

for a few months and died in August last. This is the only death among the inmates of the Institution I have to record, although there were two other cases of serious illness among the pupils. Adam Hewetson, from California, suffered from a severe attack of rheumatism followed by chorea. Through the unrelenting attention of his kind guardian, Dr. Williams, he recovered and is again a member of our happy little family.

It was with deep regret we were informed of the death of Miss Learmont, who for many years had been one of the kindest friends of our Institution. Her interest in the pupils was evidenced by her many gifts to them. No Christmas was allowed to pass without being made happier by her thoughtfulness.

The spiritual needs of the pupils have been well looked after by the Rev. Mr. Bushell and the Rev. Mr. McGillivray, who conduct service at the Institution every two weeks. On Sunday afternoons students from the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational theological colleges alternate in giving religious instruction. Several of our advanced pupils have become members of the Melville Presbyterian Church, and some are now being made ready for confirmation in the Episcopal Church.

The industrial training of our boys and girls receives the attention its importance merits. The boys in the carpentry shop become dexterous workmen and those in the printing office expert type-setters, and good pressmen. As mentioned in previous reports we are indebted to Mr. James Penny for a constant supply of work for the printing office in the shape of Canadian Pacific Railway orders.

Dressmaking and chair caning are taught to the girls. Miss Bolger takes charge of the sewing department.

During the summer months, under the direction of our President, Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, important alterations were effected in the bath-rooms, and numerous other necessary repairs and improvements made.

The rooms were whitewashed, the woodwork took on a new coat of varnish, new hard wood floors were laid in the classrooms and basement, and out of doors, the galleries, etc., were repainted. The renovating process was completed by the re-opening of

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