

say here, that for some months the Committee had been undecided in the choice of a site, at length, however, the old site, corner of Elizabeth and College Sts., was definitely settled upon, and the probability is, that building operations will shortly be commenced.

The receipts for the Hospital have been larger this year than ever before, and amount to the sum of \$6,852.20; for the Lakeside Home, \$1,984.59. Expenditure as follows: the Hospital, \$6,855.28; Lakeside Home, \$2,073.11. Total received, \$8,836.79; total expended, \$8,928.39. Balance against the Hospital, \$91.60

The City Council has again this year, kindly given us the sum of \$600 for current expenses. This gift was very gratefully received as our outlay for the year had been great, owing to the amounts required for repairs to building on Jarvis St., and the expense of altering and otherwise improving defective plumbing work, which had been performed under the supervision of a firm in the city. After diphtheria had twice broken out, and other effects of bad drainage and deficient plumbing were very evident, it was decided to request the Inspector of Sanitation, Mr. A. McDougall, to investigate and to report as speedily as possible, as to the sanitary condition of the house, drainage, etc.

A perusal of the following correspondence will show, that the re-doing of the plumbing, which, with the bills for work done first time, amounted to the large sum of \$1,400, was not the result of whim or caprice, but was an imperative necessity in the circumstances:—

TORONTO, Jan. 14, 1887.

To the Managers of the Sick Children's Hospital:

As requested by Miss B. we have examined the plumbing work of your building, corner of Jarvis and Lombard Sts., and find it in a dangerously bad sanitary condition, it being so constructed that the traps on the various fixtures are of no use, and the gases from the drain can and do escape into the building without interruption. If the fixtures were removed we would likely see more to complain of, but without their removal we see enough to condemn the work. We believe the drain under the building is bad, but cannot ascertain its true condition without taking up the floor in basement.

Yours very respectfully,

B. & W.

TORONTO, January 22, 1887.

Re Sick Children's Hospital:

DEAR MRS. McM.,—I had hoped to see you yesterday, knowing it was your Board day, to let you know what state the drains were in. I am sorry to say, I found an open 6-inch drain under the kitchen floor, in direct connection with the sewer; also one cracked pipe, and some bad joints in the pipe laid under the floor by plumbers; a very bad drain under the floor of the small room off the kitchen, with some broken pipes and open joint from which a very foul smell came. The plumber's work has not been well done, there were plenty of holes for the sewer air to enter the bath rooms. The plumbers who are now working have strict orders to keep all the pipes tightly closed to prevent sewer air entering the bath rooms. I am very pleased to learn to-day that Miss C. and Nurse T. are both progressing very favorably.

Sincerely yours,

A. McDOUGALL.

May 11, 1887.

The Secretary, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto:

DEAR MADAM,—I forward Messrs. B. & W.'s account for altering the plumbing work, amounting to \$444.42. It is a large account; the work was