

PREFACE



The story of the Hospital for Sick Children was very ably written up to the year 1891, when the fifth and present building was first opened.

The supply of copies having become exhausted, it was thought advisable by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees that the history be revised, and brought up to a later date in the second issue.

While this second edition does not deal so fully as the first, in description of the various buildings occupied, and minor details, no item of importance or interest has been omitted that would leave the chain of events in the Hospital's progress broken. In fact, with this moderate curtailment, the main points, changes, advancement, etc., stand out much more clearly, and with the twenty-seven added years of the life of the Institution, will, I think, prove interesting reading to all who have time to peruse these pages.

The story, which embraces the work of the original Hospital, founded in 1875, and the Lakeside Home for Little Children, the Convalescent Branch on Toronto Island, opened in 1883, is given to the public so that they may not only be fully informed as to the work and its progress, but that they may be led to take an interest in the aiding of a cause that should commend itself to every man and woman in the land.

It has also been written with the view of its serving a second purpose, that of a ready hospital reference book, where one can conveniently find the date of any happening in the history of the Hospital. There will be still some details, figures, etc., that may not be of great interest to the general public, but will be most appreciated by those in connection with the Hospital.

This great Institution is largely supported by voluntary contributions from the good people of Toronto and Ontario, aided by grants from the City and the Ontario Government; and from small beginnings has assumed proportions that make it one of the greatest hospitals not only in Ontario, but in the Dominion. On the simple basis of faith in an all-wise and loving Providence, the work was started, and from its very humble inception quickened and prospered, so that to-day it stands erect with outstretched arms prepared to take in sick children from every corner of the Province of Ontario.

The work of caring for sick and ailing children appeals to all ranks and conditions of people, and the hope is here earnestly expressed that this story of the Institution may prove of vast interest to the people of Toronto and Ontario, through whose liberality the work has been so nobly furthered and sustained.

Have you had your part in this great work of healing? It is by no means too late; the demands on the Hospital's service is ever increasing, and the Institution urgently needs friends, old and new. Please join us.