

Charitable Institutions of Winnipeg

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held in the City Council Chamber, on the evening of Tuesday, February 21st, the following paper was read by Mrs. Bryce, wife of Rev. Dr. Bryce, of this city:—

In giving a history of the charitable institutions of Winnipeg, we naturally begin with the oldest and most important, viz.: the Winnipeg General Hospital.

Any one examining the public edifices of our city is sure to have his attention drawn to a group of buildings belonging to the hospital, occupying a block between McDermot and Bannatyne Avenues, and West of Nena. A closer examination of these buildings and their uses will show that the Winnipeg General Hospital, like the City of Rome, was not built in a day. Building after building has been added, according to the requirements of our city and Province, and we are pleased to think that we have such a memorial of the advancement of medical science in our midst.

The oldest of the group of buildings was opened to receive patients in 1884 but earlier records show that the hospital had a history of twelve years' duration previous to that date.

The Winnipeg General Hospital was organized December 13th, 1872, and its Act of Incorporation was passed May 14th, 1875. The board of management applying for the Act were George Young, Gilbert McMicken, W. N. Kennedy, Rev. W. C. Clark, Thos. Lusted, G. B. Spencer, George Bryce, A. G. B. Bannatyne, J. H. Ashdown, Stewart Mulvey, A. G. Jackes, J. H. O'Donnell, Jos. Royal, J. H. McTavish, and W. G. Fonseca.

Drs. O'Donnell, Jackes and Lynch were the medical men chiefly associated with the hospital in the earlier period of its history.