

outside places 118. These figures show that the patients from outside places are increasing and, naturally, the interest in the Hospital work as well. This year patients were received from 136 places outside of Toronto; last year from 83 places.

In this connection it will be borne in mind that the contribution of \$7,500 per year to the Hospital by the city of Toronto is so much per capita for every patient in the Hospital, irrespective of locality.

The results for the year ending 30th September, 1898, are as follows:—Of the 633 patients received 515 were discharged alive, of which number 334, or 65 per cent. were cured, 141 or 37 per cent. improved, and 40 or 8 per cent. unimproved; and there were 24 deaths; 94 patients remained in the Hospital at the end of the year. The average stay in the Hospital was $57\frac{3}{4}$ days as compared with 56.57 for 1897.

It is to be noted that in the number of deaths four cases were children under the age of 3 years, which were in the Hospital an average of 13 days, and that in very many of these cases patients were brought into the Hospital when their condition was hopeless, 5 being less than a day each in the Hospital.

The percentage of deaths to those discharged alive is 4.56.

There were 415 surgical operations this year, for 1897 258, being an increase of 157.

The treatment at the Out-door or Dispensary Department, was accorded to 4,466 cases, being an increase of 333 over last year.

With a view of increasing the interest in and aiding the work, the Trust has placed this year in 150 shops and public buildings collection boxes, and will shortly have 300 such boxes in operation. From this source an increase of \$1,500 may be reasonably expected.

The amount needed for surgical appliances is a severe tax on the funds, while at the same time it is gratifying to know that a score of cases every year enter the Hospital walking with the aid of crutches, and that as they pass out of the doors of the institution they bid farewell to these aids forever.

The noble gifts of the Ontario and Toronto Public schools call for the special thanks of the Trust. The generosity of the little ones, for their brothers and sisters who lie suffering in our cots and beds, has brought them many comforts otherwise unattainable. There are two cots named in the interests of these donors: the "Ontario Public School Children's Cot" and the "Toronto Public School Children's Cot." It is hoped that the interest already taken will be increased, and that both these cots will be fully endowed by the givings at the coming Christmas season.

This year we are indebted to the generosity of Mr. John R. Barber, of Georgetown, and Mr. E. B. Eddy, of Hull and Ottawa, for the paper used in the twenty thousand copies of these reports which are issued.

The aid from many of the fraternal societies has been generous, as will be seen by the cash donation list. The Masonic fraternity has remembered the sick little ones every Christmas. Last year the lodges sent in \$2,200, and during the past seven years the private lodges have given \$5,637, exclusive of the Grand Lodge of Canada gift of \$2,000 and a like sum from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The contributions from the Sunday schools have been a great help, totalling \$1,457. From many other sources, as the cash donation list shows, friends all over the Province have been liberal.

The Medical Staff, the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Gordon, the Lady Superin-