

## REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN OF THE INSTITUTION.

BELLEVILLE, Oct. 1st, 1888.

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*Inspector of Public Charities,*

SIR,—It is with great satisfaction that I am able in presenting my report for the past session, to note the general good health prevailing among so large a community as that embracing all connected with the institution. Of course, in a population of about four hundred, made up of individuals from the tenderest years to advanced age, we had for treatment a reasonable number of the ills that flesh is heir to, but the cases developing symptoms sufficiently serious to occasion anxiety were few and far between, and these made a good recovery, no death whatever having occurred.

During the fall of 1887, a large number of the boys were afflicted with sore throat of a follicular character, due to the dampness of the season. A few days in each case were sufficient to restore the patient to his normal state of health.

Last October, our old and efficient gardener, Mr. Wills, had a severe attack of inflammation of the kidneys, and at one time his illness assumed an alarming form. After a tedious illness, however, he recovered and is now attending to his duties as well as ever.

While the health of the girls was remarkably good, unceasing care was necessary in connection with ailments peculiar to young and growing females; but they were well looked after by Miss Robinson and her assistants, and I desire to express my approval of the cheerfulness with which my instructions were carried out by those in charge of the female department, as well as by Mr. Douglas, the vigilant and obliging supervisor of the boys.

Mary Munro, a girl about fifteen years of age is at present suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia and her condition during the past few days has caused us no little anxiety. As is usual in any serious case of illness, the relations were notified, with the result that her mother is now with her, and everything possible is being done which may lead to her recovery.

The annual cleaning and renovating process, a factor of a complete sanitary condition, was carried out thoroughly during vacation. The sewers and drains are all in good condition, except the one leading from the kitchen which is defective and requires a thorough overhauling, and this at once, to prevent the generation of disease germs. Outside, a board walk has been constructed for the girls at the west end of the grounds, thus making open-air exercise possible at all seasons, a circumstance that cannot but be productive of good results.

Mr. Mathison's chief solicitude during the session was as usual the health and comfort of the pupils. No efforts were spared to render the term a satisfactory one, both physically and mentally, and to such an extent have his efforts been crowned that our institution is a subject of admiration to every visitor and a credit to the city.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Physician.