

who, surrounded in their happy homes with blooming healthy children, remember the pale thin faces, deformed limbs and diseased bodies of the patient little sufferers in the Seaton Street Hospital.

A few Ladies of the Committee have agreed to meet every Wednesday morning to assist the Matron in the sewing department. Altering such contributions of clothing as are sent in, and mending the garments already in use, will fully occupy the time they have devoted to this purpose.

Adverting to the financial condition of the Hospital, we find the expenses from 1st July, 1876, when the last report was issued, to this date, 31st December, 1877, to have been \$2,098.63, and the balance in hand to-day \$41.07. Sixty-five patients have been admitted during that time, of whom 16 now remain. When the last report was published only nine children were in the Hospital. With increasing numbers, increased funds are necessary, and the managers observe that these are granted, for the contributions in money and necessaries, *just enough* eighteen months ago for 9 little patients and their caretakers, are now still *just enough* for nearly double the number. As the manna was sent in daily supply to the Israelites of old, so the wants of these little ones are daily provided for, and the truth of the promise established, "Then ye shall call upon Me and ye shall go and pray unto Me and I will hearken unto you."

If there be any one who, reading this report, asks where we find authority for such confiding trust in God's fatherly mercy and bounty as connected with the minor details of our daily life, we would answer, that in the 19th verse of the 78th Psalm, the sin of Israel is thus set forth :

"Yea they spake against God, they said can God furnish a table in the wilderness, can He give bread also, can He provide flesh for His people?"

Therefore the Lord heard this and was wroth, "So a fire was kindled against Jacob and anger also came up against Israel because they believed not in God and trusted not in His salvation."

And here a weekly special meeting at the Hospital must be referred to, where the workers join together in earnest supplication before the Throne of Grace, pleading God's precious promises to all that call upon Him and asking constant favour and help from Him, who said to His believing people, "As thy day so shall thy strength be."

In many instances very remarkable answers have been sent to these hours of prayer, indeed too many for insertion here. A few extracts from the Secretary's diary will suffice :

Feb. 10th, 1877. Met for prayer and thanksgiving. Our gracious Father has sent us _____, making the total amount for this week, \$53.00.

Feb. 23rd. Met again for prayer. Truly they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. We have received this month from His bounteous hand \$90.26, besides donations of clothing for the little ones.