

# HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

## A WORK OF FAITH.

### TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

*"Many, O Lord my God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to us-ward."*

*"I have declared Thy faithfulness: I have not concealed Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth."—Ps. xl.*

*"How many soever be the promises of God, in Him (Christ) is the Yea."—2 Cor. i. (R.V.)*

In writing the Report of the HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN for this year, it will be necessary to go into details to a greater extent than in former years: so much has transpired, and is still pending.

Those who love to hear of the children, their sayings and doings, also the day by day existence from the good hand of our God, must consult the Secretary's Diary; and I am sure they will be well repaid, and their faith strengthened thereby.

Our work is continued on the same principle as in the past, viz.: Faith in a prayer-hearing God, relying on Him alone to supply all our needs. We still hold our usual meetings for prayer every Friday morning from 11 to 12, laying before Him all our needs, and telling Him all our difficulties. We also present any requests for prayer that may be sent in; and often are our hearts cheered when we hear that the petition has been granted by our God. We heartily wish that all those who have received their requests would let us know the good news, that we might also with them offer our grateful praises to Him "Who is more ready to hear than we to pray, and is wont to give more than either we desire or deserve." *"Praise is pleasant, and it is comely."* But we confess with humiliation, whenever we think of His "exceeding great and precious promises," how much more might have been accomplished had we been more steadfast.

During 1885, \$5,538.94 passed through our hands for current expenses, besides the gift of another wing to the Lakeside Home by J. Ross Robertson. We also bought the building next to our own, as every available spot of room is occupied.

The plans for our new building are almost complete, and we purpose beginning its construction immediately. It has been a matter of grave thought and much earnest prayer, and still is, that the Lord would show us whether we are to build on the property adjoining our present Hospital, or move elsewhere, where we could have more ground and pleasant trees and flowers.

Those who understand about such matters know it costs more to build, equip and maintain a Hospital than any "Home." The appointments and appliances must be of the best, in order to do the work at all. We must not only employ skilled labour, but must care for it. Our nurses must be as carefully looked after as the patients. Comfortable rooms and beds, quite away from their work, *are a necessity*. They must not be allowed to be overtired, lest they become irritable, and so unf<sup>t</sup> for duty among little suffering children.