

"Where No Child Knocks In Vain"

"Where No Child Knocks in Vain". This slogan will be readily understood by most readers as a fine description of the work carried out by the Children's Hospital. In the past fifty-five years this institution has grown from a 16 crib, \$18,000 hospital to the present structure with its 217 beds.

The Children's Hospital is serving not only the Halifax area, but with each passing day is becoming the paediatric referral hospital for all the Atlantic provinces. The hospital is the only paediatric center east of Montreal. The present facilities have all but outgrown their usefulness, thus a new health center has become a must for the near future.

Plans are now being laid for a new hospital which will cost close to \$6,000,000. The new building will make available the finest treatment to children throughout the Atlantic region. As well, teaching and research facilities will be much improved resulting in increased aid in solving the many problems of childhood diseases.

The proposed new hospital will have accommodations for 275 patients with provision for expansion of a further 75 beds. The present building is "too small to accommodate the number of patients being admitted and for the type of treatment now available". With the additional space the Children's Hospital will be able to "keep up with the times" by providing the most modern equipment for paediatric diseases anywhere in the world. Research would be carried out on a larger scale than is now possible.

The Children's Hospital is a voluntary lay corporation and is dependent on private donations to supplement government grants. This differs from most hospitals in the area which are sponsored by federal, provincial or municipal governments whose capital expansion is financed by taxation.

The original hospital was sponsored by a private group of Halifax citizens. Once more voluntary donations are necessary if the plans for the new hospital are to be carried out. The Children's Hospital is everyone's responsibility and we must all do our part. All of us may not be able to give direct financial support but we can help in such ways as collecting funds as many student organizations did in the recent Blitz.

"Where No Child Knocks In Vain" is a slogan that must be maintained. Do your part!

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