

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

Annual Report of the Trustees.

The Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children beg to present the Twenty-second Annual Report of the institution. The year has been a satisfactory one. The work accomplished in the efforts of the institution to relieve the suffering of ailing little children and the interest taken by the public in the objects of the Hospital are gratifying to the Trustees.

The income of the Hospital has increased during the past year. The ordinary donations amounted to \$12,660, an increase over last year of \$2,543. These, with a special donation of \$12,000, given for the purpose of improving the land and buildings on College Street and The Lakeside Home for Little Children on the Island, a bequest from the estate of the late John Tucker, of \$18,000; another from the estate of the late Hart A. Massey, \$5,000; a third from the estate of the late Henry Goulding, \$250; a fourth from the estate of Robert Gilmour, \$200; \$2,000 from the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada; and \$500, the first half of \$1,000, from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada; making a total of \$47,860.

These contributions enabled the Trustees to reduce the debt of the Hospital so that instead of a liability on the 31st December next of \$95,000 as in 1896, the gross debt will not exceed \$70,000. This reduction in debt decreases the amount to be paid on interest, and this, with a reduction of the rate from $5\frac{3}{4}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$, will further lighten the burden that the trustees have had to carry.

The equipment of the Hospital and The Lakeside Home for Little Children has been kept up to the highest standard of efficiency. The excellence of both institutions is shown by the fact that in the building of other hospitals in the different cities of this continent our Hospital on College Street has been visited by committees who have the building of new hospitals in charge, and by architects, who testify to the completeness in plan and arrangements for the work in both our institutions.

In the donations it is to be noted that the Sunday-schools and Churches have doubled the amount of their subscriptions in the previous year, and it is just possible that this year, when the work of the Hospital is placed before these faithful friends, who have always been interested in the work, a large increase may be anticipated in the donations from this source.

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