

place, it can be transferred to another; sometimes with very good results. The Managers are glad to say that in their short letters, it is very soon, "*we* have horses, and *we* have cows on *our* place;" or "Uncle John has given me a lamb;" showing how thoroughly they become one with the others. Dear children, what an untold blessing for them when they are taken into the family life once more. Of course Santa Claus (personated by Major Leigh) appeared on the scene with all his books, toys, etc., taken from an "Exhibition" chimney, kindly lent by Mr. Winsor of Peter Street, to the great delight of all the little people. Many kind gifts were received at the Home for the Christmas dinner, for which the Lady Managers were most grateful.

The New Year opened with 183 boys, 80 girls and 15 of a staff in the Home. Illness still prevailed. A letter was received from Mr. J. Ross Robertson, saying, "I write to ask that you will kindly call the attention of your Board to the fact that the Hospital for Sick Children will take care of any sick children whom you may have in your building, free of all charges; of course we are prohibited from receiving patients suffering from contagious diseases." This kind offer was accepted with thanks, and the former engagement closed with the Toronto Western Hospital.

February was the most trying month of all, having lost three children, two at the Isolation Hospital, namely: Annie Davis, aged 5 years, of paralysis of the heart, and Eddie Ussher, aged 8, of diphtheria. The mothers of both of these children were with them part of the time. At the Home, Duncan Blue, aged 3 years and 5 months, died from croup of a malignant type, after a short illness; every means were taken to prolong life that modern science could suggest, but without effect. His father hurried from Port Coldwell, Algoma, but was only in time for the last sad rites. This was a very distressing case, and occurred on the 4th of February. A special meeting was held soon after at 150 Beverley Street, by the Lady Managers. The chief brightness of the month appears to have been that Mr. Edwards, who has always been so kind, offered to come and give the boys singing lessons, if allowed to do so. There was also a legacy received from the late Mr. Milloy's estate, of \$3,000.

In March, a boy of four years, named Carlton Bates, died from convulsions, in the Home, where his mother was constantly with him to the last. He was always a delicate child, and his whole desire was to go to his Father. The Matron said in her Report (30th March), "we hope to be out of quarantine this week; any sickness for the last three weeks, extremely light;" which was cheering news, and some boys who had been treated by Dr. Price Brown at the Toronto Western Hospital, returned fully recovered.