for our nurses, and certainly no grander monument to the donors' generosity to our school and hospital.