

## THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

*Woman's Christian Association.*

In the annals of this Association, the year just finished will ever be considered a "red letter year," for it was during it the debt on the Hospital was paid.

Many who have been associated with us in the work, will remember that when the building was completed, it had to be mortgaged to the amount of \$4,000, payable at the end of four years. Nearly one half of this was paid in the first two years, and through the kind efforts of Mr. Jamieson who made a strong appeal in the columns of the *Intelligencer*, in May, 1889, the remainder was subscribed for, and this year we have the great satisfaction of being able to announce that the Hospital and Home stand to-day free of debt. The \$500 promised by the County Council and the majority of the subscriptions were given conditionally on the whole amount being raised by the 21st December, the day upon which the payment of the mortgage fell due. As the time approached, much anxiety was felt, for fear the sum required would not be forthcoming. A special meeting of the W. C. A. was called to consider a very kind offer of Prof. Dyer to give an entertainment in aid of the fund, and to endeavour to make one Grand effort to meet the emergency, but what was to have been an anxious meeting of a committee on Ways and Means became one of heartfelt thanksgiving to God, for it was found that through the munificent generosity of Messrs. Rathbun, of Deseronto, the liberality of the City Council and private citizens more than the necessary amount had been subscribed.

After paying the debt the balance was used in supplying a long felt want, namely, a driving shed for the shelter of the Physicians' horses.

Since October last, 137 patients have been treated in the Hospital, an increase of 27 over last year, and 51 over the number admitted the first year, showing that it is becoming yearly more appreciated. The inmates of the Home have numbered 14 during the year. At present there are 11—9 women, 2 men.