

PREFACE.

In presenting this, the report of the COMMITTEE OF ORGANIZATION of the Children's Memorial Hospital, it may be well first to state briefly that this Hospital was organized by this Committee because it had long been felt that a hospital for crippled children was much needed in Eastern Canada. Innumerable were the crippled and deformed in the rural districts, and yet there was no institution devoted to their relief. There were general hospitals, but the larger of these had been founded primarily for the relief of the citizens of Montreal, and the crippled children who were fortunate enough to be treated in their wards could not be kept indefinitely on account of the insufficiency of their accommodation. As no provision had been made for the fresh air treatment of consumptive disease of bone, which is the cause of the majority of deformities, it was felt that a Children's Hospital, especially adapted to such treatment, would fill a long felt need ; also that the Hospital could act as the guardian of the crippled, both relieving their deformities and educating the children.

The Committee of Organization completed their labours on June 15th, 1905, and rendered an account of their stewardship on that date to the Corporation appointed in the following charter in a report which is now published.