

Dark days have dawned upon the Hospital, times of trial and of great anxiety. The Treasury has been empty, or replenished, for the time being, by small contributions, while a *score* of sick children, some of them requiring much attention, were dependent upon the resources of the Institution, and the managers were powerless, as far as human aid was concerned. But, understanding their own weakness, and inability to cope with these difficulties, and remembering that God is both able and willing to perform *all* His promises, and that all He requires is to be "inquired of," they have brought them believingly to Him, and then confidently waited—"Blessed is he that waiteth"—and have found to their exceeding joy that "our Father" is not slack concerning *any* of his promises. "In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried unto my God. He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears." "For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills."

Since the first little patient was received, three years and ten months ago, 146 sick children have been admitted to the Hospital, of which number, 22 now remain, while nearly 400 have received dispensary treatment, as well as attendance at their own homes, when necessary. A large percentage of the intern patients have been suffering from chronic diseases of various kinds, which have necessitated a continuance, frequently, of many months in the Hospital. The first contribution in aid of the Hospital, was, some English coins, sent four years ago; from that time until date, the sum of \$7,185.25, including "payments" and amounts appropriated to the building fund, has been received, besides donations of furniture, bedding, etc.; also food and clothing, sufficient, with contributions in cash for the maintenance of the above number of afflicted, suffering children, and for such a staff of attendants as has been found absolutely necessary for their care; also the provision of medicines for both intern and extern patients. The Treasurer's statement shows the receipts for the year, commencing Jan. 1st, 1877, to Dec. 31st, 1878, including contributions and payments, either for "cots" or patients, to have been \$1,897.17, which sum is upwards of \$400 more than was received during the previous year. The balance on hand to-day is \$3.90. "Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now, therefore, our God we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name."

Early in the year it became apparent to the managers, that the house on Seaton street, though detached, and possessing the luxury of a large and pleasantly shaded play-ground, was unsuitable in every other respect for hospital purposes, being wholly destitute of conveniences, especially, necessary for the medical attendance, and careful nursing of sick children. After much serious and prayerful consideration, it was decided at one of the monthly meetings, that at the earliest possible opportunity, the Hospital should be removed to more desirable premises. On the even-