

The dispensary department shows an increase in the expenditure for medical and surgical appliances of \$503 over 1897, but this is owing to the increased number of orthopedic cases—that is, cases of deformities in the feet and legs of children. There has also been an increase in the number of patients at the Out-door Department, and yet the total expenditure for this department for 1898 shows a decrease in the per capita rate, that for 1897 being 7.25c, and for 1898 7.20c.

The greatest care is exercised in the Out-door Department, so that only those who are absolutely unable to pay receive advice and medicine free. In order to still further provide against any imposition, the Trust has ordered that every person applying for relief shall bring a circular, signed by either a clergyman or a medical man, stating that the applicant is unable to pay.

This is the seventh year of the work in the College street building, and in order that it might be kept up to the best standard of efficiency the building has required a certain amount of renovation. The same may be said of the furniture. This renovation has to be made about every seven years.

Over one-half of the expenditure for buildings and furniture was made in accordance with special donations, which could not be varied. These donations included re-modelling the entire front of The Lakeside Home by enlarging the verandah space, thus materially increasing the facilities for work and the comforts of the Island home.

During this year a night supervisor has been added to the staff. This has been found necessary in order that perfect discipline may be attained, and that every ward in the Hospital during the hours of the night may be visited by an official who is continually making the rounds of the wards.

Another valuable addition to the work is the appointment of a competent masseuse, an expert, who is now treating about a dozen cases per day. The results of her work are most encouraging. In addition to her massage duties she aids the Lady Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent in whatever work is allotted her.

This year the Trust has added \$8,069.63 to the assets of the Hospital, which now stand \$162,710.77, as against liabilities of \$54,315.05.

While this is satisfactory, it must be borne in mind that all income over and above the grants made by the Ontario Government and corporation of Toronto has to come by the grace of the friends of the Hospital.

The actual expenditure of the Hospital for maintenance for twelve months is \$30,311, or about \$2,500 per month. Exclusive of bequests and special donations the income was about \$35,000. The excess over the amount required for maintenance enabled the Trust to pay a part of the debt that was pressing and had to be discharged. It must be borne in mind that with all this effort the Hospital has a mortgage of \$50,000, which takes \$2,250 per year in interest, and a bank overdraft for \$4,000. Indeed, were it not for the bequests paid during the past four years, the work of the Hospital would be hampered to a great extent.

The medical and surgical work of the Hospital has been attended by most satisfactory results.

At the beginning of the year 1898 there were 86 patients in the Hospital and 547 were admitted during the year, making a total number of patients under treatment up to 30th September last 633.

Of these 633 cases there were 470 from the city of Toronto and 163 from places outside of Toronto. Last year Toronto furnished 444 patients and

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