

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

A WORK OF FAITH.

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"I will mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord."—Isa. 63, 7.

"They are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness."—Lam. 3, 23.

"And he believed in the Lord, and he counted it to him for righteousness."—Gen. 15, 6.

According to notice given on printed slips in last report, the eleventh annual record of work in the Hospital for Sick Children covers a period of only nine months, viz., from January 1st, 1886, to October 1st, same year. By this arrangement, the close of the Hospital year is made to correspond with the time specified for the rendering of the necessary official returns to Government.

The Hospital was founded, and has been continued since the beginning, in simple dependence upon God, as the Hearer and the Answerer of prayer. The work has enlarged with the passing years, and as a consequence the daily needs are greatly increased; but with thankful hearts the members of the Committee testify that—
"How many soever be the promises of God, in Him (Christ) is the Yea, and in Him is the Amen." The past has been a specially blessed and prosperous year; the faith of the workers, though severely tried, has not failed; money has been given amply sufficient for the needs of the children; consecrated helpers have come to our assistance; divine direction has been vouchsafed in emergencies; friends raised up for dark days, and all, we believe, in answer to united, persevering prayer. There is nothing remarkable in this, in Pentecostal times, the fire of the Holy Spirit descended upon a few earnest and faithful men and women, as they continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.

Our prayer service is held, without fail, every Friday morning, between the hours of eleven and twelve o'clock. These are hallowed seasons, times of refreshing, when in waiting upon the Lord our spiritual strength is renewed: "Bethels," where the Lord has *appeared* unto us, removing doubts and discouragements, and here we are brought into "the banqueting house, and the banner over us is Love." Requests from anxious, burdened hearts have been presented at the Throne of Grace, and often has the sadness been turned into joy on account of answers received. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God;" and as we tell the story of the year, we shall find abundant opportunity to make mention of His loving kindness to us ward.

During the year the sum of \$4176.51 has been received for current expenses of Hospital, the sum of \$1454.74 for Lakeside Home, and \$74.62 for Building Fund. Besides these amounts the following special sums have been offered to the Committee for a new building, viz.: Mr. J. M., \$1,000; Mr. E. B. Os., \$1,000; Mr. H., \$1,000; the City, \$1,000, as soon as building is commenced, and Mr. T., \$500.

As mentioned in our last report, plans for a new Hospital have been under consideration for some time, but we have not yet commenced to build. During the year Mr. Wm. G., who is ever ready, as all Christians in Toronto know by experience,