

We have been deprived, during a portion of the year, of the presence and counsel of our president, Mrs. Howland, on account of personal illness and family affliction, and in this connection we notice, with deep sorrow and sympathy the going home to his eternal rest of Mr. W. H. Howland. This unexpected blow fell heavily upon the workers of the Hospital for Sick Children as well as upon the entire Christian world, not only in our city, but in the Dominion. He was ever a friend to our little children, and times without number we have been encouraged to better service by his kindly presence and words of cheer. We are thankful for his good and noble life, and our loving thoughts and prayers are ever surrounding our dear president and her family, and in due time when she is physically stronger we hope to welcome her back to her accustomed place among us.

Mr. A. M. Smith, one of our trustees, who ever had the work near his heart, and who has given many practical evidences of this, has been laid aside through illness for many months. Earnest prayer was offered for his recovery and we are glad to know that he is improving gradually in strength. Other members of the committee have been absent for months through sickness, and Mrs. H. M. Pellatt, a most helpful member, has felt obliged to withdraw on this account. These friends are not forgotten at the Friday morning meeting.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees has kindly met with the Committee at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, and in this way has greatly aided its members by his practical business ability, in their deliberations and decisions. The Committee has given much attention this year to the preparation and serving of the menu of the little patients, and in this their efforts have been ably seconded by the Trustees and the members of the staff.

An event of very great importance in our history was the visit on the 27th of October of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen, the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and Lady Marjorie and the Honorable Archie Gordon. These august visitors were presented to the members of the Committee by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and subsequently made a tour of inspection through the building, chatting pleasantly with the little invalids, visiting the schoolroom, where they were accorded a right royal welcome, and at the close commenting most favorably upon the magnificent building, its fine appointments, the cheerful wards, and their hospital-like appearance. While in the schoolroom poor little Arthur, who is slowly fading away, presented Lady Aberdeen with a pretty bouquet of simple flowers. At the time she held a costly one of rare roses in her hand, but the gift from the sick boy touched her heart, and as she took the offering of love from his little thin hand, she kissed the lad with tears in her kind eyes. The next day the Lady Marjorie Gordon and her brother called, and at each bedside placed a gift of beautiful flowers. Both Lord and Lady Aberdeen take a deep interest in hospital work, and it was a very great satisfaction to have our work commended by these representatives of royalty whose knowledge of hospital plans and work is of the highest.

Every year our Hospital for Sick Children is steadily changing from a permanent "Home" for ailing children, to a "Hospital" for the treatment of sick children.

Chronic cases are admitted only when there is a hope that treatment will effect improvement or a cure, and are discharged when this result is attained. This fact makes it necessary that a home for incurable children or a ward for such cases, in connection with some institution already established, shall be opened at no distant date. We believe it is only necessary to call the attention of the Christian public to the needs of incurable children in order to have some provision made for this unhappy class.

The work of caring for sick children appeals to the sympathies of all, and contributions for maintenance come from all classes and conditions of the community. Very frequently a poor rag-picker has been seen depositing a sum of money in the box on the street, and we have seen a young man leave his friend on the other side and cross the street to drop his gift into the box. A little girl in St. John's Ward, who has a little brother in the Hospital, regularly brings her precious coppers and deposits them in the box as a thank-offering for the care her brother is receiving.

The amount contributed for maintenance this year is \$28,354 10, the sum of \$1,500 coming from an appeal made in *The Evening Telegram* at Christmas time. The Building debt has been greatly reduced this year as will be seen by the treasurer's statement. The furnishing of the building has been completed. The halls, corridors and wards have been all painted this summer. Two new wards have been built for "suspect cases," as well as a beautiful large verandah for the infectious wards.

The friends who have maintained cots in past years have very generally continued them, and several new cots have been added to the list which may be seen on next page.

LIST OF COTS

1. Rolleston Cot.....
 2. Violet Cot.....
 3. Orillia Cot.....
 4. Consolidated Cot..
 5. Faith Cot.....
 6. Queen st. Methodi
 7. I. O. O. F. Cot ..
 8. St. Paul's S. S. Co
 9. Mary Helen Cot..
 10. Isabelle Cot.....
 11. Ministering Childr
 12. All Saints' Alpha (
 13. Birdie Cot.....
 14. Tommie Cot.....
 15. Cooke's Church S.
 16. Mary Pollard Cot
 17. Cot Emmanuel...
 18. Henry Martyn Co
 19. The Fotheringham
 20. The Good Cheer C
 21. The Mission Unio
 22. The Toronto Poli
 23. Richard Dunbar C
 24. Margaret Cot....
 25. Winifred Constan
 26. James Hervey Pr
 27. Euclid ave. Meth
 28. Mary Ethel Cot.
 29. Charlotte Lewis (
 30. Mary Worthingto
 31. Employes of Sam
 32. The Boilermaker
 33. St. Andrew's Ch
 34. The Dean Cot...
 35. Ella and Lily Co
 36. The Lily Bacon C
 37. Little Will's Cot
 38. The Dorothy Co
 39. The Canadian Cl
 40. Toronto Bread I
 41. Thanksgiving Co
 42. Com'l Travellers'
 43. Grummy Cot....
 44. Ash Wednesday
 45. "God is Love" (
 46. The Worts Cot.
 47. Newmarket Jun
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1. Allan Norman C
 2. Adelaide Cot...
 3. Elizabeth Cot...
 4. St. Ignatius Cot
 5. Anne Elizabeth
 6. Michael Cot...
 7. Port Hope M.
 8. The Birch Cliff
 9. The Lakeside C
 10. The Gordon Co
 11. The Kew Beach
 12. Dovercourt Rd.
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