

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Directors of the County of Carleton General Protestant Hospital, herewith submit for the information of the Subscribers to the Hospital and public generally, the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of their proceedings, with financial and other statements.

The income of the year ending January 31st, 1877, was \$8509.28; the several items and from whence derived will be found in the Treasurer's Statement appended to this Report. There has been an increase in the following items: Annual subscriptions, city churches and in Legislative grant; and a decrease in donations and paying patients.

The disbursements for the year have been as follows: Under the head of ordinary expenditure, was \$6698.70, and that for the year 1875, \$7277.47, showing a decrease of \$578.77; and that of extraordinary, on account of balance due on building contracts and repairs, \$2286.28.

The Board have to express their regret that a sum of about \$5,000 remains due as a floating debt, which must be paid by loan, as the depression in the general business of the country forbids the hope of obtaining large help from the generous friends who have hitherto aided the Board in their efforts to build and establish the new Hospital.

The list of Annual Subscriptions for the past year amounts to \$1319.55, and is the largest sum ever yet collected for the Hospital in any year under this head, and this is owing to the carrying out in part of the system laid down in last Annual Report, viz: a collection from door to door, calling on the Protestant community, young and old, to give to this very deserving object. It is to be regretted that only one or two of the several Committees selected attended to the duties appointed them. However there is much encouragement for the Board in what has been done, as from the amount collected and the kind manner in which the collectors were received by those called on, there need be no fears that the institution will be sustained if this work of collection were thoroughly carried out.

The collections from city churches amount to \$582.28; those for the year 1875 were \$321.34; increase, \$260.94. From churches