

AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR THERE WERE IN THE
HOSPITAL

25 patients. The extracts from "Our Diary" which follow this Report will shew our readers the position is our monetary matters occasionally. Sometimes it of "high water," at others, "low tide," but like the tide, all is under the beneficent rule and care of Him from Whom floweth all our resources. When our store is full and abounding our faith is in calm repose, but when the Treasurer reveals that the condition of the supplies is one of scarcity, then we find that the previous exercises through which our God has put the faith He has wrought in us has so strengthened it, that it is a pleasure to expectantly watch for the results of our requests, that soon come flowing in from His inexhaustible Treasury. We remember a little refreshing circumstance which happened during the late war in the States, in which a child uttered a sentence to his widowed mother, who had lost her husband in the Confederate service, that is full of meaning. Often had the Christian woman been nearly reduced to the last morsel in the house, and as often in answer to prayer had she come out of the straits with thanksgiving, and renewed confidence in her God. The "barrel" was low on this occasion, and as the child was gathering the last lot of flour from it, he looked up smilingly, as the thought struck his mind, and said, "*Mother, I think God always hears when we're scraping the bottom of the barrel!*"

We think so too.

There are those who doubt that God exercises any direct influence in these and kindred matters but who nevertheless appeal to Him, though in a puzzled way perhaps, when their own hours of difficulty or danger overtake them. Such need to be encouraged to believe, that true prayer is a power, of which, though the