

more hopeful state, and were nice soft sheeting, with only a red border round them, it was easy work for little convalescents to repair them, while sitting on the sunny balcony.

The kind W. A. had sent us 6 nice new counterpanes, so large that we were just able to cut them in half, and by adding a red border to the cut edge, to make them do for 12 beds!

But as to sheets, words rather fail me,—but one's heart sank, and life seemed suddenly all dull and grey, as one tried to face the problem of having to make up 30 beds with the pile of "remnants" before one!

It was hopeless to dream of having them replaced for us, in the then state of the exchequer, especially as it had already generously promised us some towels.

Just when the depth of despair was reached, a kind Sister happened to enquire into the cause of the unwonted dejection, and then cheerfully said "Oh, I have been saving *piles* of new sheets, and pillow-cases and towels for you. They came in bales while you were away!"

Such joyful news! Two doz. nice new unbleached sheets, and over a doz. towels, and nearly two doz. pillow-cases, beside some red-bordered toilet covers!

How busy we all were getting them marked! It was such a comfort to have some really substantial things to give out the next week.

I only wish the kind friends who had provided these comfortable things for us could have shared in the universal satisfaction they gave!

Now we can mend with a good heart, as eight beds are so well provided for; especially as Sister says

we ought not to grumble, for once upon a time we had plenty of sheets and no children, and she thinks it is better to have plenty of children, even if we have not as many sheets as we should like!

Some charming bales have arrived during my absence, and it is a joy to inspect the well-stocked shelves, which will not, I fear, be quite so full when one has made a raid upon them for the winter supply of clothing.

The blue serge Sunday frocks are yet to be re-measured and put in order. We had such beautiful ones sent last year from Edinborough, and I did hear a report that there were more for us this year. We never yet have had *quite* enough for everybody. So it will be a very great satisfaction if there are enough to go all round this time!

Sister Fanny's kind little donation was not spent as usual this summer, on an expedition during the holidays, as several of the children had measles, but it went towards purchasing about 80 yards of pink print to be made up into more "Sunday dresses" for next year. Many of those in use now were sent to us from Wallington nine years ago, and are getting rather thin in some places.

We are often asked what we most want, a very welcome question, though the answer is sometimes apt to be rather long!

Here are some chronic wants:—

Turkey twill overall pinafores with long full sleeves, for ages from 4 to 14.

Turkey twill aprons, with broad straps over the shoulders, for older girls.

Strongly made and lined scarlet cloaks, of serge, duffle or baize, for winter uniform.