

kindness to me during my misfortune, without your interest in me I don't know what would have become of me."

The third is that of a dear old woman who has been with us for some time. She has no home to go to and as her bed was not needed, we have been willing to let her stay. A true Christian, her gentle, sunny influence has been felt for good in the ward.

In common with almost every other charity in the city, we have this year sustained a loss in the death of Mr. William Gooderham, from whose wide-spread benevolence we too had profited. It was Mr. Gooderham who gave the acre of land on which the Home was built and who again in 1886 came to the assistance of the Committee by giving the sum of \$500 to finish the grading and for furnishing. He had also promised the Institution an entrance into the Home when the land owned by him in that neighborhood should be laid out into building lots. Of this promise, we are sure that death alone prevented the fulfilment, and we feel there is no doubt that his executors will carry out what were known to be his intentions in this respect. Besides this, Mr. Gooderham at various times sent patients in whom he was interested to the Home, and on some occasions held services there. The poor and the suffering have indeed lost a friend by his death.

This year as the number of patients had increased, it was decided to add to the number of physicians in attendance. Dr. Primrose, Dr. Wishart, Dr. Strathy, and Dr. Machell with Dr. Spencer now form the medical staff, and will visit by turns at the Home.

With the assistance of the kind friends who have subscribed to our funds, we have this year been enabled to pay our way, and even to present a balance in hand to date of September 30th, of \$923.70. Out of this, September's bills amounting to upwards of \$150 have been incurred and must be paid. The winter's heavy expenses too are coming on, besides which there are several expensive alterations which must be made in the near future, to increase the efficiency and lessen the labor of carrying on the Home, such as the bringing in of a water-supply, double windows, etc.

Our thanks are due to those kind friends who have subscribed to our funds, to the press for their courtesy in inserting items, to those who have at Christmas or through the year sent in donations of provisions, clothing, books, pictures, etc., to those tradesmen who have liberally allowed a discount on articles bought for the Home, to the