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ever, you will find that he proposed to
pay the full cost of maintaining four
beds, for surely it ought never to cost any
more than £150. a year for each bed for a child
~~than~~. This is the way it looks to me.
Besides, Mr Alex Brown & Mr Charles Harrison
are both ready to give $500. for a children's
ward, and the examples of these three would
have been contagious, and soon the capital
necessary would have been had.
You do not seem to have acted on my
suggestion about a Committee, but those
appointed will no doubt do what is needful.
I would not speak to Mr Williamson. When
he is ready he will act.
It grieves me to hear of Rev. A Molony's ill
ness, which, I pray, may have been temporary.
Dr Knight sent me a pamphlet an abstract
of the Ann. Report and Treas. Report.
It makes me sad to think that the Board
would, as an argument for furnishing the
new wards, say that those in the original
wing are in danger of becoming foul from long
use. Now, what foundation is there for such
a statement? We have large corridors wh.
for three months in every year, even four
months, may be used, so as to admit of
thorough cleansing and renovation, & are as well suited for the purpose as
the wards in the new wing. But independently of that, I consider it as a most serious
imputation on our ability to conduct a
hospital, for, if we understand our business,
our wards will be ever kept clean, and,
if they are, it is impossible they should be
come foul. "It is a dirty bird which fouls
its own nest." Then, I have another com
plaint. The report says the annual average cost
of conducting the Hospital is $475.000.