

The house on Avenue St., though it contained eleven rooms, which was ample at the beginning, was soon found to be insufficient to accommodate the applicants, and in less than two years the Hospital was removed to a large detached house on Seaton St. This building, though roomy and airy, was unsuitable in many respects, and destitute of Hospital conveniences and appliances. Earnest prayer was for some time offered, not only for direction in the choice of a house, but for the provision of a suitable one. In answer to this petition, the committee were providentially led to a comfortable house, on the corner of Elizabeth and College Sts., which property was eventually purchased, with some adjoining lots, the intention being, to erect, at some future time, a new Hospital, suitable to the necessities of a growing city like Toronto. The applications for admission increased rapidly, and the want of sufficient accommodation was felt to be a serious injury to the work. The new building, however, was delayed, as the funds for its erection were not in hand. In the meantime the house on Elizabeth St. fell into decay, and in the month of October, 1886, the children were removed to 90 Jarvis St., the building now in use.

While God, doubtless for His own wise purposes, thus delayed the commencement of the new Hospital, He was blessing the efforts of His children, in another and most important direction. The hearts of kind and generous friends were drawn out in sympathy for the weakly children, who with pale faces, and tottering steps, try to play in the narrow streets, lanes and cramped back yards of our city, through the scorching summer days, and as a result, the Lakeside, or Convalescent Home for delicate Children, was opened on the Island, in connection with the Hospital for Sick Children, in 1884. Fully one hundred children can be accommodated at the Lakeside Home, and the plan followed, which was suggested by Mr. J. R. R., the friend who contributed largely to its erection, is, to receive first, the convalescent children from the Hospital, then open the Home to feeble children in the city or elsewhere, who need change of air.

During the present year the members of the committee, for the first time since the founding of the Hospital, have felt themselves in a position to build, as in addition to the use of \$20,000, which is available, as a bequest, on condition of the payment for a limited period, of an annuity, the city contributed the noble sum of \$20,000, to be applied to the erection of Children's Hospital, to be called the Victoria Hospital, in commemoration of the jubilee year, of the reign of the Queen's most excellent majesty.

This generous gift was suggested by some members of the city council, and approved by several, as a suitable recognition of the Queen's Jubilee; other suggestions were made, and upon consideration it was decided to submit all these schemes to the vote of the people. The result was, that the by-law giving \$20,000 for the erection of an Hospital for children, was carried by a majority. Other sums had been promised, which made the amount available for the new building in the neighborhood of \$45,000.

A Building Committee, representing the ladies who manage the affairs of the Hospital, the trustees, the physicians, the citizens and the city council, was appointed in the month of June, as follows: Mrs. McMaster, Miss Buchan, Chancellor Boyd, Chief Justice Patterson, Dr. Machell, Dr. Ross, Mr. J. J. Withrow, Mr. J. R. Robertson, the Mayor, and Chairman of Executive Committee, city council. Some of the best Children's Hospitals in Britain and the United States were visited by members of the Building Committee and others interested, and Mr. J. R. Robertson was so pleased with the new Hospital for Sick Children at Garnethill, Glasgow, which he visited, that he requested the architect to prepare copies of the plans used, agreeing if they were not accepted, to bear the expense of the drawings himself. It is needless to say that the plans were accepted, when they were placed in the hands of Messrs. Darling & Currie, our architects, who have modified them somewhat, to suit our circumstances and location. We may