

will doubtless always be found ample scope for the exercise of her intelligent mind and charitable heart, and may God bless her labors in the future, as they have been in the past, in whatever direction her sympathies and talents may lead her. Our good friend Mrs. Scott consented to fill her place temporarily, and to all who know her it is sufficient to mention her name to ensure confidence that her work has been well done.

By the resignation of Mrs. Ritchie, our head nurse, a vacancy occurred which has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. McFarlane.

Matters in reference to the building fund remain in nearly the same state in which they were left last year. At the instigation of our Advisory Board, exertions have been made, however, to collect instalments of subscriptions to meet payments due on the land. The widespread financial depression from which our own good city, in common with all other business centres upon this continent, has been suffering, has rendered it inexpedient to attempt the construction of the building we have in contemplation. But the managers are not without hope that before many months are over, circumstances will admit of a renewal of attempts to secure so desirable an object.

It will be seen by reference to the statement attached, that as much attention to economy has been enforced as was compatible with our means, and we feel like congratulating ourselves upon the fact that although we have not accomplished *all* that we could have desired, we are not in debt.

Clergymen from the different churches have kindly given us the benefit of religious services on the Sabbath, until the epidemic of whooping cough, from which our children have been suffering, put an end to it.

The death rate, it will be noticed, is less this year than usual, while more than an average number of children have been adopted.

We regret to have to state that, owing to the epidemic just alluded to, numerous applicants for admission have been refused. We have felt it our duty to steadily decline, for some time past, to take the risks of exposure, unless in rare and exceptional cases. To illustrate what is here meant by the words "exceptional cases," an instance may be referred to. A clergyman sent us a