

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

A WORK OF FAITH.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

"One half the world knows not how the other half lives," was the title of a picture seen over twenty-one years ago hanging in one of the celebrated galleries of art in the Motherland. The scene is a small attic in which a man is seated and working at a fine shoe. His face wears the look of a determined will to conquer himself, for work he must. On the floor in the foreground is a chubby little fellow of two or three years beating a tin pan with the back of a spoon; the centre figure is a woman standing, needle in hand, biting the end off her thread; her head and gaze turned where her heart is, to the corner, where, on an old-fashioned chest lies the still form of her dead baby covered by a sheet: no time for mourning, no leisure for sorrow:

"Men must work and women must weep,
There's little to earn and many to keep."

Our object in writing the Report year by year, is to try and bring those who "know not" into close contact with ourselves, who are a part of "the other half," that they may see (as well as we can show them on paper) how *we* "live," and have some sympathy with our work, its sorrows and its joys.

Our work is fourfold and should be looked at from all its points:—

- I.—MEDICAL,
- II.—RELIGIOUS,
- III.—PROSPECTIVE,
- IV.—BEHIND THE SCENES.

MEDICAL.

Our physicians attend daily, giving their time and skill free of charge. There is one at the hospital at 2 p.m., every day to see any patient who comes in; each retaining the patient he admits*. He then visits that case as often as is required. Since we came into our temporary quarters very great demands have been made on their time, as we have had many serious cases, including scarlet fever, whooping cough, measles, and diphtheria, and several of our nurses have been laid aside, chiefly from the extra work entailed by the unsuitability of the premises. We have a

* Owing to our being in temporary quarters, and consequently having no out-patient department, we have not insisted upon this rule being strictly kept. When patients arrive the physician for the day is at once telephoned to come.