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" GIBB, Gzowski,	"The Hall" Bathurst St.
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" Jarvis,	258 Jarvis Street
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" DAVIDSON,	
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DR. P. STRATHY,	_
Dr. A. Primrose,	C C! Ctt

Hillcrest Convalescent Home

The Annual Meeting

of this Institution was held on Saturday, October 12th, in the Library of Association Hall. The Mayor of Toronto was present and occupied the chair. As the Bishop of Toronto was unable to be present, Mr. Lewis on his behalf opened the meeting by reading the parable of the good Samaritan. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. A. H. Baldwiu, of All Saints Church.

Letters were then read from Sir Daniel Wilson, Dr. Potts, Dr. Sutherland and others, regretting their inability to be present.

The Secretary's Report was then read by the Rev Dr. Parsons, of Knox Church, who moved its adoption.

Secretary's Report

HIS, the second Report issued by the Board of Managers, covers the space of a year and a half, or, to be quite correct, seventeen months. The date of the Annual Meeting has thus been changed from April to October. As the official returns for the government are made up to September 30th of each year it was thought desirable by the Board that our year should end at the same time. By so doing we avoid confusion and a second closing of the Treasurer's books, and our report to the public will in future coincide with that made to the Government.

During the seventeen months, 296 patients have been admitted into the Home. Of these, 282 have been discharged, and 3 have died in residence, leaving 11 now in the Home. This shows a large increase over the number of our last report; but while we are glad of the increase we are not satisfied with it and shall not be satisfied until every bed is filled all the time and we are obliged to enlarge our Home. This will happen just as soon as our work becomes fully known and appreciated; that day, we hope, is not far distant.

Of these 296 patients, 242 have been sent to us from the General Hospital, and have been paid for by the city; 45 have been sent by friends, churches, etc., or have paid for themselves; while for the remainder (9) there has been no remuneration received.

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It has been mentioned that three patients died while in the Home. Of these, two were sent from the Hospital in an almost dying condition; the other, a paying patient, was very low when sent in. She was suffering from malaria and came too late for good nursing and change of air to effect a recovery, and though she rallied somewhat for a day or two, she died within a week. The Committee has taken steps which we hope will for the future prevent the admission of patients in that state to the Home.

She has now been with us Miss Law is the matron in charge. over a year, and to her unfailing goodness, her wise discrimination, we are greatly indebted. Her position is not an easy one. They do not expect to under her care are gathered from all sources. remain there long and so a great incentive to good behavior is wanting. Any influence that is brought to bear on them must be quickly exercised and must be so unobtrusive as not to be resented. Above all there must be no favoritism to give rise to endless jealousies. Miss Law is sufficient for these things. She is just and kind to the ungrateful and the selfish as well as to the pleasant and contented. Without the assistance of a resident medical officer, or even of a steward, she has so managed the Home that no difficulty or trouble has arisen among the patients. Many friendly visits and grateful letters of thanks prove that the former inmates look back with pleasure to the weeks spent under her care. One writes "It is just a week ago this morning since I left your comfortable and most beautiful Home and it seems more like a month to me. I can never thank you enough for all Another says "I am unable to find words good you did for me." enough or sufficient to show how much I appreciate the unremitting kindness and attention I have received from you during my stay at the Last spring the Board had a substantial token of the gratitude felt by some of them. Two of the inmates, painters by trade, on their recovery, announced to the matron that they would like to do something to make their stay in the Home remembered. By their willing work the house was kalsomined and painted from garret to basement and assumed its present cheery appearance. The Board of course supplied the materials and allowed them to stay at Hillcrest while the work was in progress.

There is, it is hardly necessary to say, a difficulty in getting precisely the class of patients for whom the Home was designed. In this respect we feel there is room for improvement. Our ideal patient ought to come in very weak and ill, and leave at the end of two weeks perfectly restored to health and properly grateful. We will never be over-crowded with just this class. While we wish and will endeavor to exclude the merely clamorous and the maligner, we do not desire to close the doors of Hillcrest against the suffering and the weary, with cast-iron rules and regulations.

The following three cases are selected from those who have been at the Home, not because there is anything specially distinctive about them, but because they happen to be personally known to me. The first is that of L. W., a girl of nineteen, who came to the Home from Oakville.

She was recovering from a severe illness, but had for weeks made no progress, and was just in that weak, moody, miserable state which might graduate into hypochondria or end in a return of the disease. After three weeks at Hillcrest she was so well that her mother thought it would be trespassing on the kindness of her friends to stay longer and took her home. It was with some misgivings that she was recommended to a situation as nurse, but she proved to be most satisfactory, cheerful, and obliging, and now, months afterwards, is the picture of health.

The second is that of W. W., a man 35 years of age, whose feet had been crushed in an accident on the railway. He was a respectable and well-educated man, but after having been ill for months, his money was gone, his clothing worn out, and he arrived at Hillcrest in a most destitute condition. Fortunately we were able to supply him with what he needed, and he grew rapidly better while in the Home. After being there a month he went out, but found that he was not yet able to stand tramping about looking for work, and in nine days he was re-admitted to the Home. The second time he was there for three weeks, and as he grew better he continually busied himself about the house and grounds. Since leaving, he has written to the matron that he has steady employment, although walking on rough ground still tries him, and he adds "I beg to thank you very much for your

kindness to me during my misfortune, without your interest in me I don't know what would have become of me."

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The third is that of a dear old woman who has been with us for some time. She has no home to go to and as her bed was not needed, we have been willing to let her stay. A true Christian, her gentle, sunny influence has been felt for good in the ward.

In common with almost every other charity in the city, we have this year sustained a loss in the death of Mr. William Gooderham, from whose wide-spread benevolence we too had profited. It was Mr. Gooderham who gave the acre of land on which the Home was built and who again in 1886 came to the assistance of the Committee by giving the sum of \$500 to finish the grading and for furnishing. He had also promised the Institution an entrance into the Home when the land owned by him in that neighborhood should be laid out into building lots. Of this promise, we are sure that death alone prevented the fulfilment, and we feel there is no doubt that his executors will carry out what were known to be his intentions in this respect. Besides this, Mr. Gooderham at various times sent patients in whom he was interested to the Home, and on some occasions held services there. The poor and the suffering have indeed lost a friend by his death.

This year as the number of patients had increased, it was decided to add to the number of physicians in attendance. Dr. Primrose, Dr. Wishart, Dr. Strathy, and Dr. Machell with Dr. Spencer now form the medical staff, and will visit by turns at the Home.

With the assistance of the kind friends who have subscribed to our funds, we have this year been enabled to pay our way, and even to present a balance in hand to date of September 30th, of \$923.70. Out of this, September's bills amounting to upwards of \$150 have been incurred and must be paid. The winter's heavy expenses too are coming on, besides which there are several expensive alterations which must be made in the near future, to increase the efficiency and lessen the labor of carrying on the Home, such as the bringing in of a water-supply, double windows, etc.

Our thanks are due to those kind friends who have subscribed to our funds, to the press for their courtesy in inserting items, to those who have at Christmas or through the year sent in donations of provisions, clothing, books, pictures, etc., to those tradesmen who have liberally allowed a discount on articles bought for the Home, to the

Doctors who have recommended patients to Hillcrest and who have visited them there, to the staff, especially to Dr. Spencer, who, up to August last has been in sole charge of the Home, to the clergy or others who have visited and read to the patients, to those laymen in particular, who, with unfailing regularity, have every Sunday conducted services which have been most highly valued by the inmates at the Home.

S. MICKLE, Secretary.

Rev. Mr. Lewis kindly seconded the adoption of this Report.

The Treasurer's Report which will be found elsewhere was then read by N. W. Hoyles, Esq., who moved that it be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by the Rev. A. H. Baldwin.

The names of the ladies on the Board of Management for the incoming year were read by Rev. Dr. Thomas and their nomination seconded by a friend in the audience.

After a vote of thanks to the Mayor for his services as Chairman, on motion of Dr. Parsons seconded by Mr. Hoyles, the benediction was pronounced and the meeting dispersed.

The Home can legally receive any amount of money which may be given or bequeathed to it. The bequest in the will may be in the following form:—

"I give and bequeath to the trustees of the Hillcrest Convalescent Home, Toronto, the sum of dollars, to be paid out of pure personalty."

DONATIONS

FROM MAY 1888 TO OCTOBER 1889

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Mrs. Edward Blake\$150 oo Rev. G. M. Wrong 5 oo Mrs. Beardmore	00
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Mrs. Alexander Cameron 50 00 Rev. Prof. Boys 5	
Mrs. S. Nordheimer 40 00 Mr. Wakefield 5	00
Blake, Lash & Cassels. 25 00 Mrs. Oliver Macklem 5	00
Mr. John Hoskin 20 00 Miss McCord I	00
A friend of the poor (per Mrs. Crooks I	00
Treas, C'ty of York). 15 00 Mrs. Barnett I	00
Miss Langton 10 00 Miss Mickle I	00
Mrs. Jarvis 10 00 Mrs. Jacques (per Miss	
Mr. B. B. Osler 10 00 Muttlebury) 5	00
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Assizes) per Treasurer	20
County of York 6 00 \$523 0)()
Mr. J. G. Howard 6 00	

Donations of Clothing, Books, Papers, Fruit, Vegetables, etc., have been acknowledged from time to time in the daily newspapers.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

The City not having been divided by the Hillcrest Convalescent Home Committee into districts for regular annual collections, the public are earnestly requested to send voluntary contributions to assist the ladies who have kindly collected from the following list of frienes, as funds are much needed to carry on this useful and excellent work.

Collected by Mrs. Cockshutt and	Collected by Miss Greig.
Miss Parsons.	Mr. Sheriff Mowat \$10 00 "W. B. McMurrich 10 00
The Misses Carty\$10 00	Mrs. E. W. Rathbun,
Mr. Charles Cockshutt 10 00 Mr. George Goulding 10 00	Desoronto 10 00 Mr. F. I. Stewart 10 00
John Kay, Son & Co 10 00	Mr. F. J. Stewart 10 00 Lady Wilson 5 00
Mr. James Scott 10 00	Mrs. Greig 5 00
Mrs. H. M. Clark 5 00	Mr. Justice Maclennan 5 00
Mrs. John Leys 5 00	" E. R. Greig 5 00 " A M M Kirkpatrick 2 50
Mrs. Topp 5 00 Mr. George Ritchie 5 00	" A. M. M. Kirkpatrick 2 50
" John Kerr 5 00 " W. M. Clark 5 00	Total\$62 50
" James Webster 5 00	Collected by Miss Gunther.
" George Craig 5 00 Mrs. K. McDonald 4 00 " Alexander 2 00 " J. L. Brodie 2 00 Dr. Howitt 2 00	Mr. John I. Davidson \$20 00 Mrs. E. Gunther 10 00 "T. Thompson 5 00 "J. Burns 5 00
Total\$100 00	Total\$40 00
	Collected by Mrs. Farvis.
Collected by Mrs. Gibson.	Mrs. Becher
Mr. A. H. Campbell\$10 00	" Jarvis 8 00
Mrs. S. Heward 10 00	Mr B. Homer Dixon 5 00 Miss Macklem 2 00
" A. Gibson 10 00	Wilss Wackielli 2 00
Sir Daniel Wilson 5 00 Mrs. W. H. Howland 5 00	Total\$25 co
" Manning 5 00	CHAIL W. A.D.T.
Mr. G. S. Michie 5 00	Collected by Mrs. A. B. Lee.
Mrs. Gzowski 4 00	Mrs. H. E. Clarke \$5 00 " Fitch 5 00
Miss Michie 3 00 Mrs. Maxwell Sheppard. I 00	" H. W. Nelson 5 00
	" Crowther 2 50
Total\$58 00	" G. S. Ryerson 2 50

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Mrs. Joseph Lee 2 00	Mrs. George A. Cox	5 00
Lee & Chillas 2 00	" Walter Gillespie	5 00
Mrs. W. Crowther 1 00	" Hayne	5 00
" Tackaberry 1 00	Mr. E. F. Hebden	5 00
" J. Roaf 1 00	Hon. G. W. Allan	5 00
Mr. J. Brown 1 00	Mr. W. BSimpson	5 00
	A Friend	5 00
Total\$28 00	Mrs. O'Brien, Shanty Bay	4 00
Collected by Miss S. Mickle.	" E. Baldwin	4 00
Mrs. Ellis\$10 00	Mr. A. G. Strathy	3 00
Aikenhead & Crombie 5 00	Rev. J. McQueen Baldwin	3 00
Mrs. W. Douglas 1 00	Mr. J. R. Strathy	2 00
	Mrs. A. Gooderham	2 00
Total\$16 00	" Robert Gooderham	2 00
Collected by Miss Morris.	" Robert Baldwin	2 00
	" Strathy	2 00
Mr. George Gooderham. \$50 00	" Greey	2 00
Hon. John McDonald 10 00	" F. Grasett	2 00
Mr. E. Hooper 5 00 Mason & Risch 5 00	" J. W. G. Whitney	2 00
M. F. 101	" James Gooderham.	2 00
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A Friend	Major Evans	I 00
A Friend I 00	Mrs. DesBarres	I 00
Total\$97 00	" C. Fleming	I 00
	" Snelling	1 00
Collected by Miss O'Brien.	" H. G. Baldwin	1 00
Mr. W. H. Howland\$10 00	" J. D. Cayley	I 00
" E. A. McDonald 10 00	" Body	1 00
Mrs. Henry Gooderham. 10 00	" H. Grasett	1 00
Kilgour Bros 10 00	" J. G. Greey	1 00
Mrs. Henry O'Brien 5 00	A Friend	50
Mr. Christopher Robinson 5 00		
Mr. J. H. Mason 5 00	Total\$13	7 00

Collected by Mrs. Shortiss. Mrs. J. Worthington \$3 00 " William Davidson 2 00 " Duncan Clark 2 00 " G. H. Watson 2 00 A Well Wisher 1 00	Mr. B. E. Walker
Mrs. McMichael I 00 " Copland I 00 " Scott I 00 " J. D. Oliver I 00 Mr. M. M. Dwight I 00 A Friend 60 Mrs. Quinn 50 " Cowan 50 " Armstrong 50 A Friend 50 Total \$17 60 Collected by Mrs. Byron Walker McMaster, Darling & Co.\$25 00 Mr. G. A. Cox 25 00 " A. M. Cosby 20 00	Total\$151 00 Collected by Mrs. Wyld. Wyld, Grasett & Darling \$10 00 Northrop & Lyman 10 00 Eby, Blain & Co 5 00 Mrs. F. Wyld 5 00 "McLean Howard 2 00 "W. C. MacDonald 2 00 Mr. W. C. MacDonald 2 00 "John Dudgeon 2 00 Ryrie Bros 2 00 Total \$40 00
" A. M. Cosby 20 00 "William B. Hamilton 20 00	



TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Receipts and Expenditures from 1st May, 1888, to 30th Sept., 1889.

RECEIPTS.

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Balance on hand, 1st May\$ 24	3	87
Received from Government of Ontario 51	4	05
" City of Toronto, Grant 10	O	00
" for Patients 166	1	60
" County of Ontario for Patient 2.	1	00
" Private Patients, and Patients paid for by		
Friends 92	5	30
" Subscriptions 129	5	10
" Other Sources 49)	89
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EXPENDITURE.	, ,	01
Expended for Meat\$ 648	3 (99
" Butter 200		
		70
" Flour, Bread, and Meal 256		
" Milk 272		
Potatoes and Vegetables	(06
. Groceries 531	2	20
" Advertising, Printing, Postage, etc 47		
" Soap, Brushes, and Cleaning Appliances 42	7	79
" Fuel 342		
" Furniture and Furnishings 191		
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" Oil and Lights 31		
" Medicine 44		
" Repairs 217		
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" Salaries and Wages 740		
" Insurance 63	-	
" Other Expenses 48		
Cash carried to Endowment Fund 50	-	-
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Endowment Fund, 1889

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Received from	Miss Evans\$480 oo
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Special Deposi	it Toronto Land and Investment Corporation \$530 00
Interest Credit	ted, 9th May, 1889 26 50

M. R. GREIG, Treasurer.

Having examined the Cash Book of the Convalescent Home, of which the above is a summary, and having compared the expenditure with the vouchers and receipts, I hereby certify as to the correctness of the foregoing.

W. GILLESPIE, Jr., Auditor.



Constitution



I.—This Institution is to be known as "Hillcrest" and is intended for the benefit of Convalescents leaving hospitals or living in homes where their recovery is retarded by the want of needed rest and change.

II.—It is to be managed by a Committee of not more than thirty (30) ladies to be elected annually. The Board will nominate its successors in office and send the names of half the number so nominated to the Trustees and half to the Mission Union for approval as provided by the Deed.

III.—The said Committee shall elect by ballot out of its number a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

IV.—The President shall preside at all meetings at which she is present, or in case of her absence, then one of the Vice-Presidents; in case of their absence, such other person as the meeting may select.

V.—Five members of the said Committee shall form a quorum.

VI.—The regular weekly meetings shall be held on Friday of each week. The regular monthly meeting shall be held on the first Friday of each month, unless some other day is fixed upon at a previous regular meeting.

VII.—The funds necessary for supporting this Institution shall consist of fees, voluntary subscriptions, donations, bequests, etc.

VIII.—All moneys received shall go to the Treasurer who shall keep an account of the same and pay out same on the order of the said Committee.

IX.—Changes can be made in the Constitution, subject to the approval of the Trustees, at any regular monthly meeting of the Committee, notice having been given in writing of the intended change at a previous regular monthly meeting.

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By-Laws



ARTICLE I.

The Board of Managers shall hold its monthly meetings on the first Friday of the month at II a.m., at such place as it shall appoint. Five members shall constitute a quorum. Weekly meetings shall be held each Friday morning.

ARTICLE II.

The President shall have general supervision of the work. She shall preside at all meetings of the Society, or of the Board of Managers, and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office. She shall sign all drafts upon the Treasury before they are paid.

ARTICLE III.

The Treasurer shall receive and keep in some chartered bank all the monies collected, and shall disburse them as the Board of Managers shall direct. She shall report the state of the treasury at each monthly meeting. Her annual report shall be examined by auditors appointed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.

The Secretary shall give notice of stated and special meetings, keep the minutes of the same, and prepare the Annual Report of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE V.

Any person desiring admission to the Home on a City Order, must procure and send to the City Health Officer: (1) A medical certificate that the applicant is a fit subject for admission, (2) A recommendation from some member of the Board, showing that the applicant cannot afford to pay the ordinary charges.

ARTICLE VI.

Any person desiring admission to the Home as a paying patient, must present to the Lady Superintendent at the Home, a medical certificate of fitness of admission, and must pay in advance for one week's board, or must present a letter from some member of the Board or other person, satisfactory to the Board, agreeing to be responsible for the charges of the Home for such applicant during a specified time.

ARTICLE VII.

Infectious and contagious cases are not fit subjects for the Home.

ARTICLE VIII.

Unmarried women with infants cannot be admitted, nor any woman known to be leading an immoral life.

ARTICLE IX.

A small quantity of alcoholic liquor for use in extreme cases or by medical order, may be kept in the Home, but must be in charge of the matron under lock and key, and only administered by the matron, and if under medical order, in quantities to be prescribed by the medical attendant ordering same.

ARTICLE X.

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The ladies composing the Board of Managers shall visit the Home weekly in rotation, and enter a report personally or in writing at the weekly meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

The Managers may appoint from time to time Committees from among themselves to attend to any special duties. As a rule such Committees shall consist of not less than three, and not less than two shall be considered a quorum to act. These Committees, for the sake of regularity and for future reference, shall as a rule report to the Board in writing.



CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Mrs. Gzowski, I Turkey; Mrs. Gunther, I Ham; Swan Bros., per Miss O'Brien, 3 Turkeys; Mrs. Vandersmissen, 1 Turkey; Mrs. E. Blake, I Turkey; Mrs. A. Gibson, I Turkey; P. V. Capel Dunn, 2 Turkeys; Mrs. Cockshutt, 1 Turkey; Mrs. Hoskin, 1 Turkey; Mr. Wm. Williams, I Turkey; Mrs. Greig, Oranges and Flannel Jacket; Miss E. Vandersmissen, Oranges; Miss O'Brien, Figs and Dates; Mrs. Gibb, I Goose; Miss Parsons, I Goose; Mrs. Hodgins, I doz. tins Tomatoes; J. G. Gibson, Figs; Mrs. Hoyles, Raisins, Nuts and Oranges; Michie & Co., Raisins and Currants; Cleghorn & Son, per Mrs. Lee, 1 Barrel Apples; Wm. Davies & Co., 25 lbs. Sausages; Mrs. Nordheimer, 2 Turkeys; Mrs. Cosby, 1 doz. Marmalade, 3 doz. tins Tomatoes, 22 lbs. Rice, 1 doz. Corn Starch, 6 tins Baking Powder, 1 box Soda Biscuits, 1 box Snowflake Biscuits, 4 lbs. Cocoa, 12½ lbs. Currants, 121 lbs. Raisins, 1 Jar Mustard, 12 lbs. Tapioca, 12 lbs. Sago; Mrs. Wyld, I Turkey; Mrs. Byron Walker, I Turkey; Mrs. W. Davidson, I Goose; Mrs. Wakefield, I Turkey and Basket of Apples; Mrs. W. J. Campbell, Cake; Mrs. Clayton, I Goose, Mis. Lee, I Turkey, I Ham, I Goose, Crab Apple Jelly, Raspberry Vinegar; Mrs. Shortiss, 1 Turkey; Mr. Lloyd Wood, Bottle of Carbolic Crystals; Mr. Knowles, Bottle of Iron, Bottle of Turpentine and Bottle of Bromide of Potassium; Mr. Haldenby, Bottle of Glycerine; Mr. Hugh Miller, Bottle of Ammonia; Mr. Hooper, Bottle of Oil of Camphor; Mr. Howard, \$6.00; Mrs. G. L. Brodie, \$1.00; Miss Mickle, \$1.00; Mrs. Duncan Clark, Number of "Graphics"; Mrs. Harvey, "Sunday at Home."