

A most important improvement, long and greatly needed, has been effected in the Hospital by a thorough and complete system of drainage, in connection with which many appliances conducive to health, comfort and convenience have been provided, as well in the old Hospital, set apart for infectious diseases, as in the new building.

In addition to this a large amount has been judiciously expended for blankets, napery and other necessary equipments.

Amongst other cases, during the year thirteen persons afflicted with small-pox were received at the Hospital for infectious diseases, all of whom recovered. This speaks well for the medical treatment, and for the management, nursing and judicious care of the matron in charge.

The Directors have to record with extreme regret the death during the year of Mr. John Pennock, one of the Managing Board. Mr. Pennock was for many years one of the most earnest and energetic friends of the Hospital. His wise counsels at the Board, whose meetings he very seldom failed to attend, and his never wearying industry on behalf of the institution contributed in no small measure to place it in its present efficient and prosperous condition.

The Directors are pleased to acknowledge payment of a bequest made by the late Miss Stewart, and a portion of a bequest made by the late Mrs. James Johnston.

To the consulting and attending physicians the Directors desire on behalf of the institution, to again tender their earnest and hearty thanks for their constant and assiduous attendance.

To the Municipalities of the City of Ottawa, the Counties of Carleton and Lanark, the Town of Perth, and the Township of Fitzroy, for generous grants.

To S. Rogers & Son for again donating the full amount of their account for undertaking during the year.

To the Auditors, Messrs. T. W. Kenny and James Lindsay.

To the proprietors of the three city newspapers for daily issues of their respective journals for the use of the patients, and for acknowledgements in their columns of donations received.

To the clergymen of the various Christian denominations, the members of the Y. M. C. Association, and the visiting Ladies' Committee for their ministrations to those afflicted.

To the young ladies of the Floral Mission for the regular supply of flowers for use and gratification of the patients

To the several collectors for their valuable services, and to the many contributors, both in money and kind, a list of whose generous donations will be found in the appendix.