

Parents of boys cannot be too careful in exposing the inmates of this institution to any of the contagious diseases, and it is rather a serious matter to carry contagion to 150 boys.

There is a notable decrease in the number of cases of malaria, due, no doubt, to better drainage and lowering of the subsoil, by working the land that had remained so long down in pasture, previous to passing into your hands.

A number of the lads suffer from errors of refraction necessitating wearing glasses to relieve eye strain with its accompanying results.

A covered shed for the use of the boys whilst being drilled would be very acceptable on wet days as well as on cold ones. A number of colds are caught by keeping the boys at drill after being in a warm school room or cottage.

The general average health of the boys you will see is very good.

The system of drainage introduced the past summer I hope will prove efficient.

Respectfully yours,

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