

Seeing the stretcher, bearers and nurses, she concluded she was too late. Her joy at seeing him still alive and able to smile back at her can well be imagined. She took his hand, and walking by his side the little procession moved on. The ambulance was waiting for them at the City wharf, and they arrived safely at the H. S. C. An internal abscess had broken, blood-poisoning set in, and in a few days all his sufferings were ended.

Little May G., from the *Infants Home*, had her finger amputated, and became the spoiled child of the Home. She called that hand "the doctor's hand," and held it up for inspection and sympathy to all visitors.

One case of Scarlet Fever having broken out in the Boys' Ward at the Hospital for Sick Children, they could not come over at the same time as the others, till all fear of infection had passed; and it was July 29th before they got to Lakeside Home,—and they made the most of it, gaining in strength and weight daily. Every child is weighed on entering and leaving, and the total gain was nearly 300 pounds.

The Busy Bee Club held a bazaar that netted \$138.95, which they gave for the maintenance of a Cot (to be called after their name) at the Lakeside Home for five years; thus having the satisfaction of giving a summer's outing of fresh breezes and pleasure to some little sick and needy one during that period. The Ionic and the Rehoboam Masonic Lodges commenced Cots called after their names; as did also the Hand-in-Hand Insurance Company. The Ida and the Adelaide Cots were again maintained. The Bond Street Congregational Sunday School sent over a sick child, and supported a Cot for her.

To the Messrs. Doty, of the Ferry Company, we are indebted, not only for taking our children and attendants back and forth and moving us over free of charge, but for many rides on their Merry-go-round, that gave intense enjoyment to those who were able to accept, especially if well enough to mount a horse or camel: also to all the Island showmen who so courteously invited the little ones inside their tents.

In the Report of last year *Rebecca* and *Maggie* were mentioned. Rebecca died, after the greatest suffering, on February 28th; and Maggie, apparently as well as usual, died on the night of February 22nd, her head leaning on the Matron's breast, and her trust firmly fixed in her loving Saviour. She was the occupant of "Our Cot"—Queen Street Methodist Sunday School—(see Secretary's Diary), and *Clara*, so long her companion and neighbour, was chosen to take her place.

We have now in H. S. C. fourteen cots, viz., "The Violet," "The Ethel," "The Amy Macdonald," and "Freddie's Cot," kept by private individuals, *in memoriam*; "Our Cot," "The Alpha," "The St. James," "The Hope," and "The Faith Cot," are kept by Sunday Schools; "The Orillia" and "The Preston" \* Cots are kept by subscriptions sent from those places; "The Rolleston Cot," which is kept by the young ladies of Mrs. Neville's school; "The Oddfellows' Cot"—this is sustained by the members of that Society; "The Consolidated Cot," which is kept by the members of the Committee; and "The Children's Cot" †—this is maintained by money annually sent in by children, and appropriated by us for this purpose; although for the last two years these amounts have not been sufficient, and so have had to be supplemented from the General Fund.

The ladies who meet to make and mend every Wednesday have been as kind and faithful as in other years, but they very much need extra hands to help. They sew from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Christmas dinner was again provided and served by the Misses B., and bountifully the little ones fared. A few days afterwards the Christmas Tree was planted, and shed its motley fruit by the kind hands of the Misses M. Santa Claus of last year had outgrown his suit, and therefore did not appear; but the

\* The "Preston" and the "Faith" Cots are two half-cots, each paying \$50 a year.

† This is distinct from "The Canadian Children's Cot," which is a plan for the endowment of a Cot, carried out by ladies not connected with the H. S. C. For the particulars thereof see page 16.

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