

Home since the last report was presented. During the summer Mrs. Van Allan, who had served us faithfully for some time, found that her increasing years rendered her unable to perform the duties required of her, and accordingly left us on the first day of September. We were most fortunate in securing the services of Miss McIntyre, who, with her thorough knowledge of nursing and love for children, has proved herself a most efficient help. We also have two trained nurses in the upper nurseries, Miss Derry and Miss Cavanagh, and it is largely due to the precautions taken by them that the sickness resulted in only sixteen cases of fever. But the strain proved a little too much, and after all was over Miss McIntyre collapsed, and was obliged to go into the hospital for some weeks. Miss Chapman kindly came to our assistance in this predicament, and under her supervision everything appeared to be running along smoothly, when sickness again appeared in our midst, this time in the form of whooping cough, which we hope soon to overcome. Mrs. Campbell is still caring for the children in the lower nursery, with a nature broad enough to give to each and all a mother's love, affectionate care and consideration.

During the year Dr. Anderson was added to our medical staff as Bacteriologist, and has proved of very great assistance to the doctors in their work.

It is with feelings of gratitude that we refer to the kindness of the Infant and Foundling Hospital in receiving many of our urgent applications and caring for them until the sickness was banished, and we were again able to open our doors to the public.

We are indebted to several clergymen of different denominations for their attendance at the Home to hold services on Thursday evenings throughout the year, which have proved a source of pleasure to the inmates.

Our thanks are also tendered Mr. Peter Wood for Bible readings on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, and to Mrs. Fairman, Mrs. Gatehouse and others for readings on Sunday evenings.

During the year Mrs. W. I. Shaw and Mrs. George Esplin were added to our Committee.

The Managers' annual meeting was held on April 5th, 1899. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—

Honorary President—Mrs. James Linton, by acclamation.

President—Mrs. Harte.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. Alex. Ramsay.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. F. S. Brush.

Treasurer—Mrs. Chas. Ault.

Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Benallack.

The Lady Managers are :—Mrs. J. S. Archibald, Mrs. W. H. Alford,