

REPORT OF THE LAKESIDE HOME FOR 1890.

The Lakeside Home was opened this year about the sixth of June, though the children were not taken over until a couple of weeks later. It was thought that we would have to arrange for increased bathroom accommodation; but, on consulting our kind friend, Mr. J. Ross Robertson, he told us that it was his intention to enlarge the Lakeside Home this fall, making it complete and perfect in every detail. Therefore, under these circumstances, our committee decided that for this one season we would try and manage as we had in the past.

On the morning of June 18th, we removed twenty-seven of our little ones over to the Lakeside Home. Our physicians, Dr. Primrose and Dr. Thistle, rendered us their valuable assistance, and Messrs. Clark kindly gave us the use of their little Island ferry-boat for the day, thus enabling us to land our precious cargo at Captain Murray's wharf, a point within a few moments' walk of the Home. Mrs. McGarvey and her staff of nurses met us at the wharf. We placed the children in carriages, wagons, trucks—anything in fact that had wheels—and our funny procession moved slowly towards the Lakeside Home. Before sundown we had our little patients comfortably tucked in their cots and settled in their summer home.

The Managers of the Toronto Ferry Company generously provided us with four season passes on their line of boats, for the use of our matrons, manager and physicians, also a book of tickets for the use of our nurses, and we wish here to gratefully acknowledge their goodness.

Our President, Mrs. McMaster, when in the city had communicated with Mr. Kelso, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fresh Air Fund, informing him that we would be glad to receive at our Home, during the summer, any ailing or delicate children that came under his notice. Mr. Kelso sent us nineteen children through the season, forwarding us \$101 for their care, treatment and maintenance.

During our three months' stay at the Island, we received in all one hundred and four children. Some of these only stayed a few days with us, while others remained the whole summer. We are pleased to be able to say that, though we had some very sick children in our wards, the Lord did not remove one by death during our stay at the Island.

Mr. T. G. Blackstock, who supports the "Tommie Cot" at the Hospital for Sick Children, invited the children to go with him for a sail on the lake, on the afternoon of July 21st. This sail was looked forward to by the little ones in both hospitals as the crowning event of the season, and little lips were opened very early Monday morning to ask, "Oh nurse, is it a nice day?" It was a charming day; and as the ladies of the committee had been included in Mr. Blackstock's kind invitation, we hastened to the wharf at the foot of Trinity street, where lay the handsome steam yacht "Abeona," which was to take us for our afternoon's sail. Miss Underhill, with her family of five or six children, was there before us and comfortably settled on easy-chairs in the bow of the boat. Before long Mr. Blackstock and some of his friends, also our physician, Dr. Primrose, joined us, and we were very soon cutting through the waters at a rapid rate. We were going direct to the Island to pick up the little ones from the Lakeside Home, who were able to enjoy this treat, and as we rounded the Island Point, with the waters beneath us calm, the blue sky overhead, and the sun

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