

Seven girls in all contracted the disease and were promptly sent to the Isolation Hospital, where they made excellent recoveries, and had all returned to the Home by the end of February.

Late in February, however, diphtheria made its appearance among the younger children, and those attacked, six in number, were also sent to the Isolation Hospital, with the exception of the one last taken ill, Blanche Silverthorne, who could not be admitted on account of the crowded condition of the hospital at that time. She apparently made an excellent recovery, though the attack was a severe one, and after being separated for six weeks from the others, was once more allowed to join them. In a few days, however, she again showed signs of illness, and on May 12th died somewhat suddenly, from what appeared to be a second attack of the disease.

It is almost impossible to determine the origin of these epidemics, especially the last, that of diphtheria, for when this occurred, the children had had no communication with the outside world for over two months.

In August two of the inmates of the Home were sent to the Orillia Asylum for the feeble-minded, where they can obtain the special attention demanded by their condition.

At the beginning of September, a case of whooping-cough occurred and was sent to the Toronto General Hospital, where she is making good progress toward recovery. Fortunately no other cases have as yet made their appearance.

The medical attendants have again to acknowledge their indebtedness to Mrs. Bright and her assistants, whose vigilance and intelligent help have been invaluable.

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