

Secretary's Report.

It will not be necessary to give an account of the origin of the Homœopathic Hospital. The work done by the institution during its brief term of existence has made it favorably known to the public, and justified those who labored so energetically in its promotion.

The Institution has, during the past, its second year, increased its usefulness to the extent that has been possible under existing circumstances; a little more accommodation was provided, and immediately made use of; a maternity ward, found to be most necessary, was added to the hospital, by renting a small house on Shuter street, in the vicinity of the main hospital. Here eleven beds were provided, and these have been continually occupied. Two extra semi-private wards have been fitted up—these through the generosity of a firm who thus desired to make a "thank-offering." Miss Burns, for a time a private patient in the hospital, has, since she left, kindly furnished a bed. These means have enabled the hospital to provide thirty beds for public ward patients, six beds for semi-private patients, and one room for private patients.

But this slightly increased accommodation has been entirely inadequate compared with the applications made for admission by private and public ward patients; and this constant demand has made it necessary for the Board of Management to take a step towards securing a new building, and one in which those interested may feel that the Homœopathic Hospital has found almost a permanent home.

Unfortunately the financial position of the hospital is not such as to permit of the erection of the building expressly for hospital purposes; so that the board has gladly availed itself of an opportunity, which, through the interest of kind friends, has offered, of securing a suitable building, upon terms which it seemed the hospital, with due regard to its future, might meet. This building is situated on the north-west corner of College and Huron streets. It is just completed, is large and commodious, well heated, and in a most central locality, and good neighborhood.

The purchase price of the property is \$70,000, upon which sum a moderate rate of interest is to be paid; and a small yearly payment of principal made. The equity in the property on Jarvis street, at present occupied by the Hospital, has been accepted in