

Many think that in London, or such other great European cities, is the want and misery only to be found that is described of little children by Dickens ; but our sad experience has been (as will be seen by the Secretary's Diary), that in our own City, the City of churches, "The Queen City of the West," children are living in an atmosphere of filth and misery and evil, breathing bad air in wretchedly ventilated rooms, ready, from their sickly and scrofulous constitutions received by inheritance from their drunken and tainted parents, not only for the sores and deformities that must necessarily come from such birth-source, but for any passing disease.

We take them into our warm airy rooms, and clean beds, nurse and care for them during their illness ; but there our work ends ; we cannot keep them or change their circumstances ; and too often they have to be sent home weeks sooner than we could wish, to make room for others more ill than they. Often our hearts are sad as we send some of them back to their homes of wretchedness and sin.

IT IS OUR INTENTION DURING THE SUMMER,

God willing, to establish a temporary Convalescent Hospital on the island opposite our City ; not only for these poor little mortals who have passed through their period of sickness with us, and are on the road to recovery, but for the children of any who have not the opportunity of taking their ailing ones away for change of air. This we hope to have under our own personal supervision ; and we expect that a sufficient number of volunteer nurses can be had among the many lady friends of the sick children, to care for them a while. All patients will have to be passed by our physicians, and a letter from them will be sufficient to admit them. We hope that a stay of a couple of weeks or so, will be long enough in most cases ; and this will allow of our taking a great

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