

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN,

245 ELIZABETH STREET, TORONTO.

In the month of March, 1875, a Hospital, exclusively, for sick children, was established in the City of Toronto, having, for its basal principle, direct, but unpresumptuous faith in that God, who, has in thousands of instances, indisputably proved Himself to be, a hearer and answerer of prayer, a covenant-keeping God. "O Lord God of Hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee? or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee."

The managers of the Hospital—several of whom have been connected with it since date of opening—in issuing their third report, desire, thankfully, to record that the Institution—a faith-work in the truest sense of the word—has been maintained in all its departments, now nearly four years, without direct solicitation of any kind, but by voluntary offerings contributed in answer to prayer. A simple, trustful, and regular bringing of the requirements of the sick little ones, before a loving Father, who regards with especial favour and tenderness the lambs of the flock, has always sufficed; in return, in His own time and way (His time and way are always best), these wants have been supplied. "O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do."

Though, institutions of much greater extent and of various kinds, have been successfully established, on this principle, in several of the large cities of Europe and the United States, as far as can be ascertained, the "Hospital for Sick Children," 245 Elizabeth street, is the *only* one in Canada, which has been founded and maintained, without direct and regular appeals to the public for support; and, though *its* record may be humble and unpretentious, the members of the Committee give it, rejoicing, that they can *thus* bear testimony to the faithfulness of Jehovah, in redeeming all those gracious promises, which are scattered like gems through the pages of Holy Writ. Immediate, yea, instantaneous answers to earnest and believing prayer, many of them surprising in the extreme—"With God all things are possible"—and presenting food for thought, not only to God's people, but to scoffers and unbelievers, have been granted, literally fulfilling the words spoken by God, through the prophet, which have been echoing and re-echoing so hopefully all through the centuries. "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

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