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Royal Infirmary  
Edinburgh 13<sup>th</sup> July 1877.

Dear Sir,

The Managers of the Royal Infirmary have pleasure in sending you enclosed a lithograph sketch of the New Infirmary now in course of erection, as designed by the late Mr Bryce. The building of the remaining portion of the Administrative Department, Washing House, and other Offices, which are to occupy the site of Wharton Place, and also of the Superintendent's House, will shortly be commenced, and it is hoped



that the whole Infirmary will be completed and ready for occupation in about two years.

In consequence of the great rise which has taken place in the price of labour and of building materials in recent years, the expense of erecting the Infirmary will greatly exceed what it would otherwise have been, and it is estimated that the cost of the whole, including the site, will not be less than £320,000 " "

The Managers desire to express their deep gratitude for the generous support which they have hitherto received in carrying on this great



work; but although the first appeals for subscriptions were responded to more liberally than could possibly have been anticipated, and that liberality stimulated a continuance of it which has existed to the present time, still the whole Stock and Funds available for the purpose are insufficient to complete the Buildings, and it is estimated that after these are exhausted, a further sum of about £50,000 ... will be required.

The Managers beg most earnestly to express the hope that the Christian liberality which has enabled them so far to complete these noble buildings will be continued, and that the public



will not only provide this money, but  
will also by further legacies and donations,  
replace the funds now being used, so that  
the income of the institution may not be  
diminished by the loss of interest  
thereon, and its full efficiency be  
thereby impaired.

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Yours faithfully,

Thomas J. Boyd

Chairman of Finance Committee