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Aid Foster Mothers For Christmas Gifts

Mr. W. G. McKenzie Robinson presided at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors in the Society of office, Milton on November 16th. The following members were in attendance: Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mrs. A. J. Orr, Mrs. V. Norris, Mrs. C. McIntyre, Mrs. J. E. Whitham, Mrs. H. A. Sheriff, Mr. W. G. McKenzie Robinson, Mr. Murray Mahon, Dr. H. V. Cran-

field, Rev. A. J. Calder and the superintendent G. F. Thompson.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. A. J. Calder of Georgetown. The accounts for the month of October amounting to \$2,195.63 were approved. It was decided to send cheques to the foster mothers to assist in making a happy Christmas for children in their care.

The Board accepted the kind offer of office space each Tuesday afternoon in the Municipal Offices, Col-

borne Street West, Oakville. Instructions were issued that a letter of appreciation be sent to the officials of St. John's United Church, Oakville, thanking them for their kindness in providing office space for the Society during the past year and a half.

In accordance with the New Child Welfare Act which goes into effect on January 1st, 1955 it was decided, by resolution, to have the Society books audited for the year ending December 31st, 1954.

May Build Again as Peel Hospital Crowded

Although it is just five years since Peel Memorial Hospital at Brampton, added a new 38 bed wing to meet the growing needs of the district it serves, a further expansion in the not far distant future may be found necessary.

At a recent meeting of the Hospital Board, the matter of serious over-

crowding was again brought to the attention of the Board and the question of adding a new wing or other extension was discussed.

It was felt that the matter warranted careful investigation before any plans could be formulated or any action taken. This resulted in the appointment by President R. L. Blain, of a special fact finding committee representing the Board of Governors who will together as a Joint Committee, with representatives of the Medical Staff. The Board's representatives on that joint committee, are Mrs. John Davidson, Messrs D. W. Duggan, N. Duncan, W. Misener, R. McArter, C. V. Charters, chairman, along with the Administrator, Miss Hilditch and the president, R. L. Blain, as ex-officio members. Medical staff will be represented by Drs. W. W. Bartlett, W. S. Caldwell and Bruce Freed.

In spite of the 38 beds added in 1949, the hospital has for the past two years been hard pressed to accommodate all the patients seeking admission. As an indication of the overcrowding, it was pointed out to the members of the Board at its last meeting, that in the calendar year 1953, a total of 548 patients, or over 10 per week, had to be admitted to the corridors as there were no rooms available at time of their admission.

This year has seen no abatement, but rather a further increase. For the ten and a half months to November 10th, 1954, the total admitted to corridors has been 602, an average of almost 13 per week for the 46 week period. This represents an increase of between 25 and 30 per cent if the same ratio continues for the remaining six weeks of the year, as seems probable.

While it is quite true patients admitted to the corridors are not allowed to remain there for long and are removed to the desired accommodation as soon as it is available, the Board realizes it is not a satisfactory condition and cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely.

On the other hand the Hospital Administrator and Trustees are cognizant of the fact that two new hospitals, South Peel and Queensway, will be erected next year, and that Orangeville, Oakville and Weston, also all neighbouring hospitals, are extending their present buildings.

How far this additional hospital accommodation in adjacent areas may go to relieve the situation here, and whether or not such possible relief from these means will be more than offset by the continued population growth in Brampton and the rest of the area served by our Community Hospital, are questions to which the Special Fact Finding Committee just set up will seek to find answers before launching any plans for further extension.

As all this will take considerable time to determine, it behooves the committee, Doctors and Trustees to get to work on their investigation immediately and keep the public informed of developments. As a growing Community and District, Peel Memorial must keep pace with this growth in the matter of hospitalization just as it is doing and must continue to do in providing schools for the education of our children.

Dispersal Sale

of a choice, hard of dairy cattle. The undersigned has received instructions from **REUBEN EVANS** to sell by public auction at his farm Lot 32 on the Fifth Line of Esqueping and bordering on the Erin Esqueping town line on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th** Starting at 1.30 o'clock, the following:

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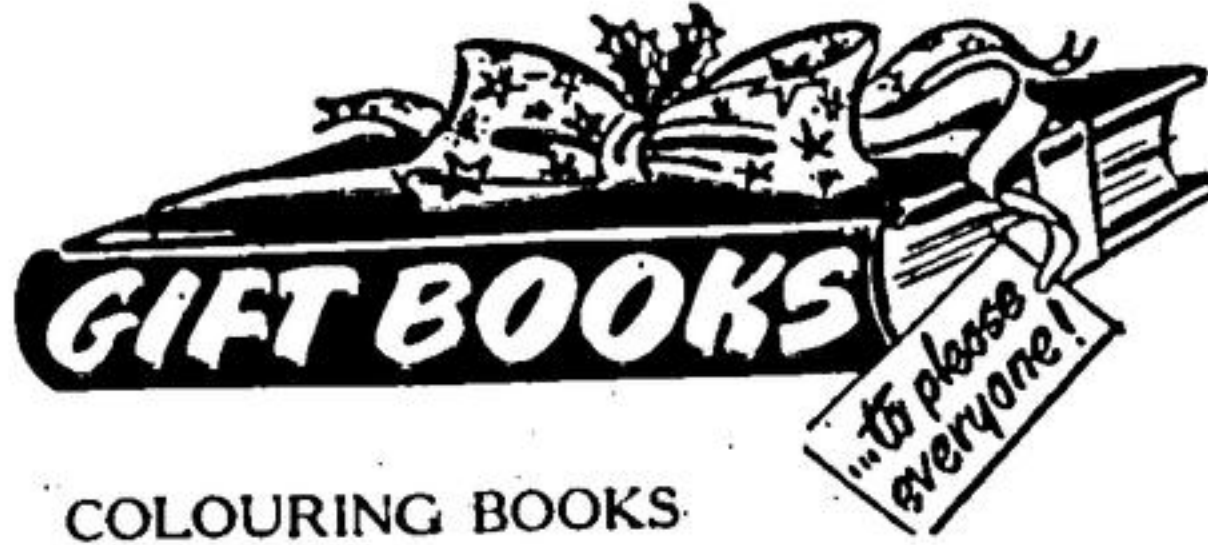
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