

MEDICAL REPORT.

In presenting to you this, my Thirty-second Annual Report of the health of the inmates of the Home, it is gratifying to me to say that during the past year they have enjoyed fair health, which, however, is no exception to the experience of previous years.

Until recently there have been 109 boys under our care, at present there are 97.

There has been one death since my last report, viz., a boy having died in June from chronic heart disease following rheumatism.

In the early spring, measles, followed by mumps, made an invasion amongst us, and forty-seven of the boys were affected by the former disease, and sixteen by the latter. There were also several cases of aggravated influenza, and two cases of diphtheria, one of the latter patients now being in the Diphtheria Hospital, and I am pleased to say he is convalescing.

The troublesome scalp disease alluded to in two of my former annual reports, has, I am pleased to say, entirely disappeared. This is a source of gratification in many ways, and especially so, that the extra expense of keeping the infirmary constantly open and equipped, is now no longer a necessity. No better evidence can be given of the general health of our care, than the bright and vigorous appearance which the boys now before you present. In this connection I would strongly recommend that they be instructed in drill exercises as in former years. This would have a beneficial effect, physically and mentally, upon them in more ways than one.

The out-houses connected with the Home have been altered and improved, and are now in a fair sanitary condition; the same remarks are applicable to the main building.