

than they do their own flesh and blood. In other cases, the children have been received owing to the insanity of one or other of the parents, and, in many instances, Death, the great leveller, has taken from the children their parents, and they have been left to the care of strangers. How sad the prospect of such children thus deprived of their father and mother! For all such, and for their relief and care, our Home has been established, and we trust that, with growing years, its power for good may be increased, and that it may, as in the past, continue to be the means of saving many children who would either perish or pass beyond the reach of our Protestant institution. It is not the will of our Heavenly Father "that one of these little ones should perish."

We have to notice with gratitude, a decided falling off in the average of deaths in our institution during the past year. We have lost 25 per cent. against 41 per cent. for 1874, and, as stated in former reports, the deaths are almost all of children under five months, and of those who have not the nourishment natural to such infants. In 1875, the average of those fed from the bottle is three against seven in 1874. We owe this saving of life, under God's blessing, not only to the increased number of foster mothers over former years, but to the untiring vigilance and careful supervision of our esteemed matron, and to the watchfulness of the head nurse.

To this must be added the daily, faithful and gratuitous attendance of our medical men, to whom our institution owes a debt which can never be too highly spoken of. At the request of Dr. Bell, who has so many years gratuitously attended the Home, Drs. Ross, Osler and Gardiner were added to the medical staff of the Home. The arrangement made by them was a division of the year into four terms, each one to attend three months. Most faithfully have they performed this labor of love, and our warmest thanks are due to them.

As in former years we have always found ready sympathy and willing hands to aid our efforts to procure the means to support our institution and cherish the little ones in its care, and, as our institution, with the growth of the city and the increased