

fort in the hospital itself, the splendid service rendered by the board and staff, and the Christian spirit manifested by the many friends of the institution—these were among the features which appealed to those present and helped to place in its true perspective the excellent work that is being done. On the darker side there was the announcement that the year has closed with a deficit of no less than \$4,195, and then there were the statistics, pathetic in their significance, and bright with the spirit of resignation and even optimism.

One poor patient, the Secretary stated, had been in the hospital for twenty-seven years. Another had spent twenty-two years within its walls, while there were others who had been under treatment for seventeen, sixteen and fourteen years, respectively. Of the 141 patients at present in the home 42 are unable to walk and 49 to dress; 36 are, as the President put it, "helpless as infants," while 16 require to have their food administered to them.

Sir Mortimer Clark occupied the chair at the annual meeting, and in a brief address spoke of the noble work that was being done in the institution. Everything, he said, was working smoothly, and the reports generally were satisfactory. Dr. Brefney O'Rielly, the medical superintendent, in his report, stated that 39 patients had been admitted during the past year, and 30 had died, leaving 141 under treatment at October 1. The majority of these patients were suffering from diseases of a rheumatic type and the various paralyses, but a gratifying feature was the freedom from infectious disease.

Miss Forsyth, the lady superintendent, urged the need of more suitable accomodation for the nursing staff, and her plea was emphasized by Mr. Ambrose Kent, the President, in his address. The Secretary-Treasurer's report was presented by Miss Groat. In moving the adoption of the reports, Mayor Oliver expressed the hope that the citizens would show their appreciation of the work that was being done by such institutions and cheerfully vote for the proposed grant of \$50,000 that Mr. W. J. Gage seconded. Dr. Cody moved and Mr. J. L. Blaikie seconded a resolution thanking the staff for their services, and all those who had contributed to the work of the hospital.

Dr. Cody declared that there was no institution more distinctively Christian than the Hospital for Incurables, and hoped that the socialistic tendency to leave the support of such institutions to the State and municipality would not lessen the interest and responsibility of individual citizens. Mr. Ambrose Kent announced that Dr. Thornton had presented a dentist's full equipment to the hospital. Referring to the deficit he attributed it largely to the decrease in legacies, and that he thought was to be accounted for by the succession duty. He hoped the Ontario Government would increase their per diem allowance, and stated that