

cheeks ; but she has returned to her English home, and no one else has yet offered to fill her place.

In connection with this subject we would refer our readers to a sweet little story, entitled " Dot," enclosed in this report, about the " Fresh Air Fund " of New York, for the poor little sons and daughters of squalid poverty in that City ; and may God touch the hearts in many a home in Canada, to learn its blessed experience in doing likewise ; as we have, and also know of, many children situated in similar circumstances, to whom fresh air and healthy recreation would prove a blessing indeed. Such as cannot take a child to their homes awhile in the country, but who are willing to aid these poor little ones to regain health, can do the work by paying for their board for a fortnight at the Island Hospital for the Convalescents.*

WE HAVE BOUGHT THE LAND ADJOINING

our present property, facing on the Avenue, and on this we expect to build the Hospital proper, in which only acute cases, and those suffering from accident, will remain ; and we hope eventually to have a Convalescent Hospital somewhere outside the City limits. Our present plan of an Island Hospital before-mentioned, is only practical for four months in summer, and consequently would be but a temporary resort.

* Since the above was in type, a Toronto gentleman called upon the Secretary, and said, that if the City would grant a lot upon the Island for our Convalescent Hospital, he would give \$1,000 towards building one, as he considered it would be far more advantageous to erect a Hospital than to rent a house for that purpose. The City most readily made the grant of land, and the \$1,000 were paid into the Bank on account of the Building Fund. Some other subscriptions, both previously and subsequently, came in towards the erection of a building ; and thus we were led to see the Hand of our God, not only in sending us such a sum in answer to prayer, but in making it clear that *building*, not *renting*, was the mode in which we were to work for Him.