

GOVERNORS' MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the governors was held October 27th. As the semi-annual meeting was postponed for lack of quorum, this was really the first meeting since the incorporation of the hospital.

Among those present were Miss M. Robertson, Messrs. John Torrance, Samuel Bell, E. G. O'Connor, S. M. Baylis, T. J. Dawson, Drs. H. M. Patton, A. D. Patton and A. R. Griffith; Vice-President O'Connor in the chair.

The voluminous minutes of the re-organization meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary, Mr. T. J. Dawson, was instructed to write to the Homœopathic Association regarding the formal transfer of hospital property held by it; also the request of the Woman's Auxiliary and Homeopathic Association to forward the names of the nominees for governors in accordance with the revised by-laws of the hospital.

Reports were presented and read from the Committee of Management, Treasurer and Medical Superintendent, all of which were received and confirmed. The Treasurer's report, which appears in another column of this issue, showed a slightly better state of financial affairs than that of the similar period of last year.

The Medical Superintendent reported the total number of patients admitted for the quarter at 107, 16 of whom were in the hospital on June 1st, leaving the net admissions 91, or 4 less than the like period of last year. The patients were divided as follows: Private 59, semi-private 16, public 20, and maternity 5. The number of private patients was 9 in excess of last year, the semi-private 8 less, and the public patients 5 less than last year. The number of operations performed was 33, exceeding that of last year by 8. The deaths numbered 4, of which 3 were private patients. Attention was drawn to the good showing in numbers of patients for a particularly dull summer season, emphasized by the absence of so many doctors from town on holidays and attending the Dominion Medical Convention in Vancouver. Reference was made to the new quarters for the nurses, resulting in their better general health and increased working ef-

ficiency. In explanation of the decrease in nurses fees, it was pointed out that the serious cases in the hospital required more than usual attention, and the nurses services could not be spared for outside work.

The report of the Committee of Management dwelt upon the continuance of the prosperity of the hospital, and the necessity of improvement in equipment to keep pace with the hospital's needs. It called to mind the fact that ten years ago the hospital was opened for the reception of patients, which anniversary had been fittingly celebrated by the hospital's becoming incorporated, by the more than doubling the extent of its frontage on McGill College Avenue, and by the opening of the new Home for Nurses. With such achievements to celebrate the "Tin Anniversary," it would require no small gift of prophecy to depict the celebration of the "Silver Anniversary."

The report mentioned the provision made for fire escape, the installation of electric bell system throughout the institution, and the putting in of a system of house telephones, connecting the different floors, wards and nurses' home. Mention was made of the handsome gift by Mr. Edward Carter to the Nurses' Home in the shape of a grand Chickering piano. The appointment of a collector was reported, with encouraging prospects of having this very important department of subscriptions thoroughly organized and the work diligently prosecuted.

After reception and discussion of reports the meeting adjourned, the governors present accepting an invitation to inspect the Nurses' Home and new private wards in the maternity annex which were nearly ready for occupancy. The next meeting will be the annual one, to be held Thursday, January 26th, 1905.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FROM MAY 25TH TO OCT. 25TH.

Receipts—

Miss Moodie (towards rent No. 46)	\$100.00
Miss Aspinwall Howe	2.00
Mrs. J. R. Baker (auxiliary fee)	2.00
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Disbursements—

W. L. Malkby, rent, 2 quarters..	\$160.00
Mrs. J. T. Hagar, for purchases	50.00
Mrs. J. T. Hagar, for bedding.	
etc.....	17.09
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