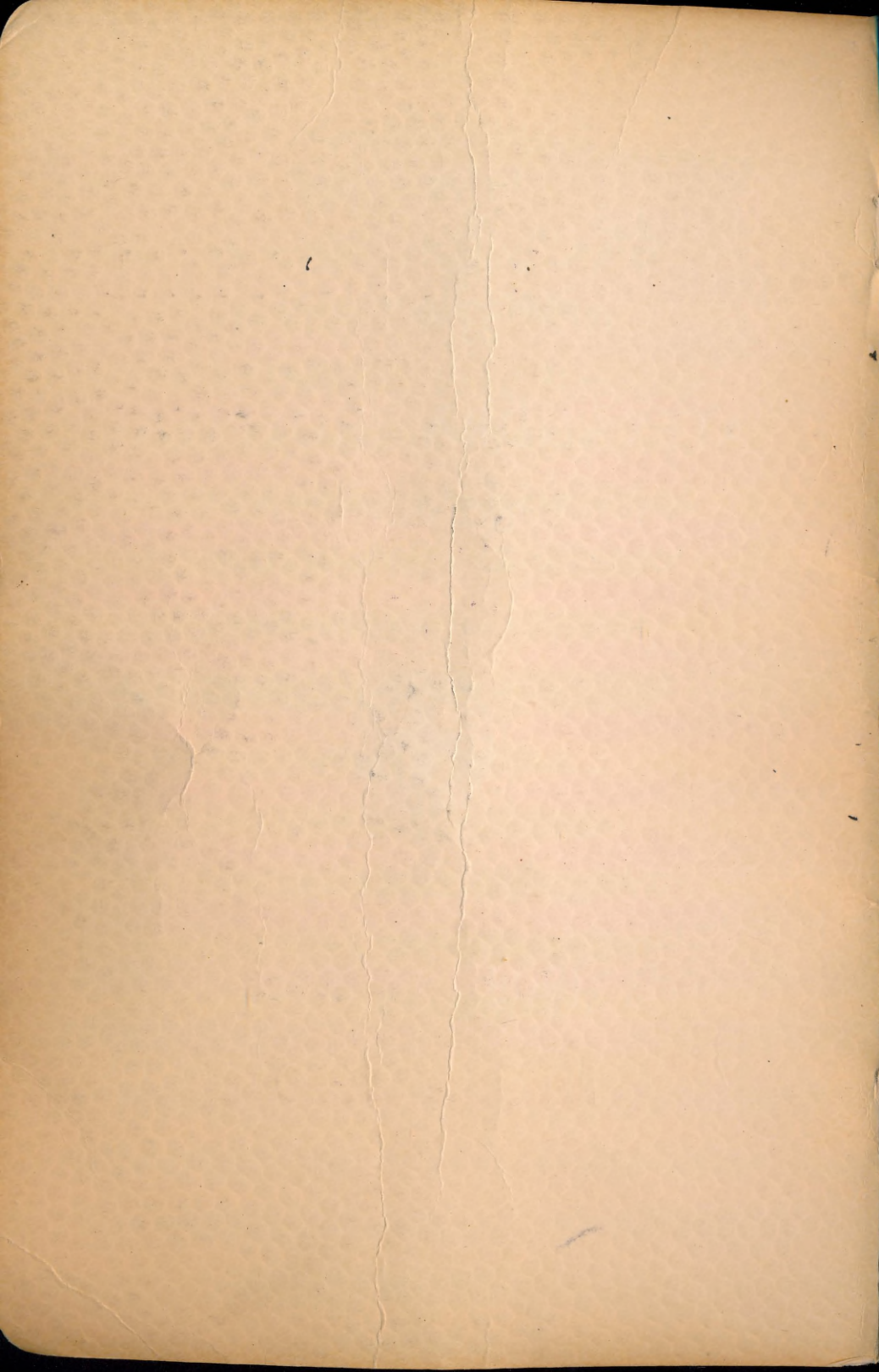


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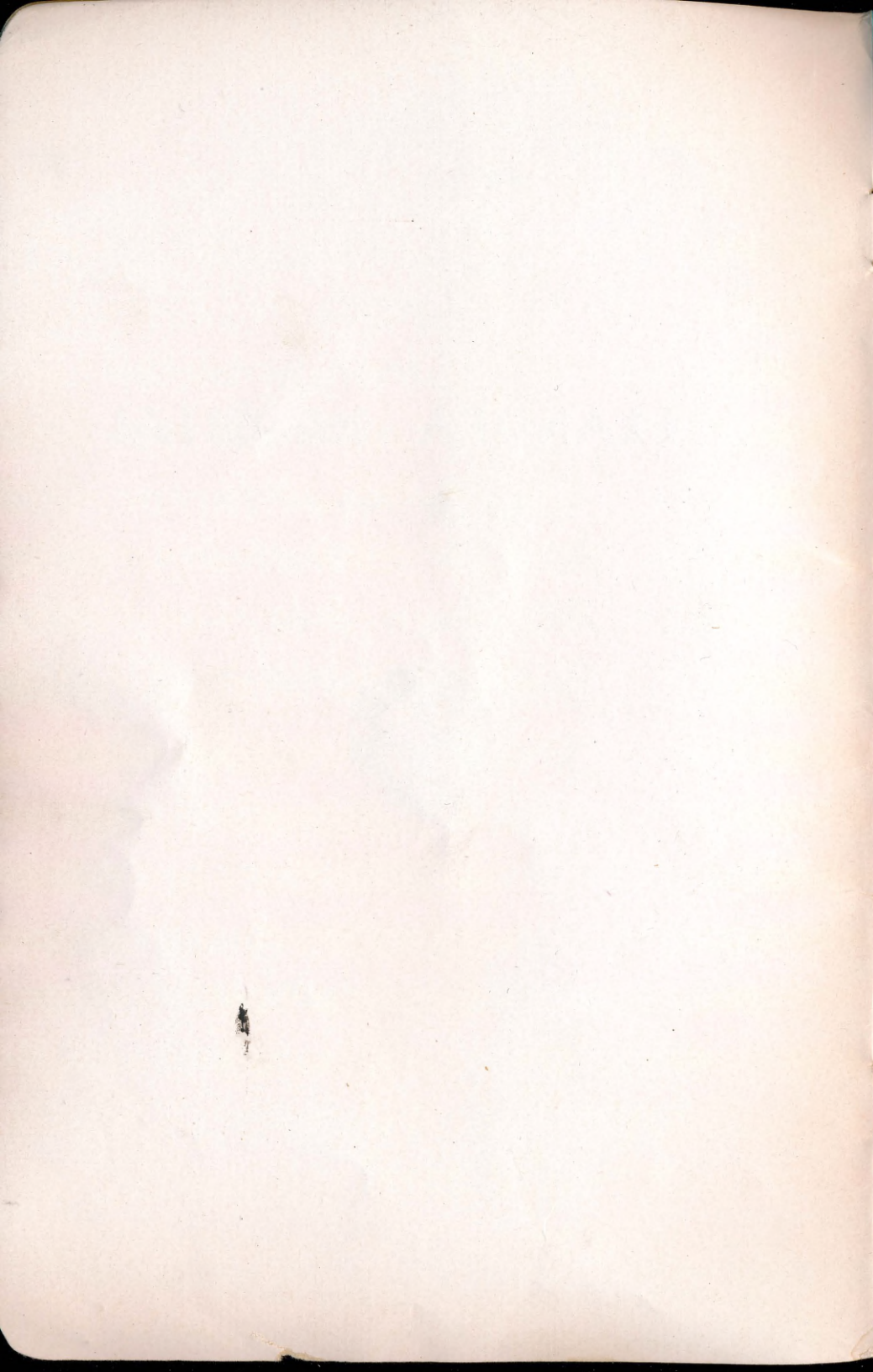


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To the memory of the Founders

of

ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

this book is gratefully dedicated

by

The Women's Auxiliary

FOREWORD

This booklet conceived and published by The Women's Auxiliary offers a study in contrasts.

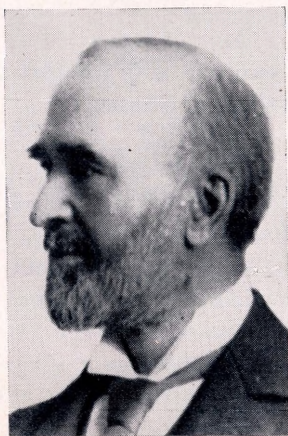
Pictured is the Old and the New. The Old Alexandra Hospital was established in 1909 by a band of resolute founders in one of Ingersoll's historic old residences. The New Alexandra Hospital now stands beside the Old, and while certainly not devoid of beauty, was planned to utilize the vast knowledge gained in the past forty years on how to make sick people well. A comparison of the two buildings emphasizes the opportunity now open to our Hospital and medical staffs to cure illness and relieve suffering.

However in reading of the struggle of the founders of the Old Hospital, we realize that in many respects history is repeating itself. It required just as much and perhaps even more resourcefulness and determination to initiate a Hospital project in Ingersoll forty years ago. Certainly no higher honour could be paid to this book, nor to the occasion of the opening of the New Hospital, than to dedicate both to the memory of the founders of Alexandra Hospital.

High praise is due The Women's Auxiliary and particularly Miss Effie Bower, assisted by Miss Alice Walker, who did the research work and editing of this booklet. They have preserved an important and timely story.

Perhaps forty years from now some kind and charitable person will record the story of the founders of the New Alexandra Hospital opened in 1950.

ROYDEN G. START
Chairman, Board of Trustees



JAMES NOXON



ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL, 1909

THE NOXON HOME

For nearly a century the name of Noxon has been a household word in Ingersoll. In the early 1850's James Noxon came to Ingersoll and established the Noxon Implement Company and by 1872 this company was employing between two and three hundred men—the most important firm in town. Their farm machinery became world-famous, being sent far and wide, not only across Canada and United States, but to the British Isles and the countries of Europe as well.

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Chronicle*

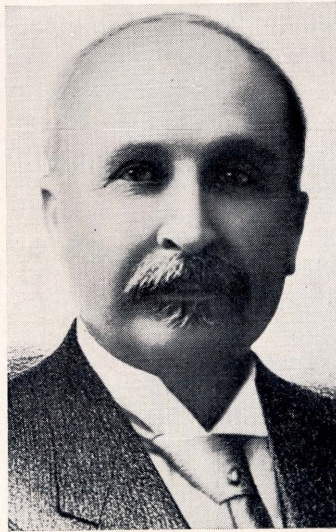
In 1874 the late James Noxon built a palatial, castle-like residence on the street which now bears his name. With a beautiful background of a finely-wooded park which in autumn bursts into a brilliant blaze of glory, it was considered one of the beauty spots of Ingersoll. For a quarter of a century the Noxon home was the centre of the social life of Ingersoll. Some local ladies even now recall with a thrill of pleasure more than one occasion when, as belles of that age, they graced the brilliantly lighted ball-room of the beautiful house on the hill. The gracious hospitality of the Noxons was enjoyed by many noted personages including Sir Wilfrid Laurier when he visited Ingersoll in 1895.

This magnificent property was later purchased and occupied as a home by the late Dr. Angus McKay, beloved physician in Ingersoll and vicinity for many years, and still held very dear in the memory of many of the older residents, for his personality, generosity, sympathy and integrity. He was known in Toronto, where he served in the Provincial Legislature sixteen years, as "the handsome member from South Oxford".



DR. J. M. ROGERS

Leading spirit in the founding of Alexandra Hospital and member of the Board of Directors for many years.



DR. ANGUS MCKAY

Who gave generous financial assistance in the founding of the Hospital and member of the original Medical Staff.

THE GROWING NEED OF A HOSPITAL IN INGERSOLL

For years the need in Ingersoll for a public hospital had been growing. The only service obtainable up to 1909 was that of private hospitals and private nurses. A sanitorium, the former Watterworth property on Oxford Avenue, with Miss Sharpe, a trained nurse as supervisor, and Miss Kate Ryan as her assistant, proved fairly satisfactory for a time but it was not what was really desired.

The idea of establishing a hospital in Ingersoll took root late in 1908 and was vigorously promoted by the medical fraternity with Dr. J. M. Rogers actively participating. He in turn received the whole-hearted support of such public-spirited men as Joseph Gibson, postmaster; Thomas Seldon, exporter; John E. Boles, merchant; Stephen Noxon, manufacturer; George Naylor, merchant; and J. Anderson Coulter of the Morrow Company.

PLANS LAID FOR FOUNDING A HOSPITAL IN INGERSOLL

On January 28, 1909, a group of representative citizens met in the council chamber to consider purchase of property which might be converted into a hospital. Properties under consideration included the George Christopher property on Thames Street North, the Kirkwood property on Thames Street South, and the Dr. McKay property on Noxon Street. Among those present at this meeting were Doctors J. M. Rogers, J. A. Neff, James B. Coleridge, and D. W. Carroll; Messrs, J. Anderson Coulter, J. D. Knapp, Wm. E. Elliott, W. F. Johnston, Raymond Hutt, Frank Bain, Fred Richardson, A. H. Ellis, C. C. L. Wilson, Charles O'Neill, Mayor George Sutherland, and Reeve Sands M. Fleet. Dr. J. M. Rogers was in the chair.

Dr. McKay stated he would sell for \$8,000, reserving the stable and also the field on the east side containing the cottage, he would give all the gas and electric light fixtures, the two ranges and a 90-gallon hot-water boiler, also the book-case in the library for the use of the hospital, and he would contribute \$2,000. to the building fund. In case the stable be removed, he would erect a shed sufficiently large to accommodate four horses.

Dr. McKay's offer was accepted, and a committee to solicit money to buy the home was appointed as follows: Doctors Rogers, Coleridge and Neff; Messrs. C. C. L. Wilson, Walter Mills, W. F. Johnston, J. Anderson Coulter, A. H. Ellis, and F. W. Bain. At this meeting, the following suggestions were discussed:

- (1) that Town Council should make a grant,
- (2) that churches set aside a hospital Sunday,
- (3) that factories should be solicited with the hope that each firm would match subscription of men.

The generous response of citizens soon indicated they were heartily in accord with the project, and establishment of a hospital in Ingersoll became an assured fact. A committee was appointed to procure necessary forms and information from the Provincial Secretary's department in connection with formation of a Hospital Trust.

THE FORMING OF THE ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL TRUST

At a meeting on April 29, 1909, it was decided, at the suggestion of Dr. McKay, that the name of the hospital be "Alexandra", in honour of Queen Alexandra, wife of the reigning sovereign. The following gentlemen were appointed provisional directors: Thomas Seldon, Stephen Noxon, Mayor George Sutherland, Raymond Hutt, Joseph Gibson, George Naylor, and John E. Boles. This group was empowered to take necessary steps to obtain a charter under direction of legal advisor J. L. Paterson. As the campaign for funds continued W. C. Forman, merchant, advertised that ten per cent of all his sales for one month would be donated to the hospital fund. June 8, 1909, Town Council made a grant of \$1,000, and Dr. Rogers reported that \$8,000 had been secured by subscription to date.



GEORGE SUTHERLAND
First President



JOSEPH GIBSON
Vice-President



R. J. ROBERTSON
Treasurer



RAYMOND B. HUTT
Secretary

At a general meeting of subscribers June 25, 1909, the following permanent directors were appointed: George Sutherland, Raymond Hutt, Joseph Gibson, Stephen Noxon, Thomas Seldon, John E. Boles, George Naylor. Subsequently these officers were elected for 1909-1910:

President	-	-	-	George Sutherland
Vice-President	-	-	-	Joseph Gibson
Treasurer	-	-	-	R. J. Robertson
Secretary	-	-	-	Raymond B. Hutt

OPENING OF ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

SEPTEMBER 22, 1909

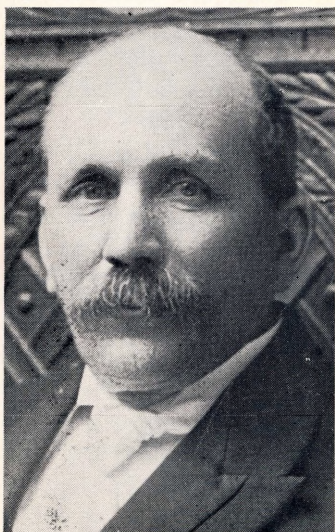
The work of converting the residence into a hospital was well under way during the summer of 1909, and the formal opening took place September 22. This was a happy occasion in the lives of Ingersoll residents. Hundreds inspected the hospital, and to many it was a revelation. It still retained much of its home-like atmosphere, as the alterations necessary to convert it into a hospital had been slight, and yet in equipment and facilities in general, it was considered "a complete and modern hospital in every sense of the term". There were sixteen rooms and accommodation for twenty-five patients.

Mayor George Sutherland, energetic president of the Trust, gave the address of welcome, and voiced hearty appreciation of assistance from those in all walks of life bringing this project to maturity. Postmaster Joseph Gibson made an earnest appeal for financial assistance. Including generous contributions from W. C. Noxon, son of the former owner of the building, and from Malcolm Schell, M.P. for South Oxford, around \$650 was contributed the day of the opening.

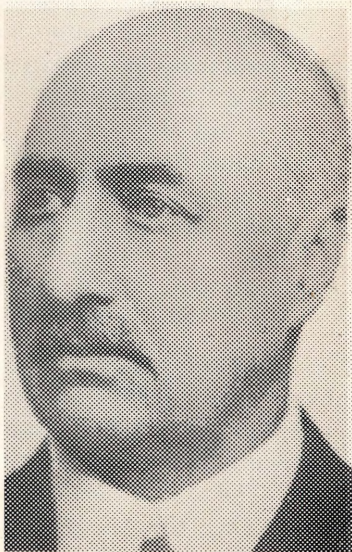
Visitors toured the various wards. One was furnished by the Missionary Circle of King's Daughters, as a public ward for women, another four-bed ward was furnished by Lady Dufferin Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. On the second floor there were some beautiful private wards: the Mary A. Coulter Ward, furnished by J. Anderson Coulter in



STEPHEN NOXON



THOMAS SELDON



JOHN E. BOLES

Three members of the original Board of Directors

memory of his mother; the Louise Noxon Ward, furnished by Mrs. Stephen Noxon in memory of her daughter; the Morrow Ward, furnished by Mrs. John Morrow; and the Ingersoll Collegiate Ward. Mr. W. C. Noxon supplied the furnishings for the Reception Room. Fraternal organizations and industrial plants contributed largely toward equipment of public wards.

THE FIRST YEAR

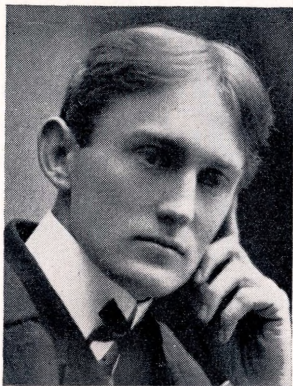
The first patient, Thomas Pettit, arrived September 23, 1909, and the first operation was performed the next day, by Dr. J. M. Rogers. In the secretary's first annual report, for the year ending September 30, 1910, the following were listed as members of the original medical staff: Dr. I. R. Walker, Dr. A. McKay, Dr. J. A. Neff, Dr. J. B. Coleridge, Dr. D. W. Carroll, Dr. F. D. Canfield, Dr. J. M. Rogers and Dr. Ralph Williams. Dr. Williams is the only surviving member of this original staff.

Special mention was made of the gift of a piano from the late William Watterworth. The report showed that the superintendent, Miss Ada C. Hodges, had filled the position very satisfactorily and the nurses had performed their duties in a manner indicating full realization of the responsibilities of their noble calling. The Medical Staff had given not only very willing service, but also fine financial assistance as well.

One hundred and twenty patients were treated in the hospital during the first year in contrast to one thousand and sixty-five in 1949. In the life of the hospital nearly 20,000 patients were treated.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

In 1916, a bequest in the will of the late Dr. D. W. Carroll enabled the Trust to build a new wing to the hospital. Dr. Carroll was a member of one of the earliest pioneer families of Ingersoll, his father having received a grant of land from the Crown. The doctor had been severely burned on the night of Ingersoll's big fire in 1872, when he attempted to rescue a valuable horse from a burning stable. He was known throughout the community for his generosity and sympathy, and his



DR. J. D. McDONALD
Member of Medical Staff for many years



DR. JAMES B. COLERIDGE
Member of Medical Staff, 1909

kindly interest in children. It had been Dr. Carroll's wish that the new wing be used as a Sick Children's Hospital, but it was found necessary to make other plans.

The first baby born in Alexandra Hospital was Roy Alexander Brookfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brookfield, Ingersoll. He was born on March 11, 1911, and Dr. Ralph Williams attended. Roy Brookfield now works at Morrow Screw and Nut Company, and still has the silver cup presented to him by the Hospital Trust on the occasion of his birth.

On February 22, 1916, the first twins were born in Alexandra Hospital. They were Elizabeth and Margaret Taylor, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor, and they were also presented with silver loving-cups. The proud father was chemist at William Stone Sons, Ltd. Dr. Ralph Williams again attended.

March 27, 1944, for the first time triplets were born in the local hospital. They were Nancy Marguerite, Alice Grace, and Joyce Mabel, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Alderson, R.R. 1, Thamesford. Dr. C. A. Osborn attended.

In 1917 the first X-ray machine was installed. Spurgeon Poole, of Folden's, contributed \$1,000 to make this equipment possible. Dr. Jupp of Woodstock was appointed to operate it.

Between 1923 and 1928 many improvements were made. A new electric range and electrically-equipped sterilizer were installed. Miss Hodges' brother presented an electric dish-washing machine. A garage was built, parking space arranged and shrubs planted about the grounds. A course in dietetics was arranged for the nurses-in-training and a Miss Brown, a professional dietitian, was engaged to give a series of lectures. Lady Dufferin Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, presented a Union Jack. Membership of the Trust was increased from eight to ten. In December, 1928, a tuberculosis clinic was established. Alexandra Hospital became a member of the Ontario Hospital Association.

Between 1929 and 1932 additional equipment for surgical work was installed. For some time the Board had been considering the advisability of admitting women to the member-



ROYDEN G. START, K.C.

President Board of Directors 1937, 1939-1941, 1946-1950



JOHN E. GAYFER

Member of Board for 27 years.
President 1925, 1928, 1931,
1932, 1935



R. W. GREEN

Secretary-Treasurer
1930-1950

VERY ACTIVE IN THE BUILDING OF THE NEW
HOSPITAL

ship of the Trust. Finally, at the annual meeting in 1929, two ladies, Mrs. Verne Meek and Mrs. W. F. Drum, were added to the Board. In 1930, owing to impaired health, Miss Hodges, the superintendent, was granted two months' leave of absence, and Miss Janet Pringle, an Ingersoll graduate, was appointed Acting Superintendent.

NURSES' RESIDENCE PROPOSED

The question of a nurses' residence had been pending for some time but, after much consideration, building of such a home was not considered feasible. In 1934, however, it was decided to rent the Dean property on Thames Street South as a Nurses' Residence. By January, 1935, preparations were well under way for the opening, and Miss Sadie Uren was appointed supervisor. The Trust was to be responsible for the rent and the Women's Auxiliary for the cost of operation.

In 1935 Dr. J. M. Rogers, in recognition of his valuable services to the hospital, was made a member of the Trust. Miss Tilling, a nurse experienced in operating work, was placed in charge of the operating room and appointed assistant to Miss Hodges. In 1936 a chest clinic on the first Wednesday of each month was inaugurated. In 1937 Dr. Rowson was appointed to take charge of the X-ray machine until the return of Dr. Jupp, who had gone on an extended holiday.

In June, 1937, after 28 years' continuous service, Miss Hodges resigned. Miss Loretta Anglin was appointed acting superintendent until October 1, 1937, when Mrs. Elizabeth Duff of Welland became superintendent. In November, 1937, Messrs. George Sutherland and J. E. Gayfer, in view of outstanding service on the Hospital Trust, were made honorary members.

Between 1938 and 1950 Mr. T. N. Dunn and Mr. R. G. Start have been the efficient presidents of the Board of Trustees. In 1942 a laboratory was installed. The superintendent and her assistant gradually took over the minor X-ray work, and Dr. Rowsom continued to take charge of chest and other important cases. There was an acute shortage of nurses, and it was found necessary to increase salaries. The rates for patients then had to be increased as this was the only source of revenue to meet the additional cost. Shortage of housing for nurses was tem-

porarily met by renting rooms in the home of Mrs. F. N. Horton, Oxford Street. In January, 1943, Mrs. Duff tendered her resignation and Miss Anglin again took charge until Miss Geraldine Copeland was appointed superintendent March 6, 1943.

GROWING NEED OF A NEW HOSPITAL

The war years were the hospital's most difficult. Coupled with the ever-increasing number of patients seeking treatment, and resulting serious over-crowding, was the inability to get sufficient staff to operate the hospital to its fullest. Almost every available person was either in the forces or in war industry. However, the Trust advertised for volunteers from women's and other organizations, and the people of Ingersoll and area came to the rescue, some offering full-time help, others, part-time. And the hospital was able to get by, though repairs had to be made continually to both building and equipment.

The need for a new, bigger, modern hospital to serve Ingersoll and the surrounding territory was becoming more and more apparent.

In 1942, the Medical Staff with Dr. C. C. Cornish as president suggested to the Trust that local industries be approached for donations toward a new hospital. In January, 1944, it was decided that the incoming Board of Trustees should be urged to appoint a committee to proceed with concrete plans to promote erection of a new hospital. In February, 1944, the Board of Trustees appointed the "New Hospital Building Committee" for the purpose of devising ways and means, giving publicity and promoting the objective of erecting a new hospital. This committee was composed of: J. M. Malcolm, K. R. Daniel, R. G. Start, Mrs. James Baxter, Dr. C. C. Cornish, and Dr. J. W. Counter. In March Ingersoll's Town Council made an additional grant of \$1,000.

In April Miss Copeland resigned and in January, 1945, Mrs. R. L. Smith, of Forest, took over and still remains, a most efficient superintendent.

A number of representative citizens were added to the "New Hospital Building Committee", which proceeded to canvass local industries for financial assistance. In October, 1945, a

deputation from the Lions' Club of Ingersoll, including Victor Brooks, V. G. Shipton, Percy Tuck and A. G. Murray waited on the Trust and pledged their full co-operation, moral, physical, and financial, to raise funds for a new hospital. The Lions had accumulated surplus funds they wished to subscribe toward the project. The Board sincerely appreciated this offer, and in turn voted to subscribe \$20,000 from the Hospital's reserve funds. Mr. Allan Horton was appointed the Board's representative to co-operate with, and assist the Lions in their campaign.

In March, 1946, the County Council set aside \$8,750 for the proposed new hospital, and recommended that the Councils of 1947, 1948, and 1949 set aside a like amount for the same purpose. In November, 1946, preparations were made to submit the new Hospital question to the ratepayers. Members of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Women's Auxiliary assisted materially in getting out the vote on the question "Are you in favour of the council granting \$150,000, and the issuing of debentures therefor, to Alexandra Hospital for the purpose of assisting in the building of a new hospital at an estimated cost of \$275,000?" On December 9, 1946, the vote carried 1038 to 414.

At the annual meeting of the Trust, Feb. 9, 1949, election of Trustees resulted as follows: R. G. Start, President; R. W. Green, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. F. H. Adams, Mrs. James Baxter, W. E. Cragg, T. N. Dunn, R. S. Foster, C. J. Hines, Allan Horton, A. E. Izzard. A committee consisting of R. S. Foster, chairman, Mrs. Baxter and Allan Horton was appointed to make arrangements for the laying of the cornerstone Wednesday, March 16, 1949. It was a snowy day but hundreds turned out for this significant occasion in the life of the new hospital. Allan Horton acted as chairman in the absence of Mr. Start, who was ill. The invocation was given by Rev. G. W. Murdoch, president of the Ministerial Association, and K. R. Daniel, of Ingersoll, M.P. for Oxford, spoke, and brought a message from Hon. Paul Martin, minister of health. After Mr. T. N. Dunn, long associated with the hospital, had placed the copper box containing documents, photographs, coins and other

articles of interest in it, Mr. Green laid the cornerstone for the new hospital. The mayor, Dr. J. G. Murray, lauded the people for making the hospital possible, and Mrs. P. M. Dewan, the president of the Women's Auxiliary, gave a stirring message.

It is of interest to know precisely what went into the box that went into the stone: a copy of the first annual report of the hospital, 1910; a copy of the latest report, 1949; The Ingersoll Tribune, edition of March 10, 1949; Sentinel-Review, special Ingersoll section of March 10, 1949, and edition of March 15, 1949; list of patrons whose generosity made furnishing of the hospital possible; copy of the program on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone; photograph of the Board of Trustees, and another of the medical staff; photograph of the superintendent, Mrs. R. Lee Smith; latest issue of Canadian and Newfoundland postage stamps and coins (it being the year of Newfoundland coming into confederation); old Canadian coins and 25 cent script, and the signatures of the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent and Mrs. St. Laurent, as Honorary Patrons. (Prime Minister and Mrs. St. Laurent had stopped for a few moments in Ingersoll a few days earlier and Mrs. Dewan had secured the signatures.)



MR. R. W. GREEN

Active member of the Board of Directors for more than 25 years, lays corner-stone of new Hospital.



MR. T. N. DUNN

Active member of the Board of Directors for the past 20 years and President in 1934, 1938 and 1942-1945, deposits box in corner-stone.



GROUP AT LAYING OF CORNER-STONE

Left to Right: Dr. J. G. Murray, Mayor of Ingersoll; Rev. G. W. Murdoch, President of the Ministerial Association; Mrs. P. M. Dewan, President of the Women's Auxiliary; Mr. K. R. Daniel, M.P. for Oxford; and Mr. Allan Horton, Chairman of the Building Committee.



ALLAN HORTON

THE NEW ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

BY ALLAN HORTON

Chairman of the Building Committee

The new hospital is as modern in design and equipment as it is possible for the builder's art to make it. The essentials such as heating plant, kitchen and laundry are sufficiently large should the occasion for expansion arise.

On the ground floor are dining-rooms and lounges for nurses and staff, also the laboratory. The nurses' dining-room and lounge are so arranged that they may be combined into one large room suitable for meetings. The out-patient division with its emergency operating room is on this floor, also the X-Ray department. Three separate X-Ray services have been installed, the T.B. Chest X-Ray, which, it is hoped, will serve every patient entering the hospital; the emergency X-Ray for

fractures; and the main X-Ray, the last mentioned having been placed at a cost of almost \$10,000 and capable of doing the most difficult work.

On the main floor we find the admittance and administrative offices and a fine Board Room to the north of the main lobby. Each floor has a compact utility section consisting of a flower room, diet kitchen, utility room and wash-room, all sections being built directly above or below each other in order to obtain the most economical plumbing. On this floor are three four-bed wards, six two-bed wards, and four private rooms, each two being connected by a lavatory.

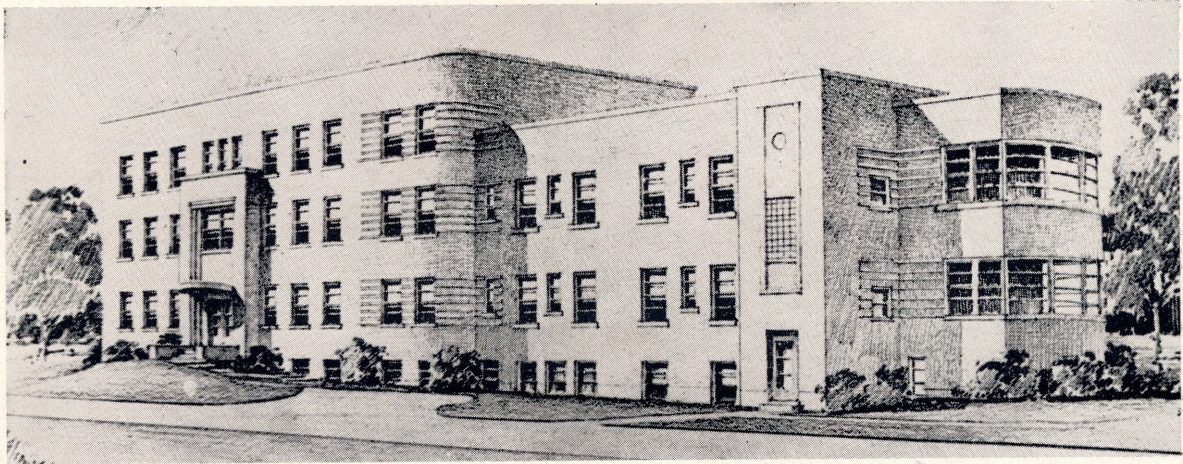
The second floor has two four-bed wards, four two-bed wards, and four private wards. On this floor is a very compact and modern obstetrical division with the most up-to-date conveniences and facilities. The pride and joy of this floor is the beautiful nursery containing fourteen baby cubicles, each of which is a glass-partitioned completely equipped unit. The nursery has fine viewing windows for the use of proud parents and friends, and the whole division is separated from the rest of the floor by double swing doors opening only one way.

The third floor has not been completed, but has been arranged so that fourteen more beds, if necessary, may be added at a minimum expense. On this floor are the usual utility section, one four-bed ward, two two-bed wards, and a surgical section. Of this last division we are particularly proud. It consists of two operating theatres, major and minor, complete sterilizing and clean-up facilities, and nurses' and doctors' rest rooms. Everything in this section has been chosen with the utmost care, after consultation with our doctors. Here again, for best protection, the surgical section is kept entirely separate from the rest of the floor by double doors.

There are two main stairways, one at either end, and a large semi-automatic elevator placed about the centre of the building, and serving all floors. The building is served by electricity and gas, and is steam heated by stoker-fed coal furnaces. It has been made as fire-proof as possible, the only wood

used to any extent being that in the doors. Complete fire-fighting equipment is installed on all floors, and, in addition, for better service, there is a direct line to the fire-hall. In case of a hydro cut-off, an emergency lighting unit will furnish light for the operating rooms, the obstetrical room, every third light in the corridors, and all emergency exit lights; and in addition will furnish power for the water circulator, stokers and elevator.

This beautiful buff brick building has been designed with the greatest care, after close contact with Provincial Department of Health officials, and has been built of the best materials by a competent contractor. As a whole it is extremely compact and complete. No necessary expense that would make for efficiency and service has been spared. We feel that it is complete in every detail and equipped to give the most modern treatment.



NEW ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL, 1950



1950 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

Back Row, Left to Right: R. S. Foster, John Mitchell, T. N. Dunn, C. J. Hines, Thomas Pellow, Reeve of West Oxford and County Representative on Board, Dr. G. H. Emery, Dr. C. A. Osborn, Medical Representative on Building Committee.

Front Row: Mrs. F. H. Adams, A. E. Izzard, R. G. Start, A. R. Horton, R. W. Green, Mrs. James Baxter.



THE FIRST SUPERINTENDENT

MISS ADA C. HODGES 1909-1937

On September 1, 1909, Miss Ada C. Hodges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hodges of London, Ontario, became Superintendent of Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll. A splendid disciplinarian, possessing a charming personality, and having had wide experience in hospitals in United States and Canada, Miss Hodges was highly qualified in every respect for the responsible position.

Graduating from West Side Hospital, Chicago, in 1901, she remained in United States for three years following her graduation, and also took a post-graduate course in surgery. During her nursing experience in Chicago Miss Hodges assisted the world-renowned Dr. Lorenze, of Vienna, the "bloodless" operator for hip disease, when he visited America. For five years previous to coming to Ingersoll she followed nursing in her home city. The valuable service she rendered in this community can hardly be calculated. It was her untiring efforts and

close application to duty which have given the institution the efficiency to serve this community as it has for the past forty years.

On completing her twenty-fifth year as Superintendent, she was presented by the Women's Auxiliary to the Hospital Trust with a beautiful silver tray suitably engraved. In the following year on the occasion of King George V's Silver Jubilee, she was presented with the King's Medal in recognition of long and faithful service.

In June, 1937, at the last graduation ceremony supervised by Miss Hodges, Mr. George Sutherland, first President of the Hospital Trust, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, presented Miss Hodges with a substantial cheque. Mr. Sutherland remarked that Miss Hodges had won the respect and love of every graduate nurse under her supervision, and that she had given her very best, not only to Ingersoll, but to the whole of Oxford County.

While Miss Hodges was superintendent a radio was presented to the hospital by Mr. Raymond H. Swetland, of Cleveland, Ohio, a friend of the Hodges family. It was one of the first radios installed in any hospital in this area.



MRS. ELIZABETH DUFF

(Mrs. Donald Rose. Ottawa)

SUPERINTENDENT 1937-1942

Miss Hodges was succeeded by Mrs. Elizabeth Duff of Welland. Possessing a charming personality, and a very energetic and sympathetic nature, she soon won the confidence of patients and doctors alike.

Many important changes and improvements took place in the hospital during Mrs. Duff's term of service. There was so great an increase in the number of patients that beds were added in every available space, even to the Board Room.

It was with deep regret that the Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Duff. Her strict adherence to duty and her kindly interest in patients had won the admiration of the medical staff, nurses, and citizens in general. Mrs. Duff did much in her sympathetic way to relieve the distress, not only of patients, but of their relatives and friends when visiting the hospital. It was not unusual for her to serve a friendly cup of tea to some one anxiously awaiting news from the operating room. Such little acts of kindness are not soon forgotten.



MISS L. GERALDINE COPELAND

SUPERINTENDENT 1942-1945

Although this was one of the most difficult periods in the history of the hospital, the new superintendent gave splendid service. During 1943 it was practically impossible to obtain sufficient staff to keep the hospital successfully operated. However, the local Red Cross organization gave able assistance to the nursing staff, and members of the "Order of the Eastern Star" assisted in the diet kitchen department.

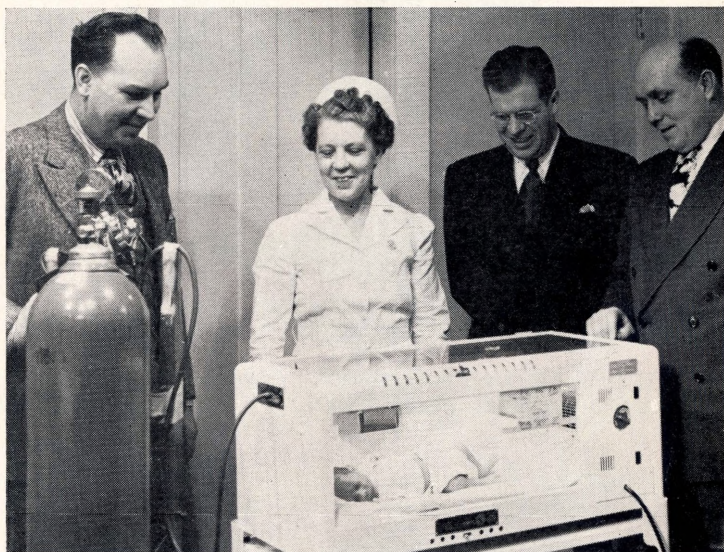
It was during this time that the Ingersoll Lions Club generously donated the first incubator for the nursery. This contribution saved many lives which would otherwise have been lost.



MRS. R. L. SMITH

SUPERINTENDENT 1945-

Mrs. R. L. Smith, widow of the late Dr. R. L. Smith of Forest, and children, Carol and Robert, moved to Ingersoll in 1944, and on January 2, 1945, Mrs. Smith assumed her duties as superintendent. Following the difficult years of 1942-1944, the Hospital directors were fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mott and was born at Oil City, Ontario. She is a graduate of Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario. Although many unforeseen changes have been made, due to innovations and overcrowding, Mrs. Smith has risen to the occasion and carried on most successfully. Modest and unassuming, but thoroughly efficient and intensely human, Mrs. Smith has won her way into the hearts of all those with whom she has come in contact. Since 1946, Mrs. Smith has taken over in its entirety the work in radiology at the hospital.



MRS. SMITH, SUPERINTENDENT, ACCEPTS THE
INCUBATOR, PRESENTED BY THE LIONS CLUB,
INGERSOLL

Members of the Club shown are, left to right: C. D. Palmer,
Kenneth Ekins and Morris Rowsom



MISS ADA C. HODGES, first superintendent (seated) with the
first two graduates of the Training School for Nurses—
MISS ETHEL M. SIPLE and
MISS LILIAN MAYNARD



MISS LORETTA ANGLIN
(Mrs. Thomas Comiskey)
Acting Superintendent on several
occasions.
Assistant Superintendent 1942-1946

THE NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL, ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

1909-1937

The Nurses' Training School was organized almost immediately after the hospital was opened, under the management of a capable board of trustees, and Miss Hodges.

Applicants were advised to apply in person, when possible, to the superintendent. Applicants were to be between the ages of 18 and 30, and were usually accepted in February. No fees were required. Students resided on the third floor of the hospital. A monthly allowance was made to cover incidental expenses—preliminary and junior term, \$5.00; intermediate year, \$8.00; and senior term, \$10.00 per month.

Students did 12-hour duty with a two-hour rest period for day duty. Lectures were given by the Medical Staff, the classes being held in the Hospital library. The nurse's uniform consisted of the usual blue and white stripe, white shoes and stockings, apron with narrow bib the first six months, after which a wide bib was worn.

Beginning with the second year, a wide belt was added to the apron, and for the third year a black velvet band was worn on the cap. The cap was merited at the end of the third month, provided the student nurse met the requirements of the school. No capping ceremony was held at that time.

One cannot write of the Nursing School without calling to mind the efficiency of the superintendent, Miss Hodges. As the hospital was staffed entirely by student nurses, she filled the position as surgical, obstetrical, X-ray and emergency nurse, working with the student nurses in every way. The nurses were on call twenty-four hours a day under her capable supervision.

At that time, maid service and nurses' aides were unknown. All surgical dressings, bandages, etc., and all the hospital sewing and mending were done by the staff.

The maximum staff was five students, four on day duty, and one night nurse. A student nurse was given night duty at any time after her first three months in training. Night duty was twelve straight hours with no rest period permitted. She

had full charge of two floors, the nursery, telephone calls, and answering door bells. In those days the majority of visitors rang the door bell, and more often than not, through the evening, patients' bells, door bells, and telephone all rang together.

An occasional social affair was arranged for the nurses and their friends, but being so few in number the girls were more or less like a little family. Graduation Exercises were usually held in the Town Hall, these being arranged by the Women's Auxiliary to the Trust. Graduation pins were presented by the President of the Women's Auxiliary, and the diplomas by the President of the Medical Staff. A program of speeches and musical numbers completed the exercises, after which the nurses, their families and friends were entertained at the hospital.

This brief history of the Nursing School cannot be concluded without mentioning the valuable assistance given to the nurses-in-training by the doctors and graduate nurses who were on "special" duty at various times. One can readily understand how their helpfulness was appreciated, Miss Hodges, the superintendent, being the only graduate nurse on the staff.

At first sight it may appear that nursing was much more difficult and strenuous at that time than at present. However, such was not the case. The modern technique in surgery and advance in medicine in past years have made more demands upon the skill and ingenuity of the nurse, and much more is expected of her. These changes and innovations added to the overcrowded conditions prevalent in Alexandra Hospital for some time have called for every atom of resourcefulness of superintendent and staff.

In 1937, the Nurses' Training School was closed by the Provincial Department of Health, following an order-in-Council that all training schools in smaller hospitals should be eliminated.

GRADUATES OF THE NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL,
ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL

1909-1937

Bodkin, Reta M. (Mrs. Aubrey Nunn); Buckley, Ina (met death in a motor accident); Church, Amy I. (Mrs. Charles Cowell); Clement Elsie; Currie, Evelyn (Mrs. Ferris David); Daniel, Ella (Mrs. Fred S. Newman); Forbes, Miss; Forsythe, Helen (Mrs. Allan Phillips); Henry Violet; Hobart, Helen; Hooper, L.; Hudson, Isabel (Mrs. Alex. McShimming); Hughes, Miss (died while in training); Kenny, Veda (Mrs. Morrison McBride); Lloyd, A. D.; Lowery, Pearl; McDougall, Miss; McEwen, Evelyn B. (Mrs. Everett Quinn); McIntyre, Norma (Mrs. Currie Wilson); McKay, Agnes; McTiernan, Ina; Martin, Madeline L. (Mrs. Clarence Campbell); Maynard, Lillian (deceased); Minty, Elsie; Pfaff, Emma E.; Pettit, Florence M. (Mrs. Eugene Anger); Pringle, Janet E. (Mrs. Carson); Riebel, Almina M. (Mrs. Grant Wright); Robertson, Mary E. (Mrs. Wilfred Laflamme); Russell, Sadie E.; Siple, Ethel M. (deceased); Stevenson, Violet S.; Thomas, Grace (Mrs. Colin Belore); Tomlinson, Miss; Turner, Ruby (Mrs. Ronald White); Waitson, Julia.



MEDICAL STAFF, 1950

Left to Right: H. G. Furlong, G. H. Emery, C. C. Cornish, J. W. Rowsom,
J. W. Counter, C. A. Osborn



DR. RALPH WILLIAMS
Only surviving member of Staff 1909



DR. J. R. ROGERS

SOME OF THE CHANGES DURING THE LIFE OF
ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL FROM A
MEDICAL ASPECT

CONTRIBUTED BY DR. C. C. CORNISH

President of the Medical Association, Ingersoll

The attitude of the general public to hospital treatment in 1909 was vastly different from what it is at the present time. Then, to suggest "hospital" to the family of a sick person was understood as a preparation for the family that the end was near; to be considered only as an extreme measure and certainly with no hope of recovery. Any one who thought that he could possibly recover shunned the hospital as he would the plague. Perhaps the people were not too much to blame, for in those days hospital mortality was rather high for two reasons: only extremely ill patients went to hospital, and also the lack of newer methods of treatment, developed since that time. The hospital was in operation for more than a year before a maternity case was admitted. Now what a difference! With prepaid hospital costs, people go to hospital with as little fear as they go to the theatre and remain as long as possible. In the early days we were very busy with ten patients; now we have had as many as fifty at one time.

The type of illness and length of stay in hospital has greatly changed during this period. In the early days typhoid occupied a bed for six weeks and we always had a great many cases; tubercular bone and joint diseases was a matter of months. Preventive medicine has eliminated these. Burns and other injuries have their bed stay lessened very much by newer methods of treatment. Appendicitis, even if clean, always meant two weeks in bed and, if purulent, any time up to two months; whereas now, like maternity patients, they are scarcely admitted before they are enquiring how soon they will be able to leave.

Another difference which is very noticeable is the equipment supplied by the hospital. At first such a thing as a Gatch bed was unheard of; the nurses were forced to keep struggling with abominable back-rests and sliding pillows; and where is the younger nurse of today who knows of the difficulty of keep-

ing a patient in Fowler's position with bed blocks and a back-rest? When the new wing was added about 1921, through the munificence of Dr. Carroll, we obtained the boon of an elevator and were no longer forced to carry the patients up and down the stairway on the old "carry-all" of not too fond remembrance. It was little wonder that the nurses insisted on heavy surgical patients being placed in the downstairs beds on the same floor as the old operating room. At first, the surgeon supplied his own instruments, gloves, sutures, and anaesthetics. Of course, there was one advantage; Dr. Rogers and Dr. McKay could, by watching each other's back yard and noting which bag was being carried, know when the other was operating. The routine preparation of hands for surgery was scrubbing well with water and chloride of lime crystals, soaking for fifteen minutes in bichloride, and then putting on wet boiled gloves—rugged was the man whose hands would stand surgery more than twice a month. One of the highlights was when the X-ray was donated by a grateful patient; we then considered that we had arrived. Later we were given the resuscitator for all patients and the incubator for babies, and with the gradual accumulation of all kinds of instruments and the anaesthetic gas machine, we consider that most of our difficulties have been overcome.

There have also been many changes in hospital treatments. In 1909 all kinds of intravenous procedures were new and not very popular, blood transfusions were just beginning, whereas now these life-saving assistants are ordered with no more worry than one would have in ordering a mustard plaster. Much more is known about the uses and limitations of the older drugs and the benefits of the newer ones. Then we have the wonderful benefit of the antibiotics which have not only decreased the length of many illnesses but have proved to be life-saving in many others; in fact, we now undertake a Caesarian section with the same nonchalance as we do a tooth extraction. Then there is the difference in anaesthesia. At one time it was chloroform and ether and nothing else, then along came gas of several kinds and combinations, then locals including spinal, then intravenous; all improvements. Administration of oxygen by nasal

catheter or tent has been so beneficial, practically unknown in 1909 but every-day practice today. At that time the only assistance to the unconscious or vomiting patient was interstitial fluids, nutrient enemata and Murphy drip, which were of value for a matter of days. Now with intravenous treatments, nutritive and therapeutic, we are able to keep our patients comfortable and safe almost indefinitely.

This is but a bare outline of some of the changes (benefits, we think) around our hospital for forty years. With all the changes in methods and personnel, we have been very happy in our old building, and feel that we have no reason to be ashamed of the work done; yet in our new building (it will still be the same hospital) we know that we will be happier still and be able to give our patients increased care and comforts impossible in the old.



MRS. W. A. SUDWORTH
First President of Women's Auxiliary
1909-1910



MRS. P. M. DEWAN
President of Women's Auxiliary
1948-

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL TRUST

ORGANIZATION

The Board of Trustees has from its beginning had the active support of a Women's Auxiliary. Following closely on organization of the Trust, a large and representative meeting of ladies of the town interested in the proposed hospital was held in the Council Chamber February 21, 1909. Dr. Neff gave a short address, explaining the hospital needs. Mrs. L. G. Menhennick was asked to take the chair and Mrs. Alex MacCaulay acted as secretary. It was decided to organize a Women's Auxiliary, and election of officers took place as follows:

President—Mrs. R. J. Robertson declined the office, and Mrs. W. A. Sudworth was elected in her stead.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. C. C. L. Wilson, Mrs. John E. Boles, Mrs. Thomas Waterhouse, Mrs. Justus Miller, Mrs. Walter Mills, and Mrs. John Henderson. (These represented the various churches.)

Secretary—Mrs. Alex. MaCaulay

Treasurer—Mrs. Frank W. Bain



THREE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY

Left to Right: Mrs. R. B. Hutt, Mrs. T. N. Dunn, Mrs. J. D. McDonald



LADIES OF THE AUXILIARY WHO HAVE SERVED ON
THE TRUST

Left to Right: Mrs. Verne Meek, Mrs. J. E. Hargan, Mrs. F. H. Adams,
Mrs. James Baxter.

A committee of 24 ladies was appointed, including Miss Helen Coleridge (Mrs. J. D. McDonald), Mrs. R. B. Hutt and Miss Belle Brown (Mrs. T. N. Dunn), still active members of the Women's Auxiliary.

On April 7, 1909, the Women's Auxiliary to the Hospital Trust met with the president, Mrs. W. A. Sudworth, in the chair. Mrs. Thomas Seldon was elected a vice-president from King Street Methodist Church. It was decided every lady "of any consequence" should become a member on payment of fifty cents, and committees were formed to canvass for subscriptions. As a result of this canvass, the ladies raised \$1,000.

On the day of the opening, September 22, 1909, the Women's Auxiliary assisted to a very marked degree in making the occasion a happy one.

THE WORK OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary has for many years been a member of the Ontario Hospital Aids Association and has always been represented at the annual conventions. The Ingersoll Auxiliary was honoured at the last annual meeting in 1949 when their president, Mrs. P. Michael Dewan, was appointed Recording Secretary of the Provincial Association.

From the earliest days of the hospital, the Auxiliary has always co-operated with the Trust in making important changes and improvements. During periods of financial stress they have repeatedly made successful attempts to furnish the necessary funds for supplies and equipment. A visiting committee was appointed annually and regular monthly visits paid to the hospital to ascertain needs.

Some of their earlier projects were the electric wiring of the building and the installation of a large kitchen range and laundry. They have also provided yearly supplies of linens, cottons, kitchen utensils, dining-room furniture, draperies and silver. The Auxiliary equipped a nursery which was furnished with bassinets by Keystone Rebekah Lodge. With the aid of the Home Economics Classes of Memorial School and of Women's Institutes, fruit showers were arranged.

The nurses' quarters on the third floor of the hospital were furnished and maintained. Some years ago the Auxiliary cooperated with the Trust in the purchase of an ambulance and contributed \$400 to this project.

One of the dearest wishes of the Auxiliary, and its main objective for some time, had been the building of a nurses' residence, and \$2,000 was raised for this purpose. However, at that time, in 1929, building was not considered feasible. Later the Trust rented the Dean property on Thames Street South, as a nurses' home. By January, 1935, during Mrs. C. B. Scoffin's term as president of the Auxiliary, the residence was ready for occupation and officially opened. It continued in operation for three years.

This Women's organization has not been remiss in the sometimes "little unremembered acts of kindness and love". Reading material (of prime importance to those confined to hospital) is provided for patients. The excellent service of Mrs. F. T. Manning as convener of the Library Committee cannot be overestimated. Mrs. Manning has made a large collection of books and magazines, and with the assistance of Miss Betty Crawford, public librarian, has arranged to classify the books and prepare them for circulation within the hospital.

Flowers were always presented to the nurses at graduation and the nursing staff remembered with gifts at Christmas. The Auxiliary made itself responsible for holiday decorations at the hospital and arrangements were made with the local school and church choirs to sing Christmas carols. The Salvation Army Band and Y's Men's Boys' Band also furnished music at this season.

The ways and means of raising funds have been many and varied. The usual teas, bridge parties, home-cooking sales and concerts were held, as well as the staging of plays. One year "a mile of coppers" netted \$545.02. For many years "The Hospital Dance" in Christmas week was very popular. Of late, "Rose Day" has taken the place of some of these. "The Florence Nightingale Tea" in May, and "Rose Day" in June have become a tradition. A "Penny Sale" in October, 1949, netted a substantial sum.



COMMITTEE ON FURNISHINGS

Left to Right: Mrs. P. L. Smith, Miss Annie Moon, Miss Alice Walker,
Mrs. P. M. Dewan, Mrs. James Baxter, Mrs. F. Rich, Mrs. R. B. Hutt,
Mrs. R. L. Smith, Mrs. E. Wilson.

In 1948 and 1949, with the new hospital becoming a reality, members of the Auxiliary seemed to be inspired. Under the excellent and efficient leadership of the president, Mrs. P. M. Dewan, the work went forward by leaps and bounds. The membership was so rapidly increased that meeting in private homes was discontinued, and the meetings were held in the 'Y' building on Oxford Street. The interest of nearly every woman's organization, service club, and fraternal organization in Ingersoll and surrounding country was enlisted, and their response was magnificent. Too much credit cannot be given the resourceful and indefatigable president, Mrs. Dewan, whose superb management has brought the Auxiliary to such a high state of efficiency.

The largest objective ever launched by the Auxiliary was the furnishing of the new hospital (with the exception of the kitchen and the operating room). A special fund known as "The Furnishing Fund" was set aside for this purpose. Representatives from all organizations contributing to "The Furnishing Fund" were invited to attend the Auxiliary meetings, these representatives to act in an advisory capacity. Radio talks on behalf of the new hospital were arranged by the members and members of affiliated organizations.

Generous contributions were received from service clubs, women's organizations, fraternal societies, individual citizens and former residents. Through the untiring zeal of its members and the encouragement and support of nearly every citizen, the efforts of the Auxiliary were crowned with success, and the necessary amount of \$32,051.41 for furnishing the new hospital was reached. In June, 1949, the contract for furnishings was let to the Robert Simpson Company Limited, Toronto.

A beautiful and artistic "Book of Remembrance", the work of Miss Betty Crawford, will be given an appropriate place in the corridor of the new hospital.

This brief record of the Women's Auxiliary to Alexandra Hospital would not be complete if special mention were not made of Miss Annie Moon, who since 1922 has faithfully served

the Auxiliary as its efficient treasurer. On March 31, 1947, Miss Moon was honoured by the Auxiliary with the presentation of a sterling silver brooch and ear-rings, and corsage of roses, having at that time completed her twenty-fifth year as treasurer.

MRS. ALICE L. SUDWORTH

On February 10, 1950, in the passing of Mrs. Sudworth, widow of the late Dr. W. A. Sudworth, Ingersoll suffered the loss of one of her most cultured and beloved women. During her life-long residence in Ingersoll, she had won the love and esteem of all with whom she had come in contact. For many years the late Mrs. Sudworth had been prominent in social circles and in many of the women's organizations of the town. To all of these she was deeply attached and always gave her best. Mrs. Sudworth had the honour of being the first president of the Women's Auxiliary to Alexandra Hospital Trust when it was founded in 1909, and was intensely interested in its welfare and activities. Throughout her life she had always chosen the best in reading and her mind was stored with the choicest in English literature. Up to the time of her death she would recite from memory choice passages from the classics. She will be sadly missed by her friends. To know Mrs. Sudworth may be likened unto passing through a lovely and peaceful garden. The beauty and the sweet influence still lingers.

OFFICERS OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL TRUST—1950

Past President	- - - - -	Mrs. James Baxter
President	- - - - -	Mrs. P. Michael Dewan
First Vice-President	- - - - -	Mrs. P. L. Smith
Second Vice-President	- - - - -	Mrs. F. G. Rich
Third Vice-President	- - - - -	Mrs. P. T. Fleischer
Recording Secretary	- - - - -	Miss Dora Harrison
Assistant Recording Sec'y.	- - - - -	Mrs. W. S. Ashman
Corresponding Secretary	- - - - -	Miss Alice Walker
Treasurer	- - - - -	Miss Annie Moon
Assistant Treasurer	- - - - -	Mrs. Robert Hutt



MISS ANNIE MOON

Treasurer 1922-



MISS EFFIE BOWER

Who in collaboration with MISS ALICE WALKER, compiled this record of
Alexandra Hospital.



EXECUTIVE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, 1950

Left to Right: Miss Annie Moon, Mrs. Robt. Hutt, Mrs. P. L. Smith,
 Miss Dora Harrison, Mrs. P. M. Dewan, Mrs. W. S. Ashman, Mrs. F. Rich,
 Miss Alice Walker, Mrs. James Baxter.

Mrs. P. T. Fleischer
 (Inset)



PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO THE
ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL TRUST 1909-1950

Mrs. W. A. Sudworth	Mrs. Verne Meek
Mrs. R. M. Morrow	(3 years)
Mrs. J. E. Neff	Mrs. E. A. Wilson
Mrs. John E. Boles	Mrs. C. B. Scoffin
Mrs. F. D. Canfield	Mrs. W. R. Veale
Mrs. J. M. Rogers	Mrs. R. Elford
Mrs. W. J. Elliott	Mrs. James Baxter
Mrs. Verne Meek	Mrs. J. H. Nancekivell
(two years)	Mrs. Verne Meek
Mrs. J. E. Gayfer	Mrs. James McGee
Mrs. J. W. Counter	(2 years)
Mrs. James Buchanan	Mrs. James Baxter
Mrs. J. E. Hargan	Mrs. P. M. Dewan
Mrs. H. A. Copeland	(3 years)

MEDICAL STAFF—1950

Dr. Ralph Williams	Dr. C. A. Osborn
Dr. J. W. Counter	Dr. J. W. Rowsom
Dr. H. G. Furlong	Dr. J. Reg. Rogers
Dr. C. C. Cornish	Dr. G. H. Emery

Citizens of the community at large mourned the passing of Dr. J. D. McDonald, who met death by drowning, while on his way to relieve the victims of a railway wreck following the Thames flood of 1937. The doctor was highly esteemed by both medical fraternity and nursing staff of the hospital.

PRESIDENTS OF ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL TRUST

1909-1950

(This list is incomplets as some of the earlier records were not available.)

1909-1910	1931-32
George Sutherland	J. E. Gayfer (2 years)
1911	1933
Harry Wilson	John J. McLeod
1923	1934
R. W. Green	T. N. Dunn
1924	1935
James Enright	J. E. Gayfer
1925	1936
J. E. Gayfer	George D. Beck
1926	1937
R. W. Green	R. G. Start
1927	1938
George Sutherland	T. N. Dunn
1928	1939-40-41
J. E. Gayfer	R. G. Start
1929	1942-43-44-45
C. H. Sumner	T. N. Dunn
1930	1946-47-48-49-50
George Sutherland	R. G. Start

LADIES WHO HAVE SERVED AS MEMBERS OF THE ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL TRUST 1929-1950

Mrs. Verne Meek	Mrs. F. H. Adams
Mrs. W. F. Drum	Mrs. James Baxter
Mrs. J. E. Hargan	

The Hospital Trust gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates the following bequests:

Year	Name	Amount
1919-1920	Victory Loan Committee	\$5,000.00
1921	Estate of George Shelton	200.00
1924	Dr. D. W. Carroll	813.55
1925	Miss S. Frances Stimson	1,000.00
1929	Mrs. Sarah Macaulay	609.90
1931	Mrs. Elsie Bartley	500.00
1934	William Sandick	1,000.00
1934	William Ross	3,669.03
1935	James H. Thomas	5,000.00
1937	Miss Jessie C. Gerrie	300.00
1939	Canadian Legion, Ingersoll	250.46
1940	Caledonia Society, Ingersoll	93.50
1944	Estate of Miss Celeste Hudson	500.00

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WHO FURNISHED THE HOSPITAL

When the Women's Auxiliary was requested by the Trust to underwrite purchase of furnishings for the new hospital it was considered a challenging opportunity and was accepted with alacrity.

Under the wise generalship of its resourceful President, Mrs. P. M. Dewan, and her able co-workers, plans were laid and the community was surveyed for potential contributors. Appeals were made to individuals, church organizations, women's associations, community clubs, township councils, fra-

ternal and other organizations in Ingersoll and surrounding territory. The response was enthusiastic and most generous. Approximately 100 members of the Auxiliary raised \$32,051.41 for the Furnishings Fund.

The list of donors following will give an accurate accounting of the various gifts. Cost of furnishing private rooms and two-bed wards includes linens, drapes and extra furnishings; cost of furnishing four-bed wards was brought down through judicious use of re-conditioned furniture from the old hospital.

8 SINGLE WARDS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kennedy

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Condos

Mr. Louis Sandick

Mrs. H. B. Henwood and Mrs. E. H. Townsend

St. James' Anglican Church

Women's Association, First Baptist Church

Ladies' Aid, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Lady Dufferin Chapter, I.O.D.E.

Ten Two Bed Wards

Salford Women's Institute

Salford Community

Women's Association, Trinity United Church

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

Norsworthy Chapter I.O.D.E.

Verschoyle Community

Mt. Elgin Community

Beachville Patriotic Society

Beachville Community

West Oxford Women's Institute
Township of West Oxford

Township of North Oxford
Grace Patterson Women's Institute

Christina Armour McNaughton Chapter I.O.D.E.
Women's Auxiliary, Alexandra Hospital

Six Four Bed Wards

The Kiwanis Club
2nd Ingersoll Boy Scouts

Plant and Welfare Association, Wm. Stone & Sons Ltd.

Mrs. J. C. Norsworthy

St. John's Lodge No. 69
King Hiram's Lodge No. 37
Avalon Chapter

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lee
Sarah Maude Wilson Bequest

One Ward Unassigned

Board Room

Norsworthy Chapter I.O.D.E.

Nursery

The King's Daughters—
Ora Circle
Welcome Circle
Missionary Circle

Superintendent's Office

Sisters Of The Skillet

Waiting Room

Independent Order of Foresters—
Keystone Lodge No. 69
Samaritan Lodge No. 35

Dining Room

Nurses' Lounge

Women's Auxiliary, Alexandra Hospital

Doctors' Lounge

Companions Of The Forest

Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Salem, Zenda

Nurses' Station

St Paul's Presbyterian Girls' Guild

Sun Room

Collegiate Institute

Club Wiana

Sun Room

Dickson's Corners Ladies Aid

Admiral McDougall Chapter I.O.D.E.

Doctors' Consultation Room

Canadian Legion, Branch No. 119

Canadian Legion, Branch No. 119, Ladies Auxiliary

Nurses' Room

Girls of The Staff, Wm. Stone Sons Ltd.

Nurses' Station

Good Companions

Nurses' Station

Oxford County Hadassah

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Alter

Children's Two Bed Ward

The Lions Club

Children's Two Bed Ward

The Lions Club

Obstetrical Case Room

Putnam Community

DONATIONS OF AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$100. WERE
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Banner Women's Association
Big 8 Society, Ingersoll
Ingersoll Citizens' Salvage Committee
L.O.B.A., No. 538, Ingersoll
Young Business Girls' Club
Mrs. W. C. Noxon, Toronto
Mrs. Isabel Baxter
Mrs. E. D. Duff
Mrs. Laura Daniel
Mrs. Annie Hargan
Mr. S. H. Noxon, California
Mrs. D. H. McKay
Eleanor G. Reeves
Mrs. Francis J. Timberlake, Concord, Conn.
Mrs. E. K. Wood
Auxiliary contributed \$7,402.19

All travelling expenses in regards to the furnishing of the hospital were borne personally by the members.

Mrs. Mark Simpson and Miss Marjorie Kearney donated their services in typing numerous and lengthy reports.

Other donations include:

Coyle and Greer—clock for the lobby
Miss Gladys Lambert—a chime clock for nurses' lounge
Operating table—Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll
Incubator—Lions' Club of Ingersoll, Ontario
Flag—Mrs. Isabel Baxter
Two oil paintings—painted and donated by Gordon E. Payne
Two oil paintings, by Gordon E. Payne—purchased and donated
by the I.O.O.F.—Keystone 69, Samaritan 35
Christening Font—St. Paul's Presbyterian Guild
Oxygen tent—Mr. and Mrs. John B. Mitchell
Oil painting—painted and donated by Harry Whitwell
Remembrance book—Betty Crawford
Radio—Superintendent and Staff of Alexandra Hospital

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| Antony, Max | Carr's Book Store |
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