

"Of the 633 patients received 515 were discharged alive, of which number 334, or 65 per cent., were cured, 141, or 37 per cent., improved, and 40, or 8 per cent., unimproved; and there were 24 deaths; 94 patients remained in the hospital at the end of the year. The average stay in the hospital was 57 $\frac{3}{4}$  days, as compared with 56.57 for 1897."

To maintain this institution in an efficient state requires the expenditure of a large amount of money annually, and it may be interesting to know just where the funds come from. For the year ending Sept. 30th, 1898, there were received from donations, bequests, etc., \$17,358.56; from Sunday-schools, churches, public schools, municipalities, etc., \$12,945.64; from the city of Toronto, \$7,500; and from the Ontario Government, \$7,771.04: making a total of \$45,575.24. The ordinary expenditure for the same period amounted to \$32,837.02, and the extra expenditure to \$4,668.39, which would leave a balance to profit and loss account of \$8,069.83. But, as there is an indebtedness of over \$50,000 on the buildings, this surplus is soon eaten up. The total assets of the hospital, including the Lakeside Home, amount to \$217,025.82, and the liabilities to \$54,315.05, leaving a balance of assets over liabilities of \$162,710.77.

The Board of Trustees is making a special appeal just now for \$25,000 to wipe off a mortgage due on February 1st next, and if any of our readers would like to contribute towards this very laudable purpose, and will forward their contributions to this office, we shall see that the amount is handed to the proper parties. Any amount from a silver coin to a hundred dollars will be gratefully received. In no way will a small Christmas gift do more good than if given to an institution that has for its object the restoring to health and strength of the numbers of sick children which come under its care.

It costs \$2,000 to maintain a cot in the main hospital for all time and \$500 to maintain one at the Lakeside Home for all time. The cost of maintaining a cot for a year in the hospital is \$100, and in the Lakeside Home \$25 for the summer months. At present in the hospital 17 cots are endowed or being endowed. These have been

provided for largely by private individuals, fraternal societies, etc. A most interesting feature of the work for 1898 is the endowment of cots by the newspaper men of Ontario, the public schools of Ontario and the public schools of Toronto.

In 1898, 156 municipalities, 400 public schools, and nearly 600 Sunday schools in Ontario contributed to the support of this grand institution, which exists for the benefit of the halt, the lame, and the sick children of this country whose parents cannot afford to pay for skilled treatment. The bright, appealing faces which look out upon one from each little cot cannot help but appeal to what is best in us. We have been fortunate in securing some good illustrations of those little ones for this week's issue, which we think will be highly appreciated by our friends at this festive season. It has been often said that one-half of the world does not know how the other half lives, and perhaps many of those in the rural districts who read our paper from week to week, know very little of what is being done in the larger cities to alleviate the sufferings of the weak and the poor and to make this earth a more pleasant abode for them.—*Christmas Number of The Canadian Magazine.*



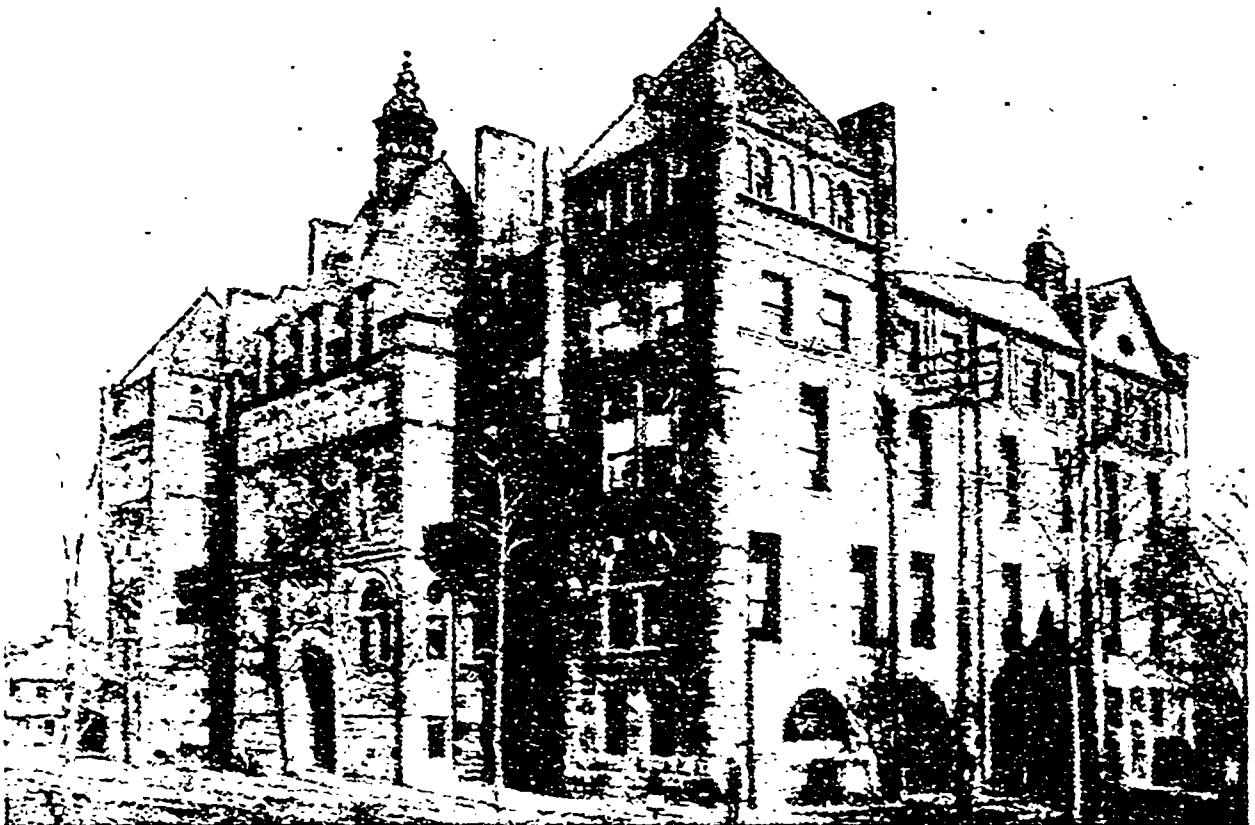
### Fills a Long-Felt Want

R. L. Holdsworth & Sons, Port Hope, Ont., in renewing their subscription to FARMING for 1899, say: "FARMING is the paper that fills a long-felt want in the agricultural community."



### Speaking from Experience

Mr. John Cook, of Warburton, Ont., who has been a subscriber for the *Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal* and FARMING for the last fifteen years, writing under date of Dec. 13th, says: "I like to read FARMING, and think that every farmer would find it very much to his advantage if he could be persuaded to take it."



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