

prayer meeting is the centre around which all this life revolves. Hospital work is interesting and important from a humanitarian standpoint alone, but this is not our motive for engaging in it. We love, nurse and tend our children, because Jesus has said, "Feed my Lambs."

We have never directly asked for money to support the Hospital; we simply meet every Friday morning at eleven o'clock for prayer, and ask God, as children would a parent, to send the money to supply the many necessities connected with life in our Hospital wards. If we want towels, quilts or blankets, we ask for towels, quilts and blankets. If the Treasury is empty and there is no money to buy bread, milk, meat, or medicine, we ask for our "daily bread."

The committee are God's bankers for this work, and He who owns the silver, and the gold and "the cattle upon a thousand hills," disposes the hearts of His children to deposit their treasures in the Bank, for the sick little ones. Sometimes our deposits are large, often they are very small; but generally with each we receive a kind, touching or mournful message, as the case may be. Here are two or three of these pathetic little notes:

TORONTO, December 19, 1889.

Dear Madam: I enclose you ten dollars for the Sick Children's Hospital. Part of it towards the children's Xmas festival, and the rest to be applied to the general funds. Trusting that the little ones may have a happy Xmas, and wishing you success in your loving work,

Believe me, yours very truly, M. B.

WATERDOWN, December 28, 1889.

Madam: Please find enclosed \$2.40 (two dollars and forty cents), Xmas offering of the Sunday-school children of Grace Church. I shall endeavor to interest the congregation here in the little sufferers, and hope another year the offering may be larger. With wishes of prosperity and happiness for the coming new year,

I am, yours respectfully, M. B.

STRATFORD, December 23, 1889.

Dear Madam: This parcel contains a few *self-denial* presents from some of our Band of Hope children, for your little suffering ones, precious in the sight of Him who suffered for them. I know it will be received in the spirit in which it is sent, for many of them do not get many nice things in their own homes, but have become deeply interested in this work and labor of love. All send Christmas greetings to the children. I remain, yours in His service, C. A. M.

Enclosed is \$1 from three little children on Isabella street, to help make a bright and merry Christmas for some of the little folks.

December 23, 1889.

TORONTO, December 27, 1889.

My Dear Madam: Will you kindly use the enclosed \$5 to purchase toys, Christmas toys, or the like, for the little sufferers in your charge. Mrs. P. and myself send this mite in remembrance of Howard Frederick P., our only child, who was looking forward with eager delight to his fourth Christmas, but whom God took from our arms into His own last month.

Kindly let me know that this reaches you.

Yours sincerely, R. F. P.

Our deposits are not always money, as will be observed; in numberless instances they come in the shape of berries for tea, oranges for dessert, flowers for the wards, or "sleigh-rides" in the winter.

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