

As a Sub-Committee of another institution, the Diet Dispensary was legally incapable of receiving donations or bequests in its own name, and giving a discharge therefor, and the Treasurer in consequence became personally responsible for all such monies. Other legal technicalities also impeded the Committee, into which it is unnecessary to enter at this time.

That the members of the Y.W.C.A. have taken the suggestion in the spirit in which it was offered is a subject for congratulation, and strengthens the bond, already vital, of kindly feeling and harmonious goodwill between the Diet Dispensary and the Mother Association.

The Working Committee continues unchanged, and the staff of employees has been reinforced in the person of an assistant. The Manager, Mrs. Martin, notwithstanding her zeal and activity, requires this aid, owing to the very laborious character of her work.

The Nurse still maintains her arduous position, and gives great satisfaction. It is a matter for regret that she is compelled to traverse long distances, laden with a heavy basket, and, although when the street cars are of use they are employed, still this department of the work makes great inroads on her physical strength. Her visits during the year number 2,240, giving an average of over 43 each week; Sunday nursing, 27 times; night nursing, 24 times; confinements, 36. A pleasant feature is that afforded by a fund supplied by two or three friends for the purpose of giving convalescents short trips, with very gratifying results. A small surplus from last season also allowed the Committee to send a crippled boy and a mother and two infants to Miss Hervey's Home at Murray Bay for a fortnight, the Richelieu Company giving half-fare rates. These patients were also supplied with neat clothing.

In October the Annual Appeal was published in the newspapers, and in November an entertainment was held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, kindly granted for the purpose. The treasury, being replenished by funds resulting from these sources and from annual subscribers, as well as new and occasional benefactors, has proved equal to the severe strain on it.

Early in the year a special donation of \$1,000 was received from a lady deeply interested, with the condition that the money should be invested and the interest used for running expenses. This forms, we hope, the nucleus of that permanent endowment fund which will relieve the officials from constant anxiety regarding finances.

On referring to the Treasurer's statement we find that the sum total during the year (including balance from last year) was \$1,784.23, and the amount expended \$1,531.24, leaving balance of \$263.01. Considering that the running expenses of the Dispensary average \$125 a month, leaving no margin for contingencies, it will readily be seen that much more than the balance on hand will be required for the summer. Expenses then are little diminished, and very few subscriptions received.