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OFFICERS

OF THE  
TORONTO EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.

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A. T. McCORD, - - - *President.*  
A. DREDGE, - - - *Vice-President.*  
W. T. MASON, - - - *Secretary-Treasurer.*

DIRECTORS.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT.      W. J. MACDONNELL.  
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E. J. PALMER.          JOHN McBEAN.  
ROBERT WALKER.

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A. M. ROSEBRUGH, M.D., *Surgeon.*  
R. A. REEVE, B.A., M.D., *Assistant Surgeon.*  
WM. CANNIFF, M.D., *Consulting Surgeon.*

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## SURGEONS' REPORT.

THE Surgeons of the Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary, in presenting their Fifth Annual Report, desire specially to call the attention of the Board of Directors to the need of ampler facilities for the effective working of the Institution.

The Infirmary is conveniently situated, but the accommodation it affords is quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the charity, and its position is not at all adapted to promote the efficacy of medical treatment. The Surgeons would therefore strongly recommend the Board to secure a suitable isolated building in a central, healthy locality, with premises large enough to enable patients to take sufficient out-door exercise.

Number of Patients attending May 19th, 1871 .....	39	
Admitted during the year.....	274	
	313	
Admitted, Eye-Patients ..	220	
"    Ear    " .....	54	
	274	
Intern or Infirmary Patients .....	46	
Extern or Dispensary Patients .....	228	
	274	
From the City of Toronto .....	219	
"    "    Country .....	55	
	274	
Of Males, 155 ; of Females, 119 .....	274	
Married, 99 ; Single, 168 ; Widows, 7.....	274	
Roman Catholics, 88 ; Episcopalians, 85 ; Methodists, 42 ;		
Presbyterians, 22 ; Baptists, 15 ; Congregationalists, 5 ;		
Disciples, 1 ; Unknown, 16 .....	274	
Number of Patients discharged—		
cured or relieved .....	242	
result unknown.....	20	
left .....	12	
unimproved .....	3	
incurable.....	2	
remaining under treatment.....	34	
	313	

## ACCORDING TO NATIVITY.

Canada, 90 ; Ireland, 84 ; England, 79 ; United States, 12 ; Scotland, 8 ; Nova Scotia, 1.....	274
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## ABSTRACT OF EYE-DISEASE.

Abscess of eyelid .. .. .	2
Atrophy of choroid .. .. .	1
Atrophy of optic nerve.....	1
Abraction from foreign body... ..	1
Amblyopia .. .. .	1
Blepharitis ciliaris.....	9
"    chronic.....	1
"    marginalis .. .. .	1
Cataract (hard senile).....	4
"    (calcareous).....	1
"    (soft).....	4
"    (tramatic) .. .. .	1
Choroiditis .. .. .	10
Cyclitis .. .. .	1
Conjunctivitis (diphtheritic).....	1
"    (catarrhal) .. .. .	11
"    (granular) .. .. .	2
"    (phlyctenular) .. .. .	5
"    (chronic .. .. .	15
"    and eczema palpebrarum).....	2
"    and vascular keratitis .. .. .	1
Contusion of eye .. .. .	37
Dacryocystitis .. .. .	1
Distichiasis.....	3
Eczema palpebrarum.....	20
"    and ulceration of cornea .. .. .	3
Ectopia lentis.....	1
Ectropion partial and chronic conjunctivitis .. .. .	3
Entropion .. .. .	1
Episcleritis.....	3
Erythema palpebrarum.....	1
Foreign body on cornea .. .. .	1
"    "    conjunctiva .. .. .	4
Fistula lachrymarum .. .. .	2
Glaucoma .. .. .	1
"    and hot metal in eyes.....	3
Hyperæmia Conjunc.....	1
Hyperæsthesia ratina .. .. .	2
Hypermetropia .. .. .	1
Iritis and post. synech. symp.....	3
"    "    synechia.....	1
Irido choroiditis (sympath.).....	1
Keratitis vascular.....	1
"    phlyctenular .. .. .	4
"    interstitial .. .. .	18
	9

Keratitis and opacity vitreous .....	1	
“ suppurative .....	1	
“ cicatricial .....	1	
	<hr/>	34
Leucoma .....	1	
“ double .....	1	
“ closed pupil and cataract .....	1	
Lime in eye .....	1	
Lipitudo .....	1	
Neuritis .....	164	
Nebulous cornea .....	3	
Nyctalopia .....	1	
Opacity of cornea .....	3	
“ in vitreous .....	1	
Orbital tumour .....	1	
Ophthalmitis .....	1	
Periostitis, orbital .....	2	
Sympathetic ophthalmia .....	2	
“ and leucoma .....	1	
Synechia and keratitis .....	2	
Symblepharon and closed pupil .....	1	
Staphyloma of cornea .....	1	
Strabismus convergens .....	1	
Trachoma .....	6	
“ and ulcer of cornea .....	1	
“ chronic and nebulous cornea .....	1	
“ “ keratitis .....	1	
“ and vascular keratitis .....	9	
	<hr/>	18
Trichiasis .....	3	
“ and strabismus .....	1	
Tumour optic nerve .....	1	
Ulcer of cornea .....	7	
“ “ and iridochoroiditis .....	1	
“ “ and hypopion .....	1	
Vaccine pustules of eyelid .....	1	
Wound of cornea .....	1	
Wound of lid and conjunctivitis .....	1	
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#### ABSTRACT OF EAR-DISEASES.

Catarrh, acute-aural .....	1	
“ subacute-aural ..	1	
“ chronic-aural .....	19	
“ tubal .....	5	
	<hr/>	26
Disease of labyrinth .....	1	
Impacted crumen .....	7	
Myringitis .....	1	
Otitis interna .....	9	
“ chronic .....	9	
“ with polypus .....	1	
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ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 19, 1872.

Abscission of tonsils .....		1
For cataract hard senile flap extraction .....	5	
"    "    Liebreich's operation.....	1	
"    "    Scoop .....	1	
"    (tramatic) linear .....	1	
"    (siliculose) " .....	2	
"    (soft Keratonyxis) .....	6	
Canthoplasty .....	—	16
For closed pupil and total posterior synechea.....		3
Ectropion, 4; Entropion, 2.....		1
Eucleation of eyeball for symp. ophthal.....	4	6
"    for staphyloma .....	1	
"    "    panophthalmitis .....	2	
"    "    ophthalmitis .....	2	
Incision of abscess .....	—	9
"    "    lachrymal sac .....		2
Lancing to relieve pain .....		2
Iridectomy for leucoma .....	4	
"    for occlusion of pupil .....	5	
"    for "    and leucoma .....	4	
"    for chronic irido choroiditis.....	1	
Opening canaliculus (Bowman) .....	—	14
Paracentesis corneæ for ulcer.....	7	6
"    "    and hypopion.....	19	
"    "    increased tenison .....	5	
Removal of foreign body from cornea .....	—	31
Strabismus convergens .....		3
		1
		97

ANALYSIS.

Disease of eyelids.....	40	Crystaline lens and capsule	
"    lachrymal passages...	7	(cataract) .....	12
"    conjunctiva .....	71	Disease of eyeball .....	5
"    cornea and sclera ...	63	"    "    orbit .....	2
"    iris and choroid .....	7	Sympathetic diseases.....	2
"    retina and optic nerve	5	Refraction.....	1
"    vitreous.....	1		
"    ocular muscles.....	1		
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A. M. ROSEBRUGH, M.D.

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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THE Directors of the Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary have much pleasure in presenting the Fifth Annual Report of the Institution, and in doing so they take occasion to express their sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the beneficial results it has instrumentally accomplished during the year.

But for the death of one of the patients,—the first which has taken place since the commencement of the charity,—nothing has occurred during the year requiring special mention; at the same time the Directors are able to record, as they thankfully do, that the charity has successfully prosecuted its accustomed benevolent work, and not only that a very large amount of personal suffering has been relieved, but also that many families have been gladdened, and the community at large benefitted, by the restoration to the industrial pursuits of life, of many whose condition was one of helpless dependence.

In his capacity of Director, the Surgeon has frequently called the attention of the Board to the urgent need of more commodious premises; and in their report for the year, the Surgeons make special reference to the matter. It is perhaps scarcely needful to say that the Directors quite agree with the Surgeons as to the necessity which exists for a change. The present building may not be more unhealthy or more unsuitable than hundreds of its class in the city; but, as very many cases of eye-disease is the direct result of impaired constitution, requiring pure air as an essential part of the treatment,—whether the patient be confined to the Institution or is allowed out-of-door exercise,—it is quite apparent that the present



small building, with the few square feet of yard room attached, must fail to meet the necessities of the case. This the Government Inspector, John W. Langmuir, Esq., did not fail to see, and to call attention to in the report of his visitation.

The Government has recently appropriated funds to build an Asylum for the incurably blind, and in so doing has acted with a praise-worthy benevolence; but it should be remembered, that provision for an Hospital to treat patients afflicted with eye-disease is the surest method which can be devised to save them from becoming inmates of Asylums for helpless blindness.

The Directors would therefore recommend that the Government of Ontario be at once memorialized to provide suitable buildings, to be located in a healthy and at the same time central locality, where all the advantages of classification and thorough arrangement can be secured.

For the Medical Statistics of the year the Directors refer to the Surgeons' detailed Report, in addition to which it will be interesting to state, that of the 274 patients admitted during the year, 46 were *Intern*, or Infirmary patients, and 228 were *Extern*, or Dispensary patients; 219 were from the City of Toronto, and 55 were from the country; 155 were Males, and 119 were Females; 99 were Married, 168 were Single, and 7 were Widows; 88 were Roman Catholics, 85 were Episcopalians, 42 were Methodists, 22 were Presbyterians, 15 were Baptists, 5 were Congregationalists, 1 was a Disciple, and there were 16 whose denomination could not be ascertained. It is gratifying to notice that the results of treatment has not been less satisfactory this year than in former years. Of 270 patients discharged during the year, the large number of 242, being 86 per cent., were either cured or relieved.

The attendance of the patients since the commencement of the Charity has been,—for the first year, 104; second year, 120;

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third year, 187; fourth year, 260; and for the year just closed, 274; making a total of 945 patients, at a cost of \$4,693 05, or an average of \$4 96 for each patient, which average includes the cost of board of such as were admitted as *Intern* or *Infirmary* patients.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at commencement of the year .....	\$436 60
Amount received from the Government of Ontario.....	1,000 00
Amount received from Subscriptions and Donations.....	993 57
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	\$2,430 17

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid for Maintenance of In-door Patients..	\$1,027 78
“ “ Printing, Stationery, &c.....	28 00
“ “ Advertising.....	22 75
“ “ Clothing .....	11 28
“ “ Rent.....	240 00
“ “ Firing and Washing.....	150 00
“ “ Furniture .....	18 55
“ “ Medicines ..	47 29
“ “ Surgical Instruments.....	51 11
“ “ Building Society.....	500 00
“ “ Sundry Outlay.....	43 02
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	2,139 78
Balance.. .....	<hr/>
	\$290 39
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The foregoing Accounts have been duly Audited.

These Statistics, together with the accompanying Report of the Surgeons, are interesting; and, it is submitted, clearly demonstrate the great benefit the Institution has conferred, and the claim it has on the Government, the Municipalities of the country, and on private benevolence for its support. Your Directors have pleasure in acknowledging the general cheerfulness with which this benevolence has been heretofore accorded; and would specially record their deep sense of gratefulness to the Ontario Government for its accustomed Legislative appropriation towards the support of the charity.

While from its central position and number of inhabitants, Toronto, as might be expected, furnishes the greater proportion of patients, it should be borne in mind that the excess of this proportion applies more to the external or Dispensary patients, than to the internal or Infirmary patients; that many of the patients giving their residence as Toronto, are here as part of the floating population, and, your Directors regret to say, are in some instances thrust upon Toronto by those who thereby seek to throw upon others a pecuniary burden they themselves should honestly and nobly bear.

While the services of all (except the Superintendent and Matron) are gratuitously rendered, it is perhaps not invidious to specially acknowledge the Professional services of the Surgeons, Doctors ROSEBRUGH and REEVE, for the very large amount of time they have devoted in attending to the Medical Department of this Institution.

The Directors, also, deem it only proper to state their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the Superintendent and Matron have discharged their respective duties.

A. T. McCORD,  
*President.*

W. T. MASON,  
*Secretary and Treasurer.*

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## RESOLUTIONS

*Passed at the FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the TORONTO EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY, held at the Infirmary, on Tuesday evening, the 1st of October, 1872.*

A. T. McCord, Esq., City Chamberlain, occupied the Chair.

The Report of the Directors was read by Mr. W. T. Mason, and that of the Surgeons by Dr. Rosebrugh.

Moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Coleman,—

“That the Report just read be adopted, and that 500 copies, with the Constitution of the Infirmary and a List of the Subscribers, be printed for circulation; and that the following Officers and Directors be appointed for the ensuing year, viz., Messrs A. T. McCord, President; A. Dredge, Vice-President; W. T. Mason, Secretary and Treasurer; and Messrs. William Elliott, A. R. McMaster, Robert Wilkes, M.P., E. J. Palmer, W. J. Macdonnell, J. H. Mason, George Hague, John McBean, and Robert Walker, Directors.”—Carried.

Moved by W. T. Mason, seconded by A. R. McMaster, and resolved,—

“That the existing Constitution be rescinded, and that the Constitution as amended, and recommended by the Board of Directors, and now submitted to the Meeting, be adopted.”—Carried

Moved by Rev. V. G. Jamot, seconded by Mr. E. J. Palmer,—

“That the broad basis upon which this charitable Institution is conducted,—being open to all, irrespective of creed, colour, or nationality,—is a commendable feature, which should be satisfactory to all, and which should commend the Eye and Ear Infirmary to the sympathy and support of all.”—Carried.



Moved by J. H. Mason, seconded by W. J. Macdonnell,—

“That the benefits of this Institution being extended to the poor of all parts of the Province is an evidence of the fact that the Eye and Ear Infirmary is not a mere local, but a Provincial Institution, and, as such, is entitled to the continued confidence and support of the Municipalities and the Ontario Legislature.”—Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Dredge, seconded by Dr. George Wright,—

“That whereas it appears both from the Report of the Surgeons and that of the Directors just read and adopted, that the building, with its few feet of yard-room, now in use for the Eye and Ear Infirmary, is altogether inadequate for the requirements of such an Institution; therefore, resolved—That this Meeting authorizes and requests the Board of Directors to bring the matter at an early date under the notice of the Ontario Government, and to take such further steps as may be necessary for the purpose of securing premises more suitable for the requirements of the only Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital in this large and prosperous Province.”—Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. R. McMaster, seconded by Dr. Reeve,—

“That whereas the Government and Legislature of this Province have very properly, upon a liberal scale, established public Institutions for the hopelessly Deaf and Blind of Ontario, it is manifestly expedient, on the ground of public policy, for the Ontario Government to place on a broader basis and encourage an Institution, such as the Eye and Ear Infirmary, having for its object the extending of timely relief to those who would otherwise become candidates for admission to the Government Institutions, or become paupers dependent upon public or private charity for support.”—Carried.

Hearty votes of thanks were then tendered to Mr. A. T. McCord, as President; Mr. W. T. Mason, as Secretary; and to the Surgeons, Drs. Rosebrugh and Reeve, for their valuable services during the year.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS

TO THE

## EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.

FOR 1872.

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Brown, Hon. George.....	\$5 00	Levey, Charles .....	\$5 00
Blakie & Alexander .....	5 00	Lyman, Brothers .....	2 00
Bryce, McMurrich & Co .....	10 00	McCord, A. T.....	5 00
Brown, Bros .....	4 00	Mason, W. T.....	5 00
Downey, John .....	1 00	Macdonald, John .....	10 00
Davies, Thos. & Co .....	2 00	McMasters, Bros .....	10 00
Dredge, Alfred .....	5 00	McMaster, Hon. W .....	10 00
Elliott, William.....	10 00	McBean, Jno .....	4 00
Ewart, John .....	2 00	Mason, J. H .....	5 00
Fuller, Very Rev. Dr .....	1 00	Michie, James.....	10 00
Fisken & Co .....	2 00	Morse, C. H.....	1 00
Finch, W. S .....	1 00	McDonough & James.....	2 00
Gooderham & Worts.....	1 00	Morphy, E .....	1 00
Gardner & Ramsay.....	1 00	Myles, James .....	1 00
Gale, R. W.....	2 00	O'Keefe & Co .....	5 00
Griffith, W. & R .....	1 00	Palmer, E. J .....	5 00
Galbraith, William .....	1 00	Page & Sons .....	4 00
Hague, George .....	3 00	Piddington, A .....	1 00
Hagarty, Judge .....	2 00	Rowell, Henry .....	1 00
Hay, R. C .....	5 00	Ridout & Co .....	2 00
Hamilton, W. B.....	1 00	Sessions, Turner & Cooper ...	4 00
Jamot, Very Rev. V. G.....	5 00	Shields, James .....	2 00
Jaffray, Robert .....	1 00	Thorn, J .....	1 00
Jarvis, F. W .....	1 00	Thorn, Parsons .....	1 00
Kay, John .....	4 00	Walker, Robert .....	5 00
Lewis, Rice, & Co .....	5 00	Walker, C. & W.....	2 00
Lailey & Co.....	2 00	Wilkes, Robert .....	2 00

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## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

### TORONTO EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.

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#### ARTICLE I.

This Institution shall be called "THE TORONTO EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY."

#### ARTICLE II.

All Annual Subscribers of One Dollar and upwards shall be Members, and entitled to Vote at General Meetings and Elections.

#### ARTICLE III.

Any person subscribing and paying at one time Fifty Dollars shall be a Member for Life, and entitled to the same privileges as Annual Subscribers.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The Annual Meeting shall be held in October in each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to receive the Report of the Directors for the previous year, ending on the 31st of August, and to appoint a President, a Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Nine Directors, and to transact any other business which may be necessary.

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## ARTICLE V.

Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in November, February, May, and August. Special Meetings of the Directors shall be called at other times by the Secretary, at the request of the President or any Three of the Directors. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VI.

An Executive Committee of Three shall be annually chosen by the Directors from their own number, who shall meet monthly, in conjunction with the Surgeon and Junior Surgeon, to make such arrangements and regulations for the management of the Infirmary as shall by them be deemed best adapted to promote the objects of the Charity;—the President to be an *ex-officio* Member of this Committee. These arrangements and regulations to be reported to the Board of Directors at their stated meetings, and to be adopted or rejected at their discretion.

## ARTICLE VII.

There shall be two Surgeons, designated Surgeon and Junior Surgeon; and one or more Assistant Surgeons, who shall be under the direction of the Surgeon; and one or more Consulting Surgeons.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The Surgeon and Junior Surgeon shall be *ex-officio* Directors; shall have co-ordinate power in the treatment of Patients, and shall consult each other in relation thereto; but it shall be the special office and duty of the Surgeon to have supervision of, and represent the Infirmary, in all other matters relating to the Domestic, Sanitary, and Medical Departments.

## ARTICLE IX.

The Surgeon, Junior Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon or Surgeons, Consulting Surgeon or Surgeons, and the Superintendent and Matron shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X.

The Surgeon, or an Assistant Surgeon, shall be present at the Infirmary every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday ; and the Junior Surgeon, or an Assistant Surgeon, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9.30 a.m., to examine the patients, to prescribe for them, and to perform such operations as may be considered necessary.

## ARTICLE II.

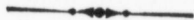
The Consulting Surgeon or Surgeons shall give their opinion and advice in all cases upon which they may be consulted by the Surgeons.

## ARTICLE XII.

Students of Medicine attending the Infirmary shall be subject to such regulations as the Surgeons shall from time to time direct and prescribe, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XIII.

This Constitution may be revised or altered at an Annual Meeting, on the recommendation of the Directors.



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TORONTO  
EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY,

No. 21 ADELAIDE STREET WEST,

*(Between Yonge and Bay Streets.)*

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CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION:

1st.—That all Travelling Expenses to and from Toronto are to be paid either by the Patients or those sending them.

2nd.—That Three Dollars per Week are to be paid by each Patient, or those sending them, towards expenses of Board, Washing, and Lodging, while at the Infirmary.

3rd.—That Municipalities or others sending Patients to the Infirmary, are required to guarantee Fifteen Dollars (the price of Five Weeks' Board); and should the Patient leave the Infirmary before the five weeks are expired, a proportionate sum will be returned.

☞ No charge for Medical Treatment and Medicines; and Patients are at liberty to board away from the Infirmary if they prefer it.

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☞ DISPENSARY open to the Poor every Morning at Half-past Nine o'Clock, (Sundays excepted).

W. T. MASON,  
*Secretary.*