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The Hospital-School was incorporated under the General Laws in 1909 and its objects are thus set forth in Section 2 of its Charter.

"2nd. The purposes for which said corporation is formed and the objects to be carried on or promoted by it are: the providing of a Hospital and School for the care and treatment of convalescent children and minors, whose condition is such as to render open air treatment desirable or necessary, or who may be debarred from the advantages of regular educational institutions by the handicap of physical deformity or disease, and generally, to advance and promote the health and education of, and render, as far as possible, self-supporting, children who are convalescent from either medical or surgical treatment. And the said corporation is formed upon the articles, conditions and provisions herein expressed, and subject, in all particulars, to the limitations relating to corporations, contained in the General Laws of this State".

The staff consists of a head-nurse and assistant nurse and two nursery maids. There is also a Board of visiting physicians, with Dr. William S. Baer at its head. Should the Hospital-School become established at its new site, there may be a resident physician also.

The children who are received into the Hospital-School are of two kinds -

1. Convalescent children, - that is, children who are not sick, but who have been sick and are convalescing. These children are kept from two to four weeks. - They receive some schooling, but no medical attention other than such as is afforded by fresh air and nourishing food.

2. Crippled and chronic invalid children, who may stay indefinitely. These are children affected with such things as tubercular abscesses, tubercular joints, paralysis, etc. None of them are taken during an acute stage of their disease, or during the operative stage. They are only taken after operations have been performed. These children are educated by teaching them a trade adapted to their disabilities. They receive no medical treatment except surgical treatments, plaster casts, braces and massage, swedish movements, etc. It is true, however, that treatment of this kind is the only thing which can be done for chronic and crippled cases. If an operation should become necessary, the children would, in all probability, be sent elsewhere, except in an emergency, and, of course, if an acute disease were suddenly to arise, it would have to be treated on the spot.

I will thank you, as already stated, to kindly send this letter to the City Solicitor and to let me know as soon as you can what his opinion upon it is.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Albert C. Ritchie.