

AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY
The Endowment of SAINT LUKE'S HOSPITAL

"And now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity,
these three; but the greatest of these is Charity."

Saint Luke's Hospital, 44th and Mill Creek Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri

. . surrounded by an expanse of rolling green lawn and beautiful trees.

CHARITY, Loveliest of all Virtues

.... is so essential to Religion, that they who do not practice it are "counted as dead before God." Therefore, in its true meaning, and in the meaning of this booklet, Charity is immeasurably more than the free and efficient care of the sick poor. There are the poor sick, as well as the sick poor, and in both of these circumstances no one is ever beyond the need of Charity.

The poor sick might be a millionaire, and abundantly able to pay for any services Saint Luke's Hospital might render him. But a great and beautiful Charity must have been in advance of him, long before he came to the Hospital door. Sickness and accident strike quickly. But a great Hospital may not be had impromptu. It must have been built of the Charity of good men and women. And it was all compact of Charity; for people do not build Hospitals—not good Hospitals—as moneymaking institutions. Good Hospitals are built by a great Love. And a great Love is Charity. In the true meaning of the term, it is Charity that builds Medical Schools, and Schools of Nursing; and there is a consecration that goes into the training of Doctors and Surgeons and Nurses that money could not buy. Let it be understood, then, that Saint Luke's would be an institution of Charity if it did not give one day of free treatment.

But Charity does mean at Saint Luke's the free and efficient and loving care of the sick poor. To the extent of its ability, and, it is to be feared, beyond its ability, Saint Luke's justifies that Symbol of Mercy, lifted above its door. There is an hour there each month, in the Directors' Meeting, when troublesome financial matters have been faced, and so far as possible resolved, when a Presence seems to come into the Directors' room, and names are read out, and circumstances are related, and the Directors, with softened voices, vote that these claims against Saint Luke's Charity be allowed. It is quite sure that the unseen Presence is there, for He is most concerned of all in that room. The Directors know that, and the Staff know it, and those concerned with the management of the Hospital know it.

So Charity in its true meaning, and in the meaning of this booklet, is twofold. It built Saint Luke's, and it will build it more and more. And it built Saint Luke's against sick humanity's needs, be that humanity rich or poor. For no one can ever be beyond the need of Charity.

ROBERT NELSON SPENCER.

Bishop of the West Missouri Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Hyperpyrexia Cabinet—Used to produce artificial fever for treatment of various diseases.

35 years ago . . .

Saint Luke's Hospital opened its doors to the Suffering

On the upper floors of a store building in Kansas City, Missouri, Saint Luke's Hospital had its beginning thirty-five years ago. Its facilities extended to twelve beds.

The present Hospital, standing high on a promontory on beautiful Mill Creek Parkway at 44th, was dedicated Sunday, February 25th, 1923.

Since that time more than 63,000 patients have been cared for in Saint Luke's, and more than 7,000 babies have been ushered into the world under its auspices. The present building, of latest fireproof construction, contains 193 beds and 27 bassinets; and its facilities are completed with the newest and best hospital equipment.

Carrying on the work at Saint Luke's are 58 physicians on the Executive Staff, more than 100 on the General Staff, assisted by 257 persons, including the members of the Nurses' Training School.

Day or night, skilled physicians are on call at all times, and the nurses are available constantly for the relief of the patients. The Superintendent of the Hospital, the Superintendent of Nurses, the Supervisors of each floor, the Dietitian, and all their assistants are ever on guard in their work to relieve suffering. About 101 employees are required to carry on the work of the Hospital other than that of the medical branch. We will not attempt to itemise all the expenses here; but, as an example, over \$50,000.00 per year is required for food alone.

Oxygen Tent—Used to administer oxygen to patients with various heart and lung conditions.
Electro - cardiograph Machine—Used in making a graph tracing to aid in detecting abnormal heart functions.

Mobile X-ray Unit—For making X-ray examinations in patient's rooms.

Next Page — One of the Major Operating Rooms which alone represents an investment in equipment of more than \$2,000.00.

What Does It Cost to Operate a Hospital?

It has always been the purpose of Saint Luke's to be self-supporting, and this purpose has been accomplished throughout the thirty-five years of its existence. However, in recent years the charity patients have been increasing steadily, and resources have been heavily taxed accordingly. More than \$60,000.00 was expended in 1936 alone for the care of full or partial charity patients, and the demand for this charitable work increases daily.

Saint Luke's has more than \$1,250,000.00 invested in buildings and equipment, which must be maintained and replaced, if the Hospital is to continue. When the actual care of the patient is added to the fixed cost, we find the average cost of maintenance per person, per day, was \$6.47 for the year 1936. In addition, there is an ever increasing demand for expensive equipment, more scientific treatment, better bedside care—all of which increases the cost of hospitalisation.

Saint Luke's is not satisfied with the charity it is now able to do. It realises the urgent need for such service, and it is eagerly seeking to find some means to extend its benevolent work. The Recreation-Reception Room at the Nurses' Home, which is a separate fireproof building, accommodating 130 nurses.

The Saint Luke's School for Nurses

In answer to the constant demand for well-trained nurses, Saint Luke's maintains a nationally accredited school for educating and training young women in the science of nursing. This educational work is carried on at a present cost of well over \$75,000.00 a year.

Only young women of excellent character and of a high order of intelligence are admitted. When graduated, they are self-supporting and contribute much to the general welfare of society through this training. Owing to our limited income, the number of our graduate nurses is much smaller than we wish it to be. This work can be increased only through endowment

funds.

The modern Nursery at Saint Luke's, now fitted to care for twenty-seven infants, has two divisions . . . the bath with dressing room and the bassinet room, which is scientifically air-conditioned for most healthful conditions.

That Little Children May Be Free To Enjoy Their Rightful Heritage

More than 200 little patients have been brought back to health in the past year—in the Children's Ward on the Sixth Floor.

Part of the Sixth Floor at Saint Luke's is devoted to the treatment of crippled and sick children, and is a work of immense importance to any community. Here these afflicted children are not only restored to bodily health and usefulness, but their mental and recreational needs are cared for during convalescence through the interesting Vocational Training Service, sponsored and maintained by the Women's Auxiliary of Saint Luke's Hospital.

“Going Back to Heaven”

This is how little Thelma spoke of returning to Saint Luke's Hospital. The photographs show the six-year-old child when admitted to the Hospital and again after five months of treatment.

A civic club where Thelma lives arranged that she might come to Saint Luke's for proper care. After her return, a member reported:

“Thelma does not look like the same child we took up there. Everyone is thrilled over the result. Her parents were so happy they cried. They called in the neighborhood and had a regular time of rejoicing. It is a joy to feel that we have had a part in seeing another child given a better chance at life”

Those In Actual Need Assisted in Their Most Critical Situation

This Hospital has always been and will continue to be dedicated to caring for the sick of all ages, all classes, all religious faiths. No one is denied its services except when bed capacity is exhausted.

Skilled physicians, surgeons, diagnosticians, each standing in the front rank of his profession, compose the staff. No more conscientious, kindly, or competent service is given to any patient in the country than the one who is cared for at Saint Luke's. The Hospital has served well in its time and now asks for no more than “. . . wages for going on.” This ideal calls for the united loyal support of the many friends of Saint Luke's, each according to his means.

Sun Parlor—In south wing of Hospital.

Typical Serving Kitchen —There are seven such kitchens in Saint Luke's Hospital, where approximately 500 meals per day are served to patients.

Tissue Laboratory — Where all material removed in operating room is prepared for microscopic examination.

The Promise of the Future

The many meritorious accomplishments of Saint Luke's have been made possible only through donations. With the added improvements of the past few years, Saint Luke's has achieved new honors, but with them have come new burdens; and its services have been extended until it ranks with the finest of the middle-western hospitals. For a number of years now a “capacity house” has been maintained, with the possible exception of a few brief periods. The urgent need for expanding, for offering still greater service is very evident.

A Corporation Without Profits

Saint Luke's Hospital is incorporated under the laws of Missouri, as a Benevolent Corporation. It has no capital stock and there are no stockholders.

It is affiliated with the Diocese of West Missouri of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and is recognised as one of the institutions of that Diocese.

It is governed by a Board of Directors, selected in accordance with the decree of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, at Kansas City, by which decree the Hospital was incorporated.

The directors not only serve without pay, but each director pays to the Hospital an annual fee from his own funds for the privilege of serving as a director. The directors meet regularly once each month and any director who is absent from three successive meetings, without being excused, automatically loses his place as a director, and the remaining directors fill the vacancy thus caused.

No dividends are paid to any person or organization. Receipts from patients who may pay for services rendered go into the treasury of the Hospital and are used to carry on its work, and for no other purpose.

Typical of the Beauty and Comfort Found in a Private Room at Saint Luke's Hospital.

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Endowment Resolution

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BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Directors of Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City, a corporation, duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Missouri:

1. That an Endowment Fund be, and the same is hereby established, in which shall be placed all property hereafter acquired by said corporation by gift, devise, bequest, conveyance, or other kind of transfer, which shall be specifically designated by the donor, or donors, in the instrument of conveyance or transfer, or otherwise, as a gift to said corporation for its Endowment Fund.

2. That said Endowment Fund shall be invested, reinvested and kept invested, in bonds of the United States, or of any state thereof, and/or in bonds of any county, city, school district or other municipality or in bonds or notes secured by first mortgages or deeds of trust upon improved city or farm real estate in the United States, of the market value at the time of the making of the loan thereon, and/or of the purchase of the loan thereon, of at least double the amount of such a loan, and/or in bonds of solvent corporations having their principal office within the United States.

3. The principal of said Endowment Fund shall be kept and maintained intact, and the income thereof be used and applied under the direction of the Board of Directors of said corporation, to the payment of the expenses of the upkeep, maintenance and operation of said Hospital, and/or of any school or asylum maintained by said corporation, and for the payment of the costs and expenses of patients, and/or inmates of said Hospital who are or may be unable to pay in whole or in part for hospital services rendered.

4. That the investment, reinvestment and keeping invested of said Endowment Fund shall be under the immediate control and management of the Endowment Committee of said corporation, as the same from time to time shall be appointed by the proper authority of said corporation, and the actions of said Endowment Committee shall be subject to the approval of said Board of Directors.

5. That the Board of Directors shall appoint from time to time a responsible Bank or Trust Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, in whose custody shall be placed all of said Endowment Funds for safe keeping separate from all other funds of said Hospital, under an agreement in

writing duly executed by said Bank or Trust Company, and said corporation, and approved by said Board of Directors, which agreement shall provide, among other things, for the safekeeping of said Endowment Fund as the property of said corporation, and for the collection of the income therefrom, as the same becomes due and collectible, and for the payment of such income as collected to the treasurer or other officers of said corporation designated to receive the same, and for the rendition to said corporation of reports showing the condition of said Endowment Fund, which report shall contain a list of the securities thereof, the cash on hand, and all other property, and the proper information relating thereto, whenever requested by said Board of Directors.

6. That the object and purpose of said Board in this behalf is to create and maintain a permanent Endowment Fund for said Hospital, keeping the principal thereof at all times intact, and using only the earnings of said fund for the purpose above mentioned.

The Effects of Gifts . . .

on Income Tax Status of Donors

1. Assuming an individual had a surtax net income of \$25,000.00, he could make gifts to the extent of \$3,750.00, which would reduce his Federal income taxes in the following amounts:

On first \$3,000 of gifts, 21%	
(17% surtax and 4% normal tax)	\$ 630.00
On next \$750 of gifts, 19%	
(15% surtax and 4% normal tax)....	142.50
Saving on total of \$3,750.00 of gifts	\$ 772.50

2. Assuming an individual had a surtax net income of \$50,000.00, he could make gifts to the extent of \$7,500.00, which would reduce his Federal income taxes in the following amounts:

On first \$6,000 of gifts, 31%	
(27% surtax and 4% normal tax)	\$1,860.00
On next \$1,500 of gifts, 28%	
(24% surtax and 4% normal tax)	420.00
Saving on total of \$7,500.00 of gifts	\$2,280.00

3. Assuming an individual had a surtax net income of \$100,000.00, he could make gifts to the extent of \$15,000.00, which would reduce his Federal income taxes in the following amounts:

On first \$10,000 of gifts, 59%	
(55% surtax and 4% normal tax)	\$5,900.00
On next \$5,000 of gifts, 55%	
(51% surtax and 4% normal tax)	2,750.00
Saving on total of \$15,000.00 of gifts	\$8,650.00

Those who contribute to the Saint Luke's Endowment Fund will have the satisfaction of knowing it is a continuous, supervised source of charity, which will not be limited to any special group of individuals nor the treatment of any specific diseases. It will be expended only upon the recommendations of those who are devoting their time and contributing their knowledge to the continuance of Saint Luke's Hospital. The income from this fund will provide help always where the demand is greatest.

