

possible, acts as Rescue Home, Refuge for the destitute, Hospital for sick and dying infants, and giving home life, as far as may be, to the children of the Home proper. Our nursery children are models of health and strength, showing the treatment adopted in the Home is satisfactory. There is in all this city no refuge for a very young child suffering with an incurable complaint. Our Managers, should such a case survive infamy, cannot do otherwise than keep the child under their care. We have one such child at present, whose father is dead, her mother in the Asylum; no one ever asks for the child, she is helplessly left, and can never walk. The Infants' Home has no appliances for such cases, and no funds for special nurses; but the Managers endeavour to remember the motto on the seal of the Home: "Take this child, and nurse it for Me." A special chair has been provided for this little girl, in which she can push herself about to her great pride.

Cases might be multiplied and this report become wearisome; but if, when placed in the hands of the public by our collectors, what has been said causes even half a dozen persons to think why infant life should be so recklessly tampered with, this report will not have been written in vain.

During this year we have had under our care 166 children and 67 women. Five children have been adopted into good homes, and are the pride and joy of their adopted parents' lives. We have had to send eight of our mother nurses to the Hospital, and find the larger proportion of the women admitted to the Home during the year to have been unusually delicate, making, therefore, very inefficient nurses.

Large sums of money have been expended this year upon our heating and sanitary arrangements. This outlay, the

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