

# PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

I have the honour to submit to the Lady Managers of the "Girls' Home and Public Nursery" the following Report for the year 1877:—

That the inmates of this noble charity, during the past year, have, with very few exceptions, enjoyed a remarkable degree of health, and are now in an excellent condition.

At the beginning of the year the children numbered 110, and now number 128, all healthy and happy, and reflect great credit upon you as managers.

Much credit is also due to Mrs. Pearson, the Matron, who, by her assiduity, her untiring watchfulness and motherly kindness, commands the respect and love of all under her supervision, which must commend her to your kindest considerations. In fact, I may safely say that there is not a home in Toronto, however humble or exalted, in which there is more obedience, comfort, health, and happiness, exhibited than in this.

In January and February the measles became epidemic in the institution, and 28 children suffered from the attack, all of whom recovered. In June, I vaccinated all who appeared to require vaccination, 30 in number, and nearly all took very well.

There were two deaths during the year. One, a little girl named Emma Freeman, who had been sent from the Toronto General Hospital, on the evening of the 10th of March took ill, and died early next morning before my arrival, from convulsions; the other was a very delicate little boy named Walter Iredale, who died upon the morning of the 20th of July, after a lingering illness, from marasmus.

The remarkable immunity on the part of the children from the various diseases incident to the young, particularly during the summer and autumn, I believe is due, under God's providence, to the very excellent hygienic system adopted by you, and so thoroughly and skilfully carried out by the Matron.

I am much pleased, and I am sure that you and the public are much gratified, by the action of the Public School Trustees in appointing a teacher for the children. This is a decided improvement, and will be productive of much good.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Toronto, January 1st, 1878.