

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

Though still feeling "the hard times" our difficulties are less than a year ago. One great relief is that our boiler is at last paid for. By dint of constant small economies helped by a very few donations, and by a gift from our Church-workroom. The wards and private rooms have been fairly well filled throughout the year, and our patients have happily, made good recoveries in almost all cases. Their gratitude and affection for the House are indeed a pleasure to those who are constant and unwearied in their care of the sufferers. We shall welcome very warmly more tray cloths, table covers, etc., if amongst our kind friends there are some who will again send us these necessary articles.

The small light "comforters" of pretty art muslin, which are of great use in the wards are losing their freshness and beauty. May we have some more please, dear helpers of former years?

The Shanty Bay working party have been so good to us in the past, that we venture to remind the workers of the perishable nature of "Comforters," and the need of replenishing our supply. At Port Dalhousie, where our kind friends the Rev. J. and Mrs. White now live, some very welcome needlework has been sent to us. We hope there is more of it in hand now! The near approach of Christmas, brings suggestions of gifts for a tree, and possibly some money to spend on evergreens to decorate our wards. We think it probable that a good deal of work is being quietly done now, and that Christmas-tide may find us well provided to meet all the various wants which are felt at the Holy Season, which we try to make bright for those about us. We have to thank an anonymous friend for a very kind note enclosing a donation of \$5, "A small token of gratitude for kindness and attention received during the time spent in St. John's Hospital." Another enclosure of \$2 came "from a grateful patient." From the Bishop Strachan School we again acknowledge a very welcome addition to our stock of pillow cases; our friends there are now busily occupied in dressing dolls for us,—and very dainty dolls they are!—to be sent out to the School at Yale, where our Chaplain has lately paid a visit, and made a promise of these delightful playthings for Christmas-tide. From the Rev. T. C. Street Macklem we have had a very opportune gift, a number of good and well bound volumes, which we are sending to our college at Oshawa. Since the early days of our work there, a real need has existed of Literature of an amusing and improving character for our children.