

little ones." Ere this money was applied as desired, the sorrowful news of a great and sudden affliction reached the friends of the Hospital; the faithful, loving nurse who night and day had watched the only little daughter through the previous illness by a sad mistake administered, with her own kind hand, the fatal draught which was in a few moments to leave the sorrowing parents to mourn the loss of their "little Mary."

In answer to a letter of sympathy from the Secretary, came one saying, "We would like to take a cot in the Hospital, and name it "Mary's Cot." so the thank-offering gift previously received, was now applied "In Memoriam."

A sweet, fair little girl, Mabel, afflicted with disease of the spine, and whose father was lost in the wreck of the *Waubuno* has now for several months been its occupant.

Another new cot, "Freddie's Cot," is also "In Memoriam."

One fact the Committee think is very pleasing, both as proving how much the skill of the kind staff of medical attendants is appreciated, and also that the report of the children themselves, when returning home, must be most favourable as to their happiness while in the Hospital; this fact is that applications for admittance from the same locality are often received.

The anniversary meeting for prayer and thanksgiving took place June 9th, 1879, Vice-Chancellor Blake in the chair. After the singing of a hymn, the Rev. Dr. Potts read a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. W. S. Rainsford followed with earnest prayer.

The Chairman then in a few concise words, reviewed the history of the Institution for the past year. He said that, since last June, although the Lady Managers had often been very low in the valley of humiliation and had suffered great anxiety, yet that in every case the Lord had provided; one addition he noted with great pleasure, the "Children's Cot," supported by the voluntary contributions of children's pennies.

Mr. Justice Patterson then gave a short statement of the financial affairs of the Hospital since the Treasurer's last report at the close of the year. The income up to the end of May had been \$1,287.50, and the outlay, with two or three items, such as whitewashing and payments on heating apparatus yet unpaid, quite covered that amount; he stated that there was no subscribing constituency behind the Hospital, that the management depended for the future, as much as in the past, upon the answers to earnest and repeated prayers.

Dr. Castle was greatly pleased with the growth of the Hospital during the past four years, and considered that it was a record of God's own word, accomplished before our eyes, by the hands of the Christian sisters who took such an interest in the welfare of the Institution.

Rev. Milligan spoke of this Hospital as being different to any other Institution in the city, in that it was worked entirely upon a basis of faith and prayer, and had no means of sustenance than such as God provided in answer to earnest and patient prayer.

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