

MONTREAL, December 21st, 1929.

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Dear Dr. Martin:-

In reference to the proposed Convalescent Home, it appears to me it could be accomplished without any public campaign if a group of people would join together and contribute the amount required. It seems to me an amount of \$200,000.00 should provide the land and building and say \$50,000.00 for furnishing.

According to Miss Parker's Budget, she with the assistance of the girls she is training, would expect to make it pretty nearly self-supporting, and I think this could be done, provided the greatest economy was enforced from the start.

I am somewhat familiar with the operations of the Montreal Convalescent Home on St. Mark Street - they have about nine private beds paying at the rate of \$3.00 per day as a maximum and about nineteen public ward beds which do not pay very much and in some cases free. Their cost as shown in their last Annual Statement was on an average of \$1.54 per day and they broke about even for the year. Half of the patients are from the M.G.H. They are very desirous of extending their work. It is run by Miss Stewart, the President, and a Committee of ladies and personally I have great faith in the assistance of ladies running institutions of the kind on an economical basis.

I think, as stated on Thursday that the Provincial Government might do something for a new Convalescent Home backed by the influence of the R.V.H., the M.G.H., yourself and other prominent and influential citizens. The Jewish people are looking for a site for their Hospital and one of them recently told me that they had land in N.D.G. offered to them from ten to forty cents per foot, which they were seriously considering. A ready made outfit, would no doubt, be less expensive if the proper building and location could be found but this would be very difficult and personally I favour new premises and then we can get something up-to-date and approaching