

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 1873 :—

At the beginning of the year the inmates of the Home were in good health, with the exception of a few of the younger children, who were in a very delicate condition and required the most careful nursing.

Early in the year a mild attack of whooping-cough occurred, and many of the children suffered from it ; but all recovered.

In March the Bigsby children, six in number, were admitted ; their health had been much impaired previously, and two of them subsequently died. One, named Daisy Bigsby, aged about three years, was attacked by inflammation of the lungs and pleura, and, after a short illness, died on the 12th of April ; and another, named Mary Bigsby, and aged eight months, suffered from diarrhoea and died on the 15th of April ; a third, named Ethal Bigsby, suffered from canker of the mouth, but subsequently recovered.

Edward Franklin, aged about two-and-a-half years, of a consumptive habit, who had been very delicate for a long time, died from marasmus on the 5th of May ; and Herbert Forbes, a very frail child, aged about fifteen months, gradually declined and died from consumption, on the 26th of June. These make a total of four deaths during the year.

The matron and some of the nurses suffered occasionally, during the early months, from intermittent fever, but enjoyed better health towards the close of the year ; and the children, with the exception of a few trivial complaints, have had very good health throughout the latter half of the year, and now present a very creditable appearance.

Respectfully submitted,

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