

measles prevailed, and in that year the home met with a loss which we all very much felt, namely, the death of Mrs. Munro, our excellent matron ; in 1889 we had one death, and in that year we had also measles, mumps, and la grippe, and two cases of diphtheria ; in 1890 we had measles and catarrh, with one death ; in 1893 we had one death ; in 1895 measles, chicken-pox, and ringworm were prevalent, and one death occurred.

You will remember I stated at the beginning of this report that since its founding no fewer than 2,338 boys have received the care and protection of this home. This alone should be a source of much gratification ; but the fact that out of that large number—many of them poor and wretched, pale and emaciated, half-starved and vicious in habits, and dirty in body when admitted—we have had no more than nineteen deaths should be still more gratifying, and is truly a remarkable experience.

I regret to say that on Thanksgiving Day our attending physician, Dr. Elliott, received an injury by falling from his horse, so that since then I have had the whole attendance.

You will pardon me if I allude to a personal matter—I still have the greatest regard for the home and all connected with it, and feel the same interest that I did when I first became an official of it at its inception in 1859. I feel, however, that I cannot devote that close attention to it that I formerly did. Increasing years makes it a matter of anxious labor, and I think it would be advisable that a second acting-physician be appointed, especially one residing near the institution, who might be able to act in case from any cause the ordinary physician could not be procured, and I would suggest the name of Dr. Wm. J. McCollum, 166 Jarvis street, for that position.