

us to-day will acknowledge that for healthfulness and for beauty of situation the site can hardly be surpassed in Toronto. It is as yet, perhaps, a little difficult of access, but in the course of the summer, when the street cars run along the Davenport Road, it will be sufficiently convenient and near at hand.

The following are the names of the Trustees, under whose direction the house was built:—Hon. S. H. Blake, Messrs. W. H. Howland, J. K. Kerr, Q.C., H. P. Dwight, Maj.-Gen. Keer, the late Mr. S. R. Briggs, Messrs. R. Kilgour, J. J. Withrow, J. Gartshore, Dr. Ellis, Dr. Spencer, and Mr. A. H. Smith. Mr. Storm was the architect of the building.

Early in the summer of 1886, the Trustees having completed their work, the Home was handed over to a Committee of ladies, who immediately proceeded to furnish it with the proceeds of a further donation of £1000 sterling from Miss Evans, and the first patient entered Hillcrest in August, 1886. The sum given by Miss Evans for furnishing proved insufficient, and Mr. Gooderham again came to the aid of the Home with a further gift of \$500, which nearly covered the expense of putting the house and grounds into working order, there being only a small debt contracted for grading the grounds and for furniture, which was assumed by the second ladies' committee on its formation in 1887, and which has since been paid.

The Home was again open for the reception of patients on March 1st, 1887, on which day one patient entered on a City order, but Miss Scoble did not assume her duties as Lady Superintendent until April 7th. On May 12th Hillcrest was formally declared opened by His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne.

In regard to the difficulties encountered in establishing the Home, perhaps a word of explanation will suffice. When the Home was presented ready built and furnished, it would seem that there should have been no trouble in making it an immediate success; but it must be remembered that in this great gain there was also some loss. It had not like other charities grown up among us. It was nobody's pet scheme. Very few had heard of the noble deed so quietly done by Miss Evans; many even of those ladies who undertook the onerous work of carrying it on had not heard of the existence of Hillcrest until they were asked to form a Committee of Management. As, therefore, the institution had no crowd of enthusiastic friends, and as the whole cost of maintenance was in charge of the Committee, who had absolutely no funds to fall back upon, it is a matter for congratulation that the end of the year finds us free from debt. For this result we have to thank the kind friends who generously responded to our recent appeal for funds.

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