

person. There has also been remarkable exemption from fever and other diseases. Surely this ought to be regarded as a token of God's good providence over the Home. Ps. 86. 17.

The work of the Home has been pursued throughout the present year just as in former years, except that the responsibility of taking away infants, or caring for them, has been, if that were possible, more distinctly lodged upon the mother in all maternity cases. They are distinctly notified of this at the time of admission.

As to the Resolution of last annual meeting authorizing the erection of an additional building for the shelter and care of children, if the judgment of the Committee on further consideration should so determine, there has been no action. And this is still considered an open question. The preliminary questions arise, to what extent can the mothers be induced to remain with their children, and how long, and in how many instances, would they continue to acknowledge and maintain them? Observation thus far does not warrant our giving any very favorable answer to these questions, certainly not such as seems to justify a new building to accommodate such cases. So that meanwhile we postpone it; and can only in all maternity cases, which we much wish were fewer in our work, continue to encourage and enforce the due care and responsibility of mothers for their infants,—results which are difficult to obtain.

A lease has been given to Mr. Howley of the lower part of the vacant garden ground in rear of this building, on the conditions that he would give right of way to and from St. Antoine Street by Scotland street—that he would fence both sides of the continuation of Scotland street through our ground, and pay taxes. All this he has agreed to do. He in return is allowed to store lumber on the lower part of the ground, that is below the lower line of Scotland street fence. This lease is terminable on notice of this Society. Mr. Howley makes an offer for the purchase out and out of this piece of ground, which we submit for consideration.