

LADY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Mackay Institute.

In presenting my Second Annual Report of the condition of the Administrative Department of this Institution, I am happy to certify to the completeness of its working, and to the well-being of its inmates.

During the year that is past, strenuous efforts have been put forth on the part of the Directors, to make the Mackay Institution a model one. Such necessary additions and improvements as were consistent with the limited funds at their disposal have been effected; and during the summer vacation, kalsomining, painting and repairing have been done. The construction of a windmill obviates the necessity of requiring the boys to pump for some hours each day; and the extension of hot and cold water pipes from the kitchen to the dining-room pantry, where supplementary items had to be added, offer increased facilities for the convenient performance of work in the culinary department. The verandah which has been erected on the south side of the building, proves a great attraction to the pupils, and I can conscientiously assert we now possess a home thoroughly adapted to the purpose for which it was built, the comforts of the pupils being such as to satisfy the most exacting parent. Indeed nothing has been left undone to secure the health and happiness of those entrusted to our care. The sexes are still kept strictly apart, except during recitation hours, at meal times, and on special occasions when a teacher is present. The two new trades, that of carpentry and dress-making, introduced at the beginning of last session, have been successfully pursued and will undoubtedly prove of great benefit in the future.

Our annual Picnic to St. Helen's Island last June, was a most enjoyable affair; and the presence of some of the Lady Managers gratified the children and helped in their entertainment.