COUGHS KILL

We know of nothing better than coughing to tear the lining of your throat and lungs. It is better than wet feet to cause bronchitis and pneumonia. Only keep it up and you will succeed in reducing your weight, losing your appetite, bringing on a slow fever, and making everything exactly right for the germs of consumption.

Better kill your cough before it kills you.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

kills coughs of every kind. A 25 cent bottle is just right for an ordinary cough; for the harder coughs of bronchitis you will need a 50 cent bottle; and for the coughs of consumption the one-dollar size is most economical.

"My cough reduced me to a mere skeleton. I tried many remedies, but they all failed. After using the Cherry Pectoral I immediately began to improve, and three bottles restored me to health. I believe I owe my life to it."
SARAH F. MORGAN,
Oct. 7, 1896. Brownsville, Va.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1900.

The Young Folks.

PUT-OFF TOWN.

Did you ever go to Put-off town
Where the houses are old and tumble down
And everything tarries and everything drags
With dirty streets and people in rags?

On the street of Slow lives Old Man Wait
And his two little boys named Linger and Late,
With unclean hands and towsled hair,
And a naughty little sister named Don't Care.

Grandmother Growl lives in this town,
With her two little daughters, called Fret and Frown.
And Old Man Lazy lives all alone
Around the corner on Street Postpone.

Did you ever go to Put-off town
To play with the little girls Fret and Frown,
Or go to the home of Old Man Wait
And whistle for his boys to come to the gate?

To play all day in Tarry Street,
Leaving your errands for other feet,
To stop or shirk or linger or frown
Is the nearest way to this old town.

A SIMPLER PROCESS.

"As I understand it," said a gentleman, "oleomargarine is made of beef fat."

"You are undoubtedly right," said his companion.

"I should think that the manufacturers would make it of goat fat."

"Why?"

"Because the goat is a natural butter."

Cholera and all summer complaints are so quick in their action that the cold hand of death is upon the victims before they are aware that danger is near. If attacked do not delay in getting the proper medicine. Try a dose of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial, and you will get immediate relief. It acts with wonderful rapidity and never fails to effect a cure.

Few things are impracticable in themselves: and it is for want of application, rather than of means, that man fails of success.—Rochefoucauld.

As an all-round family remedy, one hat always should be in the house for an emergency, Dr. Petty's Pills discount anything in the market. They are so small a child can take them with ease, yet one's a dose.

In an audience of rough people a generous sentiment always brings down the house. In the tumult of war both sides applaud a heroic deed.—T. W. Higginson.

Money saved and pain relieved by the leading household remedy, Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil—a small quanity of which usually suffices to cure a cough, heal a sore, cut, bruise or sprain, relieve lumbago, rheumatism, neuralgia, excoriated nipples, or inflamed breast.

For a clear complexion, take Petty's Pills. They never fail to clear the skin. Thousand of ladies swear by them.

There are cases so far advanced that Bickle's Anti Consumptive Syrup will not cure, but none so bad that it will not give relief. For coughs, colds and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest, it is a specific which has never been known to fail. It promotes a free and easy expectoration, thereby removing the phlegm, and gives the diseased parts a chance to heal.

It is not the cares of to-day, but the cares of to-morrow that weigh a man down. For the needs of to-day we have corresponding strength given. For the morrow we are told to trust. It is not sure yet.—G. Macdonald.

A BACKWARD CHILD

In a child that is backward in teething, look out for rickets. You can prevent any serious consequences by promptness.

The cause is poor nutrition, imperfect digestion of food, wrong food, poor food, bad air, low life.

You must stop it. Give Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil to feed the bones. Now give him good food: the proper food for a child.

It is a short job, and not a difficult one.

We'll send you a little to try if you like.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

THE CENTURY'S LAST CHRISTMAS.

Making an appeal for a simpler Christmas, Edward Bok, in the December *Ladies' Home Journal*, considers this Christmas because it is the last of the century—a good time to change about and go back to the simpler Christmas of earlier days. "Why not respond a little to our natural selves; the selves that were given to us as children?" he asks. "In other words, why not be simpler, and be true to ourselves? Why not give a true remembrance to our children to carry them through their lives—the remembrance that comes of true giving. Not the giving that we feel, for some reason, we should or ought to practice. Not the giving that is measured by what the gift costs. Not the giving that comes of any artificial or conventional motive. But the giving that comes of great gladness: the giving prompted by real loving-kindness: the giving of alacrity: the giving of the heart. It makes no difference how simple may be the giving. It need not be a gift: even a few written words will suffice. I believe that there are certain things needed to evoke the highest power of Christmas: its rarest gladness. It shines brightest and best, and discloses most where material expression of it is wanting. It tells its best and sweetest secrets where love is found. It grafts its highest endowments to hearts that are simple and true and gladden the lives of others. The material surroundings matter not. Upon such a Christmas the Master of the feast bestows the dearest, most abiding influences that can come into the human heart."

HIS SYMPATHY.

An old housewife in the country was bemoaning her poverty to an unsympathetic husband.

"Things ain't as they used to be," she complained. "Why, I ain't got anything like I used ter hev. I ain't got quite enough ter go round the beds, there's two of the best chairs broken, an' I ain't got no dress that's really fit ter go ter meetin', an' if I was ter die ter-night I wouldn't have a cap to be buried in."

The old man had stood the whining as long as he could.

"Blast it all, than," he fiercely ejaculated, "why didn't yer die when yer did have a cap?"

Constipation Cured.

Mrs. James Clark, Commanda, Ont., writes: "I was greatly troubled with headache and constipation. I tried Laxa-Liver Pills and they done me more good than anything I ever took.

Mamma—You know, Johnny, when mamma whips her little boy she does it for his good.

Johnny—I wish you didn't think so much of me.

Hundreds have testified to the good Petty's Pills have done them.

Mother-in-law (angrily)—I wish I had a million dollars. Son-in-law—Why, mamma?

Mother-in-law—So I could disinherit you.

Eczema Relieved in a day.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment will cure this disgusting skin disease without fail. It will also cure Barber's Itch, Tetter, Salt Rheum, and all skin eruptions. In from three to six nights it will cure Blind, Bleeding, and Itching Piles. One application brings comfort to the most irritating cases. 35 cents.—132

Sold by A. T. Brown.

Mrs. Scrappington—My contempt for you is too deep for words. Mr. Scrappington—I am thankful for that.

The Best Pills.—Mr. Wm. Vandervoort, Sydney Crossing, Ont., writes: "We have been using Parmelee's Pills, and find them by far the best pills we ever used." For delicate and debilitated constitution these pills act like a charm. Taken in small doses, the effect is both a tonic and a stimulant, mildly exciting the secretions of the body, giving tone and vigor.

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.—A. P. Stanley.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Have the courage to be ignorant of many things in order to avoid the calamity of being ignorant of everything.—Sidney Smith.

Anxious mothers find Dr. Low's Worm Syrup the best medicine to expel worms. Children like it—worms don't.

The power of applying attention, steady and undissipated, to a single object, is the sure mark of a superior genius.—Chesterfield.

Nature Revolts Against High Living and it has set its seal to it by adding to man's ailments the scourge of diabetes. Eminent medical men until recently proclaimed it a "no cure" disease, but South American Kidney Cure has knocked down their pat fallacy and has proved itself master of kidney disease in all its forms. Relief in 6 hours.—110

Sold by A. T. Brown.

The mind of the bigot is like the pupil of the eye; the more light you pour upon it the more it will contract.—O. W. Holmes.

Regular action of the bowels is necessary to health. Laxa-Liver Pills are the best occasional cathartic for family or general use. Price 52 cents. Any druggist.

Men are rare.

Attention in the world of home opathic medicine has been its very source of progress, as in politics and religion—the difficulties of opinions and the individuality of men have been parent to the disagreement by which the standard of these bodies have been elevated. So with most of our famous preparations—foremost in illustration of which truth stands the world famous remedy to general debility and languor, "Quinine Wine,"—and, which when obtainable in its genuine strength, is a miraculous creator of appetite, vitality and stimulant, to the general fertility of the system, Quinine Wine, and its improvement, has, from the first discovery of the great virtues of Quinine as a medical agent, been one of the most thoroughly discussed remedies ever offered to the public. It is one of the great tonics and and natural life-living stimulants which the medical profession have been compelled to recognize and prescribe. Messrs. Nordhop and Lyman, of Toronto, have given to the preparation of their pure Quinine Wine the great care due to its importance, and the standard excellence of the article which they offer to the public comes into the market purged of all the defects which skilled observation and scientific opinion has pointed out in the less perfect preparations of the latter.

Stub Proof will outwear two pairs of Ordinary Common Rubbers.

Search the World and you will find nothing better than Stub Proof

Imitated by Every Rubber Manufacturer and Dealer, but no imitation has our specially Manufactured Rope Canvas or Duck, the only fabric which can be thoroughly impregnated with the Para Gum.

When worn out have leather sole put on and use for a Plow Boot.

The J. D. King Co., Limited, have the only genuine Stub Proof Rubber.

Don't buy unless the words Stub Proof are stamped upon the sole of each Rubber; all others are frauds upon the Public.

War Correspondent—"I should like to telegraph home that the commanding general is an idiot."

Censor—"I regret to inform you that we can permit the transmission of no military secrets."

Headache Vanished.

Mrs. E. W. Le Gallais, St. Godfroy, P. Q., says: "I have used Milburn's Sterling Headache Powders for sick headache. After taking two powders I felt better and was able to get up and go on with my work."

How freely you talk about your enemy when he is not present!

Ask your druggist for Petty's Pills. If he hasn't got them write us, enclosing the price, 50 cents, and we will supply you.

There are glimpses of heaven to us in every act, or thought, or word, that raises us above ourselves.—J. R. Lowell.

Professional Men.

It's the constant strain and worry under which the professional man labors, the irregularity of habits and lack of rest that makes him particularly susceptible to kidney troubles. First it's backache, then urinary difficulties, then—unless it's attended to—Bright's Disease and—death.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

Strengthen and invigorate the kidneys—never fail to give quick relief and cure the most obstinate cases.

Rev. M. P. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist Church, Essex, Ont., says: "From my personal use of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at Sharon's drug store, I can say they are a most excellent remedy for kidney troubles, and I recommend them to sufferers from such complaints."

Lady—The dog you sold me last week came very near eating my little boy.

Dealer—Well, you said you wanted a dog that was fond of children, didn't you?

Mrs. Hibbert Beck, Newman, N. B., writes: "I was in bed for weeks with rheumatism and could not move without help. I began taking Milburn's Rheumatic Pills and one box relieved the pain and six boxes completely cured me.

It is surprising how many good schemes fail to work.

There are a number of varieties of corns. Holloway's Corn Cure will remove any of them. Call on your druggist and get a bottle at once.

We should accustom the mind to keep the best company by introducing it only to the best books.—Sydney Smith.

Bob McCready.

Above is a splendid portrait of Bob McCready, one of the best football players in Canada. He is a member of the Ottawa University team, and has been in all of its championship matches. He is a splendid specimen of robust Canadian manhood, but, strong as he is, he has known what it is to suffer from dyspepsia. So seriously afflicted was he at the opening of the past (1899) season, that he was not able to go out with his team. Pains in the back and sides, intermittent headache, and the awful pangs he suffered after eating, the result of an impaired digestion, warned him that he was in no condition to play football, the hardest of all games. Besides, he lacked the energy to carry him through a campaign. He consulted his physician, but that gentleman gave him no relief. "At this stage," he writes, "I was advised to try Dr. Petty's Pills, the new remedy that one of my friends assured me was wonderful in its effects. I was skeptical, but he sounded their praises so persistently that I was at length induced to try them. The very first dose drove the pain away, and at the end of a week I rejoined my team, and I have come through one of our hardest seasons in the best form that I have ever been in. Dr. Petty's Pills are alone to thank for my fine condition. They are the best medicine I have ever taken. They make one so strong and so full of energy. I, for one, shall never take any others when I feel in need of a strengthener." Such is the recommendation of this well known athlete, and such will be the experience of everyone who tries this wonderful remedy. If your druggist cannot supply you, write to us, enclosing price, 50 cents a bottle, six bottles for $2.50. Address The Dr. Petty Medicine Co., Ottawa, Canada.

How Are Your Nerves?

If they are weak and you feel nervous and easily "flustrated," can't sleep, and rise in the morning unrefreshed, your blood is poor. Strong nerves depend upon rich blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the nerves strong by enriching and vitalizing the blood. It gives sweet, refreshing sleep and completely cures nervous troubles. Begin taking it to-day.

Constipation is cured by Hood's Pills.

In youth, grief comes with a rush and overflow, but it dries up too, like the torrent. In the winter of life it remains like a miserable pool, resisting all evaporation.—Madame Swetchine.

If you are a dyspeptic, take Petty's.
If your back aches, take Petty's.
If your head aches, take Petty's.
If you are nervous, take Petty's.
If you are weak, take Petty's.
Petty's will make the sick well.

Every man's life is a fairy tale, written by God's fingers.—Hans Christian Anderson.

It Cures all Creeds.—Here are a few names of clergymen of different creeds who are firm believers in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder to "live up to the preaching" in all it claims. Bishop Sweatman, Rev. Dr. Langley (Episcopalian); Rev. Dr. Withrow and Rev. Dr. Chambers (Methodist); and Dr. Newman, all of Toronto, Canada. Copies of their personal letters for the asking. 50 cts.—105

Sold by A. T. Brown.

I never could believe that Providence had sent a few men into the world, ready booted and spurred to ride, and a million ready saddled and bridled to be ridden.—Richard Rumbold, on the scaffold, 1685.

Chronic Derangement of the stomach, Liver and Blood are speedily removed by the active principle of the ingredients entering into the composition of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. These pills act specifically on the deranged organs, stimulating to action the dormant energies of the system, thereby removing disease and renewing life and vitality to the afflicted. In this lies the great secret of the popularity of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills.

He seems to be a promising young man. Oh, yes; he always has a suit for breach of promise on his hands.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

A good man is the best friend, and, therefore soonest to be chosen, longer to be retained, and, indeed, never to be parted with, unless he cease to be that for which he was chosen.—Jeremy Taylor.

Those Who Endure.

The pains of rheumatism should be reminded that a cure for this disease may be found in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, as the One True Blood Purifer, neutralizes the acid which causes rheumatism. That is why it absolutely cures when liniments and other outward applications fail to give permanent relief.

Soiled floor mattings should be washed in cold salt water, a pint of salt to a gallon of water, a soft cloth being used instead of a brush in applying the wash. Water and corn meal will cleanse especially bad places.

PEOPLE RECOVERING

From Pneumonia, Typhoid or Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, La Grippe or any Serious Sickness

Require the Nerve Toning, Blood Enriching, Heart Sustaining Action of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

It is well known that after any serious illness the heart and nerves are extremely weak and the blood greatly impoverished. For these conditions there is no remedy equals Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. It restores all the vital forces of the body which disease has impaired and weakened.

Mr. T. Barnicoit, Aylmer, Ont., says:—"About a year ago I had a severe attack of La Grippe which left my system in an exhausted condition. I could not regain strength and was very nervous and sleepless at night, and got up in the morning as tired as when I went to bed.

"I had no energy and was in a miserable state of health.

"Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, which I got at Richard's Drug Store here, changed me from a condition of misery to good health. They built up my system, strengthened my nerves, restored brisk circulation of my blood, and made a new man of me.

"I heartily recommend them to any one suffering from the after effects of Grippe, or any other severe illness."

First Boy—Is your father as good as his word?

Second Boy—Better. He often threatens to whip me and then forgets it.

Petty's Pills are small—mere mites—but one is a dose, and every dose counts There are no blanks.

One love drives out another.

MONEY To PATENT Good Ideas may be secured by our aid. Address, THE PATENT RECORD, Baltimore, Md.

He—Bertha, I am going to ask you a question which will have a lasting effect upon my life as you answer it. Bertha dear, will you be a sister to me?

She—No, Charley, I can't do that; but I will be your wife.

Cough of Grippe.

In the spring when grippe was raging I had a bad attack and the cough was so severe that I thought I would cough myself to death. I got a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and it cured me in a surprisingly short time. Mrs. J. H. Myres, Lake's Harbor, N. B.

Tired folks are quarrelsome.

Dr. Petty's never fail to give relief and they cure if given an honest trial.

The rougher a girl's hair looks the longer it took her to comb it that way.

Indigestion Can't Stay where Dr. Vert Stone's Pineapple Tablets are arrayed against it. Thomas Smith, of Dover, Ont., says: "I am delighted with them—from almost the first using I have been entirely relieved of the pains of indigestion—I have the greatest confidence in the Tablets and heartily recommend them to any and every sufferer from stomach troubles." 35 cts.—112

Sold by A. T. Brown.

THE PRESERVATION OF FRUITS.

It may interest many to know that nearly all kinds of fruits are kept nowadays, on occasion, in cold storage, and they may be kept for practically any period. "Winter pears, for example," says the New York *Sun*, "are kept from October to May; oranges are kept six months, and so on, and the list of fruits thus stored has been all the time lengthening. One added within recent years is the cantaloupe, the cold storage of which was begun with the wide extension of the area and latitude of its cultivation in large quantities for market, and the consequent extension of its season, about six years ago. Cantaloupes come in large quantities from as far west as Colorado and as far south as Florida. With the great lengthening of the season of this melon in the market, and the vastly increased receipts, cold storage has been resorted to to save fruit that must otherwise have been left or practically given away. At one cold-storage warehouse in New York city there were put in last year, in the course of the season, fifty carloads of cantaloupes. A fruit not cold stored is the banana, which is shipped green, in keeping condition, to be sold as it ripens. Another fruit, a good keeper, which is not cold stored, is the watermelon, though what is perhaps as how a wrinkle as any is one in connection with the watermelon. While the watermelon is not cold stored for its preservation, it is nowadays put into cold storage to cool it."

MOVING IN THE MATTER.

A gentleman residing near P——, drew the attention of the councillors to a slough on the road as a great nuisance; but having never had any attention paid to his petition, one day found to his amusement two councillors floundering in the mire when he addressed them thus; "I have often petitioned to your honorable body against the slough, but never had any attention paid to my petition. I now come forth to express my delight to see you at last moving in the matter."

B.B.B. Makes Blood Pure.

If the blood is pure the whole body will be healthy.

If the blood is impure the whole system becomes corrupted with its impurities.

Burdock Blood Bitters transforms impure and watery blood into rich pure blood and builds up the health.

Disease germs cannot lurk in the system when B.B.B. is used.

Miss Effie McDonald, Liscomb Mills, Guy Co., N.S., writes: "I have found B.B.B. an excellent remedy for purifying the blood and curing sick headache. I had tried many remedies, but none of them did me much good. B.B.B. has made me so well that I feel like a new woman and I am constantly recommending it to my friends."

Did you ever remark that you always read everything that comes your way about death and old age.

How Much Do You Weigh?

Thinness is wasting. Wasting is tearing down. Scott's Emulsion builds up; it never makes waste. It will give rich blood and bring back your weight.

Don't speak of heart hunger as if beefsteak and potatoes would cure it.

We are spending thousands to make Petty's Pills known. Our money proves our faith. A trial will secure yours.

After struggling all day to give satisfaction to his employer and the people, a man goes home to struggle to give satisfaction to his family.

Dropsy and Heart Disease.—"For ten years I suffered greatly from Heart Disease. Fluttering of the Heart and Smothering Spells made my life a torment. Dropsy set in. My physician told me to prepare for the worst. I tried Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. One dose gave great relief, one bottle cured me completely."—Mrs. James Adams, Syracuse, N.Y.—107

Sold by A. T. Brown.

We suppose that one reason they fold a dead man's hands on his breast to make him look natural is that he was never known to lie with them that way when alive.

That aching head can be instantly relieved by taking one of Milburn's Sterling Headache Powders. 1 powder 5 cents; 3 for 10 cents; 10 for 25 cents.

One wolf does not bite another.

Where others fail, there Dr. Petty's Pills prove their power to cure.

While man is growing, life is in decrease, and cradles rock us nearer to the tomb.—Young.

Here's people free from pain and ache.
Dyspepsia's direful ills,
It is because they always take

Laxa-Liver Pills.

These little pills work while you sleep, without a gripe or pain, curing biliousness, constipation, dyspepsia and sick headache, and making you feel better in the morning.

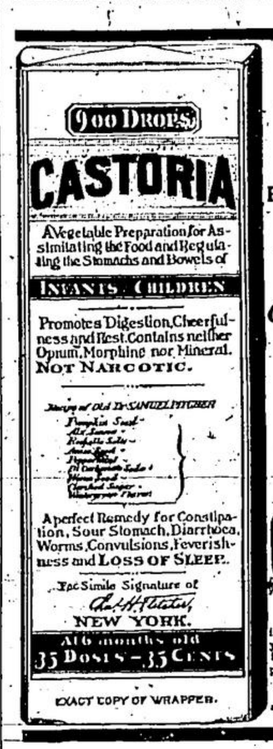
DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP. Heals and soothes the lungs and cures the worst kinds of coughs and colds.

The drying up of a single tear has more of honest fame than shedding seas of gore.—Byron.

Worms affect a child's health too seriously to neglect. Sometimes they cause convulsions and death. If you suspect them to be present, give Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup, which destroys the worms without injuring the child. Price 25 cents.

Hell publicly and buy privately.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.



SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE —OF— Chas. H. Fletcher IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA

Castoria is put up in one-size bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else on the plea or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get C-A-S-T-O-R-I-A.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

GOING WEST.		GOING EAST.	
Mail	10 03 a. m.	Express	6 53 a. m.
Express	7 41 p. m.	Express	10 50 a. m.
Express	5 17 p. m.	Mail	6 19 p. m.
Mail	9 01 p. m.	Mixed	10 05 p. m.

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Going West—9 40 a.m. and 6 40 p.m.
Going East—10 25 a.m. and 5 45 p.m.

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We have just purchased a new stock of Waltham and Elgin Watches in Gold, Gold Filled and Nickel Cases.

Good strong, extra heavy cases with thick glass, for Farmers' sons.

SAVAGE & CO.
WATCH REPAIRERS, GUELPH.

Before Starting on a Journey

Think a moment and save Time and Money.

All You Can Do

By going to see a man of business is to talk with him—unless you wish to break the peace.

You can talk with him just as well by

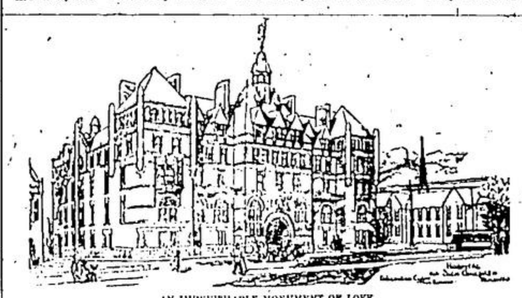
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE

BUILT BY LOVING HEARTS

AND MAINTAINED BY CHARITY.

After a Brave Struggle with an Overwhelming Debt the Hospital for Sick Children is Within Sight of Freedom — Only $10,000 Required to Free It.

Eight years ago the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, was in a most precarious financial position. Only a few sanguine friends believed that the huge debt of over $106,000 would ever be lifted from it. A prominent Montreal financier, when asked to loan money and hold as security a mortgage the hospital, smiled to the suitability of the building for "charity purposes." Perhaps it was his remarks as much as anything else that helped the brave ones who stood by the hospital. The very idea of such a possibility stirred the hearts and pierced the efforts of those to whom the Hospital work had become dear. Taking the responsibility of the load upon their own shoulders the trustees of the Sick Children's Hospital appealed to the generous hearts of a rich province—Ontario.



AN IMPERISHABLE MONUMENT OF LOVE.

Here is a Hospital—they told it through the newspapers—which throws open its doors in answer to the cry of any sick child. A Hospital that has nursed and cured thousands of helpless and crippled children; a Hospital equipped as is no other institution of its kind in the world. Shall a charity so sweet and deserving be forced to close its doors by a mortgage who thinks it might do for a mill?

That was eight years ago. Not before nor since has a single sick child been refused admission to the Hospital. A staff of doctors and a corps of trained nurses are there during the day and the long watches of the night—tenderly and skilfully caring for the little ones given into their care by fond, anxious parents. Little children are brought to the Hospital from all parts of the province. Every town and township has been represented during the past quarter century. The fame of its great healing powers has been told in many a humble home—for during twenty-five years 49,000 sick children have been taken care of. Some of the little ones treated in those early days are strong, healthy men and women to-day.

Last year the Hospital roll numbered 7,776 patients. Some spent days and weeks in the cots at the Hospital. Others came for a few days while many were brought to the doors of the Hospital in the arms of their mothers and received such medicine and advice as to speedily effect a cure in their own homes.

More than one-third of the little children admitted to the Hospital wards came from places outside the city. The people in the province have helped the Hospital in a generous manner. Many splendid gifts are received from friends outside Toronto.

It costs over $30,000 each year to maintain the Hospital. About $100 a day is needed to pay food, medicine, surgical appliances and nursing for this army of little ones—146 patients being in the cots at the end of this fiscal year.

An appeal is being made by the Hospital Trustees this year for $10,000—the sum required to entirely free the Hospital of its debt. They issue the appeal to their friends throughout the province. In a letter to the editor of this paper Mr. J. Ross Robertson says that the Hospital has many well-wishers among our readers who have given practical voice to their sympathy in past years. He believes that they will respond cheerily and generously this year to the call for help. They want to end the century free of debt—That on the morning of the first day of the Twentieth Century there shall stand free, a monument to man's generosity to countless sick children—an imperishable gift of love from the men and women of the Nineteenth Century to little ones specially confided to our care.

SOME FINE PATIENTS. (From a Photo.)

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