

The health of the officers, teachers and employees, together with their families, was equally good; and when we consider that the number under my professional care aggregates nearly 400, there is cause to feel gratified with such a state of affairs.

At the commencement of each session all new pupils are vaccinated, who have not before undergone the operation. Last year, owing to the prevalence of small-pox in the Township of Hungerford, a few miles from the city, we were more particular than usual, and in addition vaccinated all who did not bear distinct marks of vaccination. This year the same precautions were observed, but as the matter furnished was not fresh, very few of the cases were successful. A new supply of points, however, has been ordered, and in a day or two all those requiring it will be re-vaccinated.

During the vacation some much needed repairs and improvements were made. The roof of the main building, which leaked badly, has undergone extensive alterations, and is now water-proof; several of the rooms have been kalsomined and painted, a number of new and comfortable seats placed in the girls' sitting room, the main hall has been newly carpeted, and the interior of the building now presents a more home-like and comfortable appearance.

The sanitary arrangements of the Institution are in a most satisfactory state, and to this, no doubt, may be attributed, in a great measure, the general good health prevailing during the year.

The water supply continues satisfactory. The well at the rear of the carpenter shop furnishes good water, while that pumped from the bay, passing through the filter, is also fit for drinking and other purposes.

The sewers and drains are in good working order, and are regularly flushed with water in order to prevent accumulation.

The substitution of new automatic water-closets and urinals for those formerly in use is a decided improvement, the existence of unpleasant smells, and a liability to get out of order, being thus to a great extent obviated.

The Play-grounds afford ample space for indulgence in sports and games, and the children in fine weather, do not fail to take advantage of the facilities offered them; and this outdoor exercise is a powerful agent in the healthy development of their physical organizations. Many pleasant hours are also spent in the large square in front of the building, comprising nearly five acres of land, which tastefully arranged and plentifully supplied with flourishing shade-trees, will with the addition of a few walks, in a short time form a park which would be attractive for outsiders as well as for those connected with the Institution, situated as it is within a few minutes' walk of the city, and in close proximity to the bay.

The new pupils admitted this year are an intelligent lot, having been carefully selected by the Superintendent, a number of unsuitable applicants having been rejected as usual.

I may state that I have examined the food on several occasions, and at all times found it whole some and well prepared.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Physician.