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THE PAST YEAR.

The year just closed has been a memorable one in many respects in regard to the interests of our hospital and of homcopathy generally. Many changes have taken place in the ranks of our friends and much work has been done in improving the financial and material welfare of the hospital; and best of all, we believe that the advancement of the principle of homoeopathy has been more pronounced than ever experienced since its first introduction.

Death levied heavy tribute on our ranks in the taking off of Mr. E. J. Barbeau, one of the staunchest friends of our hospital. The death of Dr. Wanless removed from our midst one of the most prominent figures of the early times when our system of medicine was struggling for a foothold in this province. Other friends who had the interest of the institution at heart and whose aid and sympathy we will sadly miss, have also crossed the Great Divide; while the exigencies of business are responsible for the loss, temporarily we hope, of some of the most zealous of homocopathy's adherents.

Of the changes in the hospital, the most important was the reduction of financial responsibility by the wiping out of the floating debt, for which relief we are beholden in large measure to the generosity of Mrs. G. D. Phillips, Mr. Samuel Bell and the late Mr. E. J. Bar-In the working of the hospital beau. the change was increase of its field of usefulness in the practical opening of the Maternity Annex, and the reorganization of the nursing and house staffs. The appointment of Miss Lorenz as Lady Superintendent has proved a most beneficial change in regard to the efficiency of the nursing service and the work of the hospital in general. Other changes have been along the line of bringing up and keeping the institution to the requirements of modern medicine, enabling it to more efficiently fulfill its mission in caring for the sick.

The change for the better in regard to the advancement of homoeopathy is largely due to the working of the hospital during the past year. Prejudice and antipathy have to a large extent been overcome, and outsiders have seen and admitted that the claims of homeopathists are not all vain boasting. We have much to be thankful for in the results of last year, and though we mourn the loss of friends and sympathizers we enter upon the new year buoyed up with prospects brighter than we have ever had before, trusting that all our friends will feel still prouder of our hospital and its mission to the suffering.