

on the foot hills was wisely chosen as the site. In the division of the town by the surveyors, a triangular piece of ground was formed in the effort to supply the arteries of local travel, the base of which was on Scott Street, named after one of the early distinguished citizens, the late ex-Mayor and Member of the Legislature, Thomas Scott. The land formed only one part of a large area, which for some time beckoned the growing population to seek sites for cozy homes. Paynter Street, another thoroughfare named after an early prominent resident, Charles Paynter, now of London, Eng., was opened up, and with its easy grade intersected Scott Street about the centre of the base of the triangle. In the year 1885, after the citizens had been aroused by a threatened invasion of an infectious disease, the question of supplying the growing town with modern quarters for the reception of the sick and injured, which a rapidly increasing population accentuated, was first seriously discussed, and the Board of Health, then under the chairmanship of the late Venerable Archdeacon Mulholland, took up the matter of the erection of an hospital. Many sites and buildings were given prominence, but finally the triangle at the head of Paynter Street was suggested. Such opposition as was manifested at the inception soon gave place to the recognition that up on the green slope, far from the noise of traffic of vehicle, train, or boat, with a splendid view-point of the beautiful broadening expanse of the Owen Sound bay and portions of the growing town, an ideal site had been found for the institution which had become so apparent a need. Although the danger of the first infection passed, as the years went by another epidemic of as serious a character threatened the town with increasing virulence and consequent mortality. President Allan Cameron, M. D., in his most recent report, referring to the conditions which existed, says: "To render the condition more serious, nurses were scarce, and for want of that constant attention required to be given in an intelligent manner, many lost their lives." Under those distressing circumstances the question arose, "What is to be done to relieve the misery under which the people are suffering?" As it was evident that something must be done, and as the Board of Health had no treasury from which to draw funds, it was a serious question to face, and one to which for a time the members felt unable to give an answer, as it was beyond a doubt that a hospital and nurses were the requisites the situation demanded.

In this dilemma it was asked at one of the meetings: "Who was there that would give one hundred dollars toward the proposed hospital?" and the late Frederick D'Orr LePan took the initiative and placed his name on the subscription