

light puddings, fruit jellies, and syrups. Perhaps meat-cakes hardly rank as delicacies, but they were prepared at the suggestion of our friend and patron Dr. Laphorn Smith. They are used mostly in families where the bread-winner is laid aside, leaving helpless ones to suffer, and have saved not a few from hunger bordering on starvation. They are always gratefully received and meet a want long felt in our work.

During the unhappy period of the epidemic, though we had no immediate connection with the afflicted, we were able to supply several of the churches with their weekly donations to St. Saviour's Hospital, and received much gratifying testimony to the excellence of the articles furnished.

Last autumn we were happily enabled to carry out a project which seemed a most natural and desirable out-come of the Dispensary work, namely, the addition of a visiting nurse to our staff.

To secure a person, trained, and competent to do such work, necessarily involved a large increase in expenses, but the first expression of our wish brought forth such a generous response that all doubts were set at rest ; a suitable person was engaged, and on Dec. 1st our long cherished hope became an accomplished fact. We were fortunate in securing a nurse who possesses in addition to a good training, hearty sympathy with suffering, and conscientious devotion to duty. Looking over her winter's work the wonder strikes us that we were ever able to get along without such an assistant. Since Dec. 1st she has made 392 visits, averaging 23 each week, in many cases attending to the wants of neglected children of suffering mothers as well as carefully ministering to the sick, accompanying those, willing to go, to the hospital, soliciting the aid of doctors for the poor, and often staying all night with the invalid. From the many touching accounts of destitute cases relieved through her agency, one or two may be given. A poor woman dying with consumption, without change of clothing or bedding, and no one to send for supplies of nourishment, was made comfortable, and tenderly cared for till released from suffering by death. Her gratitude was most sincere and fervent.

Another woman with an infant and three other children, too young to care for themselves or her—her husband in gaol—and almost nothing in the house, was visited. When our nurse appeared with her basket of supplies, the children seized the food and devoured it like hungry animals. The poor mother and babe were made comfortable, supplied with clean clothing and suitable nourishment, until her returning strength shall enable her to dispense with our assistance.

To aid in this work a few friends supplied us with a little store of under-clothing, infant's clothing, and bedding, which has been invaluable in adding to our nurse's usefulness. It was originally intended to keep sheets, blankets and other articles of bedding to lend, but owing to the prevalence of small-pox it was not thought wise to take anything back during the past winter. In future, however, when there is no risk of contagion, such supplies will be only lent in cases of sickness.

Before closing we would offer a word of grateful acknowledgement to the editors of the daily papers for gratuitous notices of our work ; to the trustees of the American Presbyterian Church for the continued use of their rooms rent free, and to every one of the many friends who have so ably and generously assisted us during the past year.

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