

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT FOR QUARTER
ENDING AUG. 31ST, 1903.

To the Board of Governors:—

The great prosperity which has attended the efforts of the entire working staff of the hospital during the past year, and which was so fully reported on at the last quarterly meeting, is still with us, and the Governors are to be congratulated on the great strides which have been made.

Even during the summer season we have been kept very busy, as the report of the Medical Superintendent will show, and there is every reason to believe that your committee will be in a position to present a still better report at the annual meeting, when the entire work for the year will be laid before the Governors for their consideration.

During the vacation season a great many of the long contemplated improvements were undertaken, and in most cases completed. To enumerate all that has been done would take up too much time at present, and even then would not be fully realized. We would earnestly request all who have the interests of this hospital at heart to make a thorough examination of the various departments now in operation and see for themselves what has actually been done. Your committee is of the opinion that this is the only way to fully realize the amount of alteration and improvement which has been made through the generosity and kindness of friends as well as through the revenues derived from the hospital generally.

From time to time we have received very gratifying letters of appreciation from patients as to the care and treatment accorded them while in the hospital, as well as commendations from outside medical men as to the improvements which have been made, one of whom but lately classed this hospital as "the neatest, brightest, and best conducted in the Province of Quebec." We would be pleased to have the opinions of our own supporters, they who in the past have done their share to raise the status of the hospital to its present standard, and so encourage your committee to still further exertions in the good work.

The Lady Superintendent has resumed her duties after an extended term on the continent, and we believe the work here will be much benefited thereby. During her absence the work was most admirably conducted by Miss Trench, to whom your committee feel greatly indebted for the very efficient manner in which she took up the work

at a time when it seemed as if we would be without the services of a Lady Superintendent, owing to the falling health of Miss Lorenz.

While much has been done, much still remains to be done, and one of the first things your committee would urge the governors to consider is that of better provision for safety of patients in case of fire, a need that does not require to be enlarged upon, so vast and far reaching is the necessity. The question of better accommodation for our nursing and domestic staff is also of paramount importance and improvement along this line must keep pace with the common advancement of the hospital. Your attention is also drawn to the need for improvement in our elevator facilities, as we have outgrown our present arrangements, and must look for some more modern and convenient means of handling our patients.

All respectfully submitted,

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Secretary.

ARTHUR D. PATTON, M.D.,
Chairman.

ONE WAY TO FIGHT CONTAGION.

Charles V. Chapin gives most valuable suggestions about teaching cleanliness to children. Teach them not to spit. To spit on a slate, floor, or sidewalk is an abomination. Not to put the fingers in the mouth. Not to pick the nose. Not to wet the fingers with saliva in turning the leaves of books. Not to put pencils into the mouth or moisten them with the lips. Not to put money into the mouth. Not to put pins into the mouth. Not to put anything into the mouth except food and drink. Not to swap apple cores, candy, whistles or anything that is habitually put into the mouth. Teach them to wash the hands and face often. Teach them to turn the face aside when coughing and sneezing. Children should be taught that their bodies are their own private possessions and that personal cleanliness is a duty.—Medical News.



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