

revolves. Hospital work and point alone, but this is tend our children, because

t the Hospital; we simply, and ask God, as children necessities connected with s or blankets, we ask for and there is no money to aily bread." He who owns the silver, disposes the hearts of His sick little ones. Some-; but generally with each e case may be. Here are

December 19, 1889.
Sick Children's Hospital.
rest to be applied to the
happy Xmas, and wish-

very truly, M. B.

December 28, 1889.
s and forty cents), Xmas
ch. I shall endeavor to
nd hope another year the
happiness for the coming
M. B.

December 23, 1889.
al presents from some of
precious in the sight of
in the spirit in which it
in their own homes, but
love. All send Christ-
rvice, C. A. M.

a street, to help make a

December 27, 1889.
sed \$5 to purchase toys,
ar charge. Mrs. P. and
erick P., our only child,
h Christmas, but whom

erely, R. F. P.

bserved; in numberless
s for dessert, flowers for

l. Nothing, or at least

very little, comes in for days, but the butcher, the baker, the grocer, and the drug-
gist must be paid. However, in all the fifteen years of our hospital life, the
"barrel of meal" has not wasted, and the "cruse of oil" has not failed.
How could it be otherwise, when the God of the universe possesses an inexhaust-
ible treasury?

The prayer for money is but one of the many requests offered at our services.
We ask for the children, that they all may be in the fold of the Good Shepherd,
—that they may recover, if it be the will of God, and if not, that He may take
them easily and quickly to Himself. We ask for wisdom for our Superintendents,
patience for our nurses, knowledge and skill for our doctors, and for the members
of the committee the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we may glorify God in
our home life as well as in our hospital work. Many requests are received from
friends outside, and the children of the members of committee, as well as all the
workers are never forgotten.

The study of God's work is not neglected at our meetings. We note answers
to prayer as they are received, in connection either with our individual lives or
the hospital work, and endeavor to encourage one another in our work of faith
and labor of love. Our meetings are all open, and friends may be sure of a
hearty welcome to the "upper room," where our blessed Lord has so often
been "in the midst," and where our hearts have burned within us as He has
talked with us by the way.

Besides the weekly prayer meeting we hold an annual thanksgiving service,
generally in the month of March. This year the meeting was held on the 28th
of March, which turned out to be a very stormy day. Rev. A. J. Broughall,
Rev. Wm. Patterson, Rev. T. Trotter, Rev. Wm. Brookman and Rev. Dr.
McTavish took part, and the meeting was in every sense a good and helpful one,
though comparatively few were present.

The spiritual training of the children is always kept prominently before the
workers. It is the duty—though we are glad to say it is not considered a duty
but a privilege—of members of committee, superintendents and nurses, to talk
and pray with the children, and to endeavor, through the incidents and circum-
stances of their daily lives, as well as by direct teaching, to help them to under-
stand the simple truths of the Gospel. Several of the students of Knox College,
under the direction of Mr. Johnson, attended regularly on Sunday afternoons
during the College session this year. They arranged the children of each ward
into a Sunday school class, and by a simple style of questioning, the use of illus-
tration and anecdote, impressed the minds of the children, encouraged them to
think for themselves, and imparted to them a wonderful amount of Bible truth
and knowledge.

MEDICAL.

Our physicians attend daily at 2 P.M. for the purpose of admitting patients.
The staff includes eight consulting physicians, eleven active, five in charge of out-
door patients, two specialists and two registrars. Each doctor retains the
patients he admits. Their services are given free of charge, and with grati-
tude we testify that much time, thought and attention are cheerfully given by
these busy professional men to their little charges.

One of our doctors called at *midnight* a short time ago, to see if a little
fellow, who had been operated upon during the day, was comfortable, and had
afterwards, he said, to make an important visit at the General Hospital before
going to his home.

This year we have been very free from infectious diseases, having had only a
few cases of whooping-cough in the early spring.

Our physicians have admitted during the year one hundred and fifty children
to the hospital proper, and one hundred and four to the Lakeside Home. No
deaths occurred at the Lakeside, but in the wards of the hospital eight have
"fallen asleep"—