

HEALTH.

The Committee desire to record their thankfulness to a kind Providence that we have during the year been preserved from any serious sickness, no case requiring special mention.

SCHOOL.

Eight hours each week the boys still continue to receive instruction from Mr. Kennedy, Principle of Albrow Street School, (see his report attached.) Mr. Kennedy continues to give every satisfaction to the Directors.

MUSIC.

Most of the boys take great pleasure in the services of song held each Wednesday evening, and in which they show a marked improvement. Our object is to cultivate a taste for good music and singing, feeling assured that with the class of boys we have under our care it cannot but have a very refining influence. The Drum and Fife Band has been kept up with somewhat of its old efficiency.

PIC-NIC.

The annual day's outing provided by the Committee was held in August at Smith's, Bedford. The day was delightfully fine and the sail round the arm and basin was very much enjoyed. With the Superintendent, Matron and boys there was also E. D. Meynell, Rev. J. J. Teasdale and a number of friends. On arrival a good dinner was provided, after which the boys entered with vigor into the sports: running and swimming matches, tug of war, etc., for prizes given to them by friends. All returned home safe, delighted with the day's trip.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas was celebrated as usual. The school room and hall was decorated in quite an artistic manner by the boys. A large christmas tree loaded with useful articles (the gift of kind friends) was a centre of attraction for the boys. A good dinner of roast goose and plum pudding, etc., was served up at 2.30, to which, it is needless to say, the boys