

Rochester, N. Y. June 10<sup>th</sup> 1913.

Having had an intimate knowledge of all the matters connected with the Infants Summer Hospital since its organization, I hereby certify, that the original entry made by Grace Terry, Secretary was Sr on the opposite page, and not Jr, in the first and second paragraphs. I am confident that it remained Sr on the record for ten or twelve years, perhaps longer.

Dr Edward M. Moon, father of Dr Edward Mott Moon Jr, founded the Infants Summer Hospital and for the first two or three years visited the infants at the hospital daily. Dr E. M. Moon<sup>Jr</sup> began to visit the hospital when his father's health failed.

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1892 Dr E. M. Moon Sr visited Buffalo with me to encourage them to start an infants hospital. He said in his address as reported in the Buffalo Express of May 17<sup>th</sup> 1892: "I have thought of it for years and years as we have mourned the loss of life among little children + c" - "I was in doubt and fear for many years until the summer of 1887 brought with its intense heat a frightful death rate from summer complaint. With no promise of money, I and a few friends set out to see what we could do. We put up a tent on the shore of Lake Ontario + c". I make this record in simple justice to that "Grand Old Man", who loved to do good without seeking for praise or honor. Arthur S. Hamilton.  
Also see page 77 of this book.

For many years it was the cherished desire of Dr E. W. Moore, Jr. to establish, at Ontario Beach, a summer hospital for sick infants whose parents were unable to provide for them a temporary home, in which to receive the beneficial results of the lake air.

Having witnessed in his own practice the wonderful effects of the invigorating qualities of Lake Ontario upon teething children, Dr Moore, Jr. felt that a summer hospital at the lake was a much needed charity, for only eight miles away from this pure air, in the neighboring city of Rochester, many babies each summer were dying from cholera infantum, when a sojourn of a few days or weeks at the lake might save precious lives.

For three consecutive summers Dr E. W. Moore, Jr. conferred with Mr. A. S. Hamilton on the practicability of opening an institution of this character. In view of the large number of charities already existing in Rochester, Mr. Hamilton hesitated to undertake this work, but after the third year, consented to do so.

A meeting of the cottagers of Ontario Beach

was called, and on the evening of July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Union Chapel, Mr E. W. Moon, Sr. submitted to those present the plan of starting a summer hospital for sick infants. This met with much approval. At once the use of land was offered by Col. H. S. Greenleaf and a fund was started for establishing this charity. Mr James Field gave the use of three tents which were erected on the easterly front of Guilford Bluff. The largest tent, twenty-four by thirty feet, served for the use of the babies, the two smaller tents, for the nurses and the servants. A frame building was erected for a kitchen and a small pagoda was constructed on the edge of the bluff where the children could enjoy the breeze and be sheltered from the sun.

An appeal made for articles of bedding, provisions, and money met with a generous response. The ladies of the Beach assisted in making the tent hospital comfortable for the little ones.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1887, the following officers were elected, President, Arthur B. Hamilton; First Vice-President, S. G. Curtis; Second Vice-President, Mrs Royal Knapp; Secretary, Mrs White.

Williams, Treasurer William L. Ashley.  
Executive Committee, Dr. E. W. Moor, Jr., Mrs  
W. D. E. Hayes, Mrs George Street.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1887, the hospital was formally opened  
with Miss Emma Jones in charge assisted by Mrs. Shaw  
and with four tiny patients.

The cots, each with its pretty canopy of pink or  
white netting, were arranged on both sides of the  
largest tent, and so dainty and unique was  
this hospital that many people were attracted  
thither to take a peep at the four little inmates.

Each week brought so many babies that soon  
the accommodations were found inadequate,  
and, on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1887, another large tent was  
erected and equipped, the services of two more  
nurses, Misses La Bell and Conway, were secured.

During August Mite-Boxes were placed in  
the leading business houses of Rochester, entertain-  
ments were held at the city and lake; these  
proved fruitful sources of revenue. The money  
and provisions were so generously donated  
that on August 17<sup>th</sup> the public was notified  
that no more funds were needed to carry on  
the work for the summer of 1887.

The infants with their mothers were re-  
ceived entirely free of all expense, upon the

certificate of any physician; no child suffering from any contagious disease was admitted.

The hospital was closed August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1887, having received thirty-six children, of whom thirty-one were discharged cured or greatly improved and five died; of these, three died the day after their admission to the hospital.

So beneficial were the results that the Managers felt more substantial accommodations were needed. During the winter of 1887-88 the work of giving permanency to this charity went vigorously forward. Plans and specifications generously furnished by J. Foster Warner were submitted to the Building Committee, accepted, and frame buildings adapted to the hospital needs were erected on the eastern portion of the Green Leaf Tract, the use of the land being liberally given by Col. S. S. Greenleaf, with the understanding that if the hospital did not interfere with the sale of lots that in due time the land would be deeded to the hospital.

July 28<sup>th</sup> 1888 the hospital was opened with accommodations for sixteen children with their mothers. Mr. George W. Yoler offered

his services as House Physician. Miss Emma Jones was the Supervising Nurse, Misses Helen Jones and La Bell, assistant nurses.

The work continued, other buildings erected and permanent improvements made; each year assuring the Managers of the great blessing this charity was and of the many lives saved through its usefulness.

At the Annual Meeting of the hospital held at the Union Chapel, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1890, Mr. A. S. Hamilton stated, that Col. H. S. Greenleaf was ready to deed the land upon which the buildings were erected to the hospital as soon as it was incorporated. Measures were promptly taken to incorporate the "Infants' Summer Hospital" according to the laws of the State of New York.

The following corporators were elected Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1890.

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| Edward W. Moore, Sr. | Henry H. White.     |
| Edward W. Moore, Jr. | George N. Goler.    |
| H. S. Greenleaf.     | Henry C. Ball.      |
| A. S. Hamilton.      | Wm. Curtice.        |
| William J. Ashley.   | Jane E. Baker.      |
| Julius R. White      | Mary E. Hayes.      |
| William W. Mumford   | Catherine H. Hagen. |
| D. W. Garson         | Frances E. Green    |
| E. S. Martin         | John F. Greenleaf   |
|                      | Grace B. Terry.     |

February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1891, the following Officers and Managers were elected.

President, Arthur S. Hamilton.

Vice President. - D. W. Garson.

Treasurer. William J. Ashley.

Secretary. Grace B. Terry.

Managers: -

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| Edward W. Moore, Sr. | } For a term<br>of three years. |
| Edward W. Moore, Jr. |                                 |
| Arthur S. Hamilton   |                                 |

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| William J. Ashley   | } For a term<br>of two years. |
| Catharine H. Hagan  |                               |
| William H. Tinsford |                               |

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| David W. Garson | } For a term<br>of one year. |
| Jane E. Baker   |                              |
| Grace B. Terry  |                              |

Executive Committee: -

Edward W. Moore, Sr.

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Arthur S. Hamilton.

William J. Ashley.

Catharine H. Hagan.