

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

Little Mary, who had been ill so many weary months, went home at last. The poor little creature was literally nothing but "skin and bone," and was slowly dying for weeks, but through all the weary journey home His rod and His staff comforted her. We were really glad to see her go.

Wee Spencer, only three years old, whom we used to call our "blue baby," was taken quickly, one happy day for him. He had come into the world with an organic affection of the heart, which prevented the free circulation of the blood, and gave the whole surface of the skin a purple tint, especially the fingers, lips and toes.

During the year forty-three of our children have been discharged cured. Two of these were serious cases of hip-joint disease, and other two were afflicted with Pott's disease. Edgar, one of the latter, who is without near relatives, was sent to the Boys' Industrial School, Mimico. We had the pleasure of seeing him there a few days ago, at the annual meeting of the school, and with satisfaction noticed that he had gained in strength, and was apparently a bright, sturdy, active boy.

With sorrow we chronicle the death of one of our most faithful nurses, Nurse Graham, who in the midst of an active, useful life was suddenly stricken with tubercular meningitis. Everything that medical skill could devise, or loving care do, was thought of and done for Nurse Graham, but in less than a fortnight she was welcomed to the "many mansions" by the children she had nursed and tended and who had passed on before.

But "we sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him."

FINANCIAL.

The Hospital and the Lakeside Home are supported by *voluntary* contributions. We do not collect, or in any sense ask for money for the support of either of these institutions; though the principle upon which we work does not prevent us from talking to friends about our needs, or alluding in our reports, or in the daily papers, to our necessities or the state of our finances. In so doing we are but following in the footsteps of George Muller, Dr. Cullis, George Shipman, and many others, who by means of printing, and addresses given at public meetings, labor to arouse and increase interest in their special work.

It may be well for us to say here that in stating that we do not *collect* or *ask* subscriptions for the support of our work, we do not wish it to be understood that we are making unjust comparisons between ourselves and others who work on a different basis. It requires, as we know from personal experience in other work, "great faith" and trust in God to go about from door to door with a collecting book; and in both cases it is God who blesses the means used, and brings about the desired result, in the one case by the *direct* appeal to the individual, in the other by the *indirect* appeal to the individual and the *direct* prayer to Him. We know Christian women in this and other cities, who never go out to collect money for the Lord's work without offering earnest prayer for a blessing on their efforts, and as they enter shops, offices or houses, their hearts are continually waiting upon God for grace and help.

In answer to prayer, God has sent to us since the opening of the Hospital for maintenance alone, the sum of \$71,356.30 and an almost incalculable amount of "donations in kind," as we speak of them.

This year we have received for maintenance at the Hospital \$6,118.28. Of this amount \$264.25 came in for "pay patients." For the maintenance at the Lakeside \$1,761.48 was sent, of which sum \$101 was given as payment for the children sent over by the Fresh Air Fund.

Of the amount deposited with us for the maintenance of the Hospital, nearly

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