

Our daily provision comes in answer to united prayer. The weekly meeting is held regularly throughout the entire year, and the faith of those who meet there from week to week grows stronger as they note the wonderful way in which God leads them, and from day to day feeds the children under their care. God has many ways of supplying our wants. At one time He sends money, at another it is food, clothing, or medicine, and again a parcel of "M——'s Mottled Wrappers." It will be remembered that early in the year the firm of M. & Co., soap manufacturers, announced that it would divide the sum of \$1,000 among several of the charities of the city, the largest amount to be given to the charity having the largest number of "M——'s Mottled Wrappers," at a certain date. These "Wrappers" came pouring in to the Hospital, many of the parcels being anonymous. At the specified date the number sent by the Hospital was in advance of any other institution, and we received the sum of \$232.00. We mention this as an illustration of the many channels through which our daily provision is sent.

The year has been one of care and anxiety in the household, owing partly to the unsettled state of the house during the repairs, and the serious illness of Miss C——, our beloved matron, and two or three of our faithful nurses. But God's preserving care was over our family, and our matron, nurses and helpers are now in fairly good health. For some months the nurses held a Gospel Meeting in the M. Lodging House, a Bible class in the city paying the rent of room, the students of Knox College assisting, but just as good results began to be evident, the proprietor ordered the meetings to be discontinued.

The services held by the students in the Hospital have been specially delightful this year, and are much prized by the children. The hour of service on Sunday afternoon is now free from interruptions, as parents and relatives are not allowed to visit patients on Sunday, but on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Hospital is open every afternoon to visitors, except on Sunday. A few faithful friends continue their self-imposed task of coming weekly to make and mend. These workers have no special name, but they might well be called the "on duty" band. They need no thanks from us, for the Lord will say to them "I was naked and ye clothed me."

Sincere thanks are presented to Messrs. C. B—— for 12 barrels of biscuits ; to the G's Ice Co., for ice during the season ; to little Miss McC., for aquarium ; to kind friend from Queen St. Methodist Church, for \$1.00 monthly, and many amusing sketches for the children ; to Mr. M., for set of bottles for dispensary ; to B. & W., new plumbers, for cheque for \$50.00 ; to Mr. J. R. R., for sleigh drives for the children all winter, twice a week ; to some of the ladies of Committee, for jars of canned fruit ; to Mr. E. R. O., for rent of building for the entire year ; to Mr. H. S. A., painting and varnishing to the amount of \$25.00 ; to Mr. E. R., for 1 ton of coal ; to Mr. D. W. K., for plumbing, amount \$1.58 ; to Mr. J. R. R., for furniture, amount \$100 ; to Mrs. P., for knitted underwear, valued at \$50.00 ; to Mr. E. R. O., for loan of \$1,110 since Dec., 1885, without interest (amount borrowed to purchase land adjoining the old site), and to the many, many other kind friends whose gifts will be found recorded on another page.

Our Christmas was a happy, merry time, though an epidemic of measles prevented the carrying out of some of the arrangements, and detained the Misses M., who had for weeks been busy making gifts for the Christmas tree, from being present to see the joy of the children. Miss O. B., however, kindly completed the work so well begun, and the delight of the children was simply indescribable. Donations of almost every conceivable thing flowed in, until there was more than enough, and our good matron carried baskets of toys and eatables to the poor starved children in the neighborhood, who had never in their whole lives seen so many good things. The Misses B., as usual, now for a number of years, supplied a sumptuous Christmas dinner, and on the Wednesday following Santa Claus dispensed the gifts, which hung in profusion on the "fairy tree."