

In the mean time the tree was being loaded up stairs in the girls' large Ward. We are indebted to the Misses M. for the tasteful arrangement of the presents, some of which were made by their little sister, who had intended, had she lived, to have performed this kind office for the sick children. The Ward was gaily decorated with evergreens and appropriate mottoes.

All the quilts that had been sent in this month by children were arranged about the room and helped to give it a festive appearance. At two o'clock the children, having finished dinner, were carried up stairs, and the pleasant work of distributing the gifts began.

We would have been glad if all the kind donors and workers could have been there to see the happiness of the little invalids. As it was, we were glad to see so many, and, among others, "the boys" of the "Alpha Cot," who clustered round their little patient, and rejoiced in his joy.

Dec. 28th.—Tom P., of the "Morley Cot," after being with us three years (Pott's disease) went home to-day very much better. A year ago we hardly thought he could recover. He was succeeded by Fred G.

Dec. 30th.—Six little convalescents were taken down to the Zoological Gardens, at the invitation of the proprietor, and heartily did they enjoy the treat.

Receipts, \$592.82. Patients, 21.

Such are some of the facts, which we have taken out of our Daily Register for the year 1881. Surely they speak of nought but loving-kindness and tender mercy. Our God has proved Himself to be a faithful God; and as we look back we can but praise Him, who has led us, and cared for us and our children, every step of the way;—to *Him* we have made known all our wants, and at the close of the year we are able from daily experience to say, "Our God *has* supplied all our needs." "Not one thing hath failed of all that He promised us." Nay, more; He has done "exceeding abundantly above all that we asked or even thought." And as we stand on the brink of another year, with its numberless wants, and cares, and anxieties, we fear not to plunge into the unknown future, for He, in whom we trust, has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." So with hearts and hands rendered still stronger by the "goodness and mercy which have followed us" during the past year, we go forward in the name of our God—fearing nothing, but trusting fully that "He who has led us hitherto, will lead us all the journey through." Sincerely we thank all those who have taken so kindly an interest in this work; we pray for them that He, who has put it into their hearts to give of their substance, may