

Carleton Place. It is sincerely to be hoped that this system, so well calculated to inspire confidence in the management, that they have at their command an almost assured source of income, will be adopted and continued by other municipalities similarly situated.

Several improvements and repairs have been made during the past summer. The sheds for sheltering the horses of visitors and the medical staff have been enlarged; a new fence has been made in front of the Hospital for infectious diseases, and these, together with the outside woodwork of both buildings, have been repainted.

Although, in addition to necessary and current expenditure for maintenance, these various improvements have involved a large outlay, they are glad to be able to state that the year closes with a balance on hand, which, together with what may be expected to be received during the ensuing two or three months, they hope will be sufficient to meet ordinary expenses until the next regular yearly collections have begun to come in.

They are pleased to record the fact that there has not been a case of small-pox during the past year, and that there have been only some dozen cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever, very few of which terminated fatally.

Death has again visited the ranks of the life directors. No fewer than five of whom died during the past year, viz:—George May, David Moore, Thomas McKay, Philip Thompson, and William Main. In the death of Mr. May (for many years its vice-president) the Hospital suffered a great loss. At all times and in all places, in business or on pleasure, among friends or strangers, he never neglected an opportunity to present its needs and advocate its claims. Well acquainted with all its wants, a generous contributor himself, he was able to inspire in others a spirit of generous liberality which produced many a valuable contribution.

Mr. John Rochester, for many years member for the County in the Dominion Parliament, was in January last elected to fill the vice-presidency made vacant by the death of Mr. May.

Mr. James C. Bruce, of Almonte, has been placed on the list of life directors; and it is hoped that others will be added to fill the places of those who have passed away.

The Directors desire to acknowledge the receipt of a bequest of \$80.00, made by the late Sarah Kennedy, of Cumberland, Ontario, through her administrator, Mr. L. Jackson.