

## Forty-Fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital.

The Trustees herewith present their report for the year ending September 30th, 1907.

The Hospital year has been on the whole satisfactory. The amount of work done, and the proportion of free to pay work remains about the same as last year. The noise and confusion incident to laying the foundation of the George Smith Memorial interfered in some degree with our private patient service. This resulted in a greater loss than is usual during the summer months. Hereafter the construction work will not affect the general work of the Hospital in any marked degree.

The Hospital finances are in a reasonably gratifying condition. We note, however, with regret, a material reduction in the contributions of churches and individuals for current expenses. This is unfortunate because our free work is entirely dependent on our income. The demand for this work is likely to be much greater during the next year than it has been for a number of years past.

It is with a feeling of the most profound grief and loss, not only to the Hospital but to the community, that we chronicle the death of St. Luke's benefactor, Mr. James Henry Smith. The George Smith Memorial will stand not only as a memorial of George Smith, but also as a monument to its most generous donor.

The Trustees have a deep sense of the responsi-