

The Hospital For Sick Children.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children, College street, Toronto, in which corporation is also included The Lakeside Home for Little Children, on Toronto Island, beg to present to the public the Twenty-third Annual Report of the institution.

In doing so it is with gratification that the Trust are enabled to announce that the area of the work of the Hospital has extended, that a greater number of cases has been treated and that there is a visible and satisfactory increase in the percentage of cases where perfect cure and improvement have been effected.

The Government year for hospitals and charities ends on the 30th September, and the financial year of the Hospital, therefore, closes on the same date. Hitherto it has been customary to pay the September accounts in October, but this year the Trust has directed that, in order to conform to the Government returns and show exactly the expenditure to date, all accounts up to the end of the financial year shall be paid within the year. The actual income and expenditure for the year ending 30th September is given in the financial statements, so that for the past year the statement will show twelve months' income and thirteen months' expenditure. Future years will, of course, show the usual twelve months' expenditure.

The gross income for the year 1898 is \$43,575.24, being \$26,408 less than that of 1897. This shortage is accounted for by a decrease in bequests of \$21,455, a decrease in the Government grant and in special donations.

While the income has decreased, it is satisfactory to note that the sources of income have visibly augmented, as follows:—

Donations from the general public and fraternal societies have increased by \$2,700; Sunday schools and churches by \$370; pay patients by \$390, and cot support \$20, and students' fees by \$164.

These new sources of income have developed in 1898, viz., from the Toronto Public School children, \$1,397; Ontario Public School children, \$1,153 municipalities outside of Toronto, \$1,078, or a total increase of \$7,272.

The expenditure for the year ending 1898 is \$32,837.02, that is, for thirteen months. Deducting one-thirteenth from this amount for comparison with 1897, there remains \$30,311, which is actually \$633 less than 1897, although 1898 had an increase of 15 per cent. of the daily average of patients.

The per capita expenditure per day for 1897 was 99.15c; for 1898 it was 88.33c.

The average daily number of patients for 1897 was 87.26; for 1898, 100.30, and yet the expenditure for the latter year with the increased number of patients and attendance is actually \$633 less than for 1897.

The expenditure for food supplies for 1897 shows a cost of 21.20c. per patient per day; for 1898, it shows 21.63c, although there was an increase of ten per cent in the attendants for 1898.