

Report of Attending Physicians.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home :

We beg to present the following report upon the health of the inmates of the Home during the past year.

We are happy to state that the health of the inmates has been excellent, and during the year there has not been a single infectious case of any kind. There have been a considerable number of cases of minor ailments among the children, but none fatal.

Three of the aged women have died ; Mrs. Sumlor, at 76, apoplexy ; Mrs. Clifford, at 78, gangrene ; Mrs. Hebb, at 70, erysipelas.

The following is a list of the cases treated :—

Diarrhoea 7, Eye Disease 4, Febricula 3, Indigestion 4, Eczema 4, Anaemia 2, Cystitis 2, Fracture 1, Palpitation 1, Debility 2, Ear Disease 4, Influenza 6, Ulcer 1, Neuralgia 1, Insomnia 2, Constipation 4, Bronchitis 2, Meningitis 1, Tuberculous glands 1, Cramp 1, Asthma 1 ; total 54.

Seven cases had to be sent to the Children's Hospital, where they received every care and attention.

Three cases had to be isolated, fearing the onset of some infectious disease, and for that purpose we used a room on the top flat, fortunately none of them proved serious, but it is at present impossible to thoroughly isolate a suspicious case.

Among the aged women there has been considerable illness, and some of these cases would come under the head of incurables, that at present are difficult to dispose of, but thanks to the generosity of our citizens they seem likely soon to have their own institution.

Let us offer our praise for the work done by the matrons Miss Horne and Miss Merrick and their assistants. The young and old receive not only care and attention, but this is a home to them in every sense of the term.

There are few among you better able to judge of the usefulness of this institution than the attending physicians, coming as we do at all times and seasons, and we sincerely congratulate the Board of Management and their co-workers on the noble work they have so successfully carried on for thirty-three years.

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Medical Attendants.