

mother is compelled to nurse her own and one other infant. We always endeavor to get her to come in with her child ; but failing this, she is followed up closely, and made to pay monthly in proportion to her abilities.

Another salient feature of our charity is our constant watchful desire to get our little ones adopted by respectable as well as responsible parties, and we have pleasure in stating, since the opening of the institution, forty-one have been adopted. They are seldom, if ever, lost sight of afterwards, and we have valid reasons for congratulating ourselves upon our success in placing them. Our interest in them by no means ceases at the expiration of their stay with us.

Before concluding this report, it is but an act of simple justice to refer to the very efficient manner in which our Matron has discharged her duties. At times her labors have seemed perhaps excessive, but she has always been found equal to the occasion, and cheerfully and satisfactorily performed her work.

The different nurses, too, merit the approbation which all connected with the Home cordially extend to them.

To the several medical gentlemen, who have given us their professional services gratuitously, we are especially indebted. Without their generous assistance and advice, we feel confident our report would have been far less assuring.

Special thanks are likewise due the Advisory Board, for their devotion to our interests, also to the proprietors of the *Witness* and *Star* for tangible aid, and particular mention should be made of our good fortune in securing so desirable a gentleman as James Hutton, Esq., to succeed our late President.

Last, but not least, our gratitude is due those kind friends who have supplied the necessary pecuniary assistance to meet our expenses. We discover in these acts a substantial pledge of their good wishes in our feeble efforts to alleviate the wants and sufferings of our fellow creatures.

And now, humbly bowing in thankfulness to the great architect of the universe for all favors received, and recognizing fully Our Saviour's injunction to care for the little ones, we desire to respectfully, but modestly, submit our seventh annual report.

D. M. DAVIS,

*Secretary.*