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HOSPITAL GOOD NEWS.

Those interested in the management of this Hospital have reason to be both grateful and happy these days. Through the generosity of ever helpful friends and interested workers, liabilities which last summer totaled over \$6,000 have been reduced to less than \$1,500. When the extension to the Hospital was built in 1896 the cost outran the estimates as well as the contributions, and to meet the demands of contractors a temporary loan was absolutely requisite. To meet this difficulty Mrs. G. D. Phillips, one of the largest contributors to the building fund, loaned the Hospital management \$3,000 till such time as subscriptions could be secured to pay it back. This time never seemed to come, as the growing wants of the institution absorbed everything as fast as it came in. Indeed annual deficits piled up from year to year till the aggregate reached the respectable sum of over \$6,000. The liquidation of this debt was the subject of much discussion and

anxiety for the committee of management and other friends. Finally Mr. Samuel Bell set the ball rolling by the handsome contribution of \$1,000. This was emulated by another generous governor, who refers that his name should not be mentioned, with another \$1,000. These generous gifts were supplemented by Mrs. Phillips presenting the management with \$1,000 of the debt due her and also \$1,000 more upon a life annuity of 5% a year.

Then the Woman's Auxiliary, freed from the responsibilities of hospital managements, had turned their energies toward the reduction of the debt, and having been gratifyingly successful in securing subscriptions and in bazar work wiped out an old outstanding account of some \$540.

Thus by the combined efforts of these self-sacrificing friends the Hospital management have had the great pleasure of seeing this mountain of a \$6,000 debt shrink within a few short months to the comparatively controllable amount of some \$1,450. Even this it is hoped soon to wipe out through the conservative course the committee is following.

Such experiences of generous consideration and sympathy are the oases in the desert through which those who voluntarily manage public institutions have to travel. They refresh the weary and dispirited toilers who meet so much that is discouraging and give them new strength and courage to labour on in this mission of love and good will to their fellow man.