

of various cities in all the provinces. It is suggested that a number of local secretaries be appointed, who shall assist the Executive officers in Ottawa. We are informed that much more money is urgently needed. This may be easily understood from the fact that one case last year cost the Association over \$300, although winning the suit. We are requested by Dr. Bruce to say that, although he found it somewhat inconvenient to have no agent of the Association nearer than Ottawa, he at the same time highly appreciates the kindness and courtesy which he received from the officers and especially from the President, Dr. Powell.

THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TORONTO DISPENSARY.

We are told that the first sod was turned, preparatory to laying the foundation stone of the present Toronto General Hospital, near the banks of the classic Don, just fifty years ago. When it was first proposed to erect a hospital on the present site many of the citizens were opposed to the location thinking that it was too far east from the centre of the city, and as a compromise a Free Dispensary was established on Adelaide Street West in 1854, which is still in existence at 133 Simcoe Street.

The first Board of Trustees appointed in 1856 were John Doel, J. G. Bowes and Dr. C. Widmer. The first Board of Physicians were Drs. Jas. H. Richardson, W. M. Hodder, J. Bovell, J. Herrick, J. Telfer and C. Widmer. Dr. Richardson alone survives.

The hospital for many years had a precarious existence, through shortage of funds. In 1862 the trustees borrowed \$50,000 to pay off the debts. After a hopeless struggle the hospital was closed in 1868. It remained closed for one year and was then reopened after the local legislature had carefully considered its affairs, and thoroughly reorganized its directorate.

In 1875, through the generosity of the late Mr. Erlandson, of Port Hope, and Mr. Gentle, of Montreal, the sum of \$16,000 was spent on the building. In 1877, through the generosity of Messrs. Cawthra, Gooderham and Worts, who donated a large