

ALL ABOARD FOR THE HOME

MOVING THE SICK CHILDREN.

The Preparation—The Procession—The Embarkation and the Arrival at The Lakeside Home.

"I've got the flower of the flock, haven't I, Billy?" Billy didn't answer; he only opened his big blue eyes a little wider as he looked up into the face of his merry-hearted nurse after she had followed her question with a kiss. Billy's eyes have looked out upon this world only four years or so, and yet he is an invalid. He was one of a group of 48 sick or crippled little ones waiting in the reception hall of the Hospital for Sick Children on the afternoon of June 12th last. It was the day of the annual flitting to the Island, a day so eagerly looked for by the little invalids—a day, let us hope, only one of many that shall be jewelled with joy during the summer outing at the pretty Lakeside Home.

Early in the morning even busy motions of preparation gave notice of something unusual in the life of the patients; books and toys and dolls were collected; the best "bib and tucker" were put on; eyes grew brighter and tongues ran faster as the day wore on. In accordance with the usual well-regulated habits of the institution all the children were ready at one o'clock sharp. They walked or hobbled or were carried or wheeled from the various wards down to the ground floor. A few unable to keep back tears that pain cruelly wrung from their eyes, cried pitifully, but nearly all were bright and cheerful. Despite splint and bandage and truss and crutch they were happy, and talked of nothing but the trip across the bay.

The two ambulances, in charge of Officers Geddes and Findlay, and the line of 13 carriages drawn up in front of the building attracted an immense crowd of onlookers. Tenderly and patiently did the officers carry out the helpless ones, who were snugly laid upon thick mattresses and pillows, a nurse being in charge of each ambulance.

The arrangement of the transportation and the insuring the comforts of the little ones was in charge of Mr. E W. Gardner and Mr. J. Sinclair Robertson, and was of the most satisfactory character. The general superintendence of the removal devolved upon Miss Underhill, the Matron, and Dr. Robinson, the house surgeon. Eleven nurses, each one having charge of four children, were seated in the carriages. Mesdames Heron, Donald and Merritt, of the Management Committee, assisted, as also did Dr.

Smith and Field, the new resident physicians. The former is in charge of the Island Home and the latter at the Hospital. Five children could not go, being too ill to be moved.

As the procession wound its way along College street to Yonge and down amid the traffic of that crowded highway it naturally drew to itself universal attention. Every one seemed to know what it meant, for this annual hegira is one of the features of the city's life. There were many expressions of pity for the little travellers, but they greatly enjoyed the ride.

To the west of the Yonge street wharf was moored the Luella and a roomy barge, all under command of the Clark brothers. The children were laid in the barge upon comfortable bedding, with an awning above to keep off the heat of the sun. The embarkation was safely made, the long wharves being lined with interested sightseers.

Everyone who had anything to do with these little invalids seemed touched by their helplessness and inspired with unusual care. Even Capt. Clark started his engine very slowly ; and very carefully did he steam out through the western gap as if burdened with an extra sense of responsibility for the precious freight entrusted to his pilotage.

Rev. Mr. Manning, rector of St. Luke's church was one of the passengers. So also was "G. H. de B.," the elever Toronto correspondent of Kingston, Chatham and St. Thomas papers.

No finer position for the location of The Lakeside Home for Little Children could have been chosen than that which it occupies. The position is sufficiently isolated to give quiet ; it is a commanding one, and the life-inspiring breezes from over the blue waters readily and purely find their way about its spacious corridors and wards.

As the tug steamed slowly along the shore of the Island the Canadian flag on the Home was seen waving its welcome while its bright folds fluttered radiantly in the westerling sun. Anchorage having been secured for the tug the barge was poled along the shelving beach to the wharf in front of the Home, whence the children were carried up into the cool, clean rooms and laid upon the white cots—such a blessed relief from the heat and dust and noise of the bustling, busy city. That their stay may be pleasant ; that roses may come back into cheeks now paled by disease ; that a new brightness may be kindled in eyes now dulled by pain ; that shrunken limbs may become rounded and full ; that crutch and splint may soon be cast aside ; and that these pain-bearers may find health and happiness in their summer home must be the wish of every reader.

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FROM THEIR SUMME

Incidents Connected With From The Lakeside Home to the Hospital in the City.

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side Home for Little Child-
day, 28th September, at
suddenly fell, not by accid-
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College street knew that
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the Island for the city. It
for the little ones, and like a
had its element of regret.

"No, I ain't; I want to sail my boat."

Words cannot be found comfort and pleasure. There has been to these sick and folks. Enquiry among them that they left it with great ever may be the fate of them, the memory of this Island will be a pleasant bright, beautiful days have with joy; in the invigorated light, wasting limbs have gravares of disease have been

"Why, they don't look if you didn't see the banda, said a lady who was watch were carried into the hospi

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The children were at months. During this time and the aggregate attendance this number two died of brought over yesterday, charged either cured or so that the help of the Ho needed. In the school, Y. Sams, the attendance

These are figures that s done at the Island Home to the moral, mental and the little inmates is be In the absence of Miss U intendent of the Hospita and McMurphy were in c had the responsibility of and the latter was in ch Dr. Field was the hor Island, though Dr. S similar position at the F time between the two in