

FOURTH REPORT.

Nearly five years have passed, since the first little patient was received into the newly established Hospital for Sick Children.

To-day twenty-two little ones are being tenderly nursed and cared for, and the Committee of Management in issuing their fourth report for the year ending December 1879, desire to record, with feelings of the deepest thankfulness, that He to whom they alone looked, in the early days of the Institution, has been graciously pleased to bless their work of faith, enabling them to close this year entirely free from debt, with a balance of \$50.57.

During the year 38 Intern patients have been received ; 412 out patients relieved.

The difficulty is no longer, where to find the little sick ones, but how to supply cots sufficient to meet the numerous applications coming from far and near ; the parents being only too glad to secure for their suffering children those comforts, and kind medical attentions, which in their own homes it is often out of their power to procure for them.

In several cases where the sickness or loss of mother leaves the family to the care of strangers, the boon of such a home as the Sick Children's Hospital is incalculable. During the past year the city has been kindly pleased to make a grant of \$250 to the Hospital.

The Committee have also received a legacy from the Trustees of the late Mrs. M., of \$200 ; and a present from a friend deeply interested in the work of love, \$200 ; from another lady, \$125 ; twenty-five of which was to go towards the payment of the furnace, and the remaining \$100 to be applied to the Building Fund. From another friend, \$100, the proceeds of a Bazaar, half of this sum to be appropriated also to the furnace debt ; Mr. H. \$10, for the same purpose ; also Mrs. P. \$100 ; a parlour entertainment given by some children brought \$11.

On August the 5th, the Treasurer was enabled with deep thankfulness to pay the last instalment, \$65.00 on the furnace debt, making the total paid, \$265.

The kind young friends of Rolleston House still continue to keep up their cot, and "Wee Tom" is their protégé as before.

On December 24th, 1878, a letter was received from a lady whose "sympathies" had been aroused by reading the accounts in the *Evangelical Churchman* of the Sick Children's Hospital, and wishing to show her gratitude to a loving Father who had safely brought her four little ones through a dangerous illness, now sent a cheque for \$100 "to be used in any way that might be of the greatest use to the suffering