

little folks were too much excited with the pleasures of anticipation to notice his absence. *Burnt Mary*, who the last Tree Day was lying on her face, sat in a chair for the first time, and I really think this fact gave almost as much pleasure as the tree. *Ettie*, who was very, very ill, had promised to keep very quiet, and bolstered up with pillows that she might see, is made very happy by a large doll; it is many, many years since she possessed one; she will not need this one long. *Baby*, poor *Baby*!—such a tiny mite, you could hardly dare handle her,—is the only one not at the Tree. She was far too ill to notice anything, or care for any pleasure; she weighs just 12 lbs., and is two years old.

We trust that before another Report is written we will be in our new Hospital. We will require about \$40,000; but the Lord has plenty of means in the hands of His stewards.*

The Trustees think that we ought to build upon the lots we possess, adjacent to the present Hospital; but the ladies who come together every week to consult, to work, and to lay their needs before our God, have as yet grave hesitation upon the subject, feeling as though it may be His will to lead them elsewhere from our present somewhat confined situation. In this matter of the new Hospital we have been hindered more than in anything else we have laid before Him and undertaken; and He knows too how badly it is needed in every way, for the very building is falling into decay, and is not deemed safe by our Architect. We have, however, learned that the Lord never denies a request without good reasons, nor without having something better in store than the granting of it would bring about; and so, with thanksgiving, we continue to make known to Him our great necessity in the work among His sick and needy little ones, confident of this one thing, that His word is as good to us as it was to Joshua in his day and work, "*I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee: be strong and of a good courage.*"

* Mr. John Macdonald, upon reading our last Report, kindly volunteered to be one of twenty persons to erect the building. Mr. E. B. Osler and Mr. J. Hallam have also each promised \$1,000.