

of fancy work, as being the pleasantest during the day. For this re-awakening we are indebted to Miss Ella J. Creighton, whose patient perseverance and steady application is now rewarded by the gratitude of every girl that has been placed under her instruction.

WORKSHOP.

In our workshop there is little new to note, as the articles of willow work manufactured are the same from year to year. When in England during the summer holidays I visited several workshops for the blind, and brought out with me samples of any new pieces that I thought our young men might find a profitable market for when they leave the Institution. It is noteworthy that while these English workshops have been in existence for the past forty or fifty years, they still adhere to the old methods adopted by basket makers with sight, and that as a consequence only a minority of those who receive instruction succeed in making a livelihood. In the Ontario as well as in this School, hollow models have been adopted, and any blind person with ordinary mechanical skill can be trained by their use to manufacture a variety of useful as well as ornamental pieces of willow work. Mr. Baird still retains his position as trade instructor, and is always on hand to assist and direct those who may be placed in his department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the past year the School has been free from all contagious diseases, and the general health of the pupils has been fairly good. No effort has been spared in making the sanitary conditions of the Institution all that could be desired. The food which is given to the pupils is ample in quantity and nutritious in quality. Exercise either in the gymnasium or in the open air is taken regularly each day, and in fact everything is being done that can be done to make the physical development of those placed in our charge equal in every respect to the results in the other departments.