

was founded in the year 1860 (and not in 1863, as intimated on the stone above the entrance of the building). During these many years over 4,000 boys, whose ages vary from 5 to 14 years, have passed through the institution, the average stay of each boy being about four years; out of that number we have had only 17 deaths, although nearly all the diseases of early life have prevailed from time to time. These results, especially when we consider the constitutions and habits of the boys, and the classes from which they are taken, are remarkable. In the earlier years of the Home the managers had to contend with many difficulties, which fortunately do not exist at the present time to the same extent. Your senior physician will remember these trying times, and now stands almost alone and looks back with thankfulness to a kind Providence for all His mercies.

The good health enjoyed by the boys is in no small measure due to the plain, nutritious food and excellent sanitary conditions of the institution.

During the past year a number of boys whose ages are five years and under have been admitted, and we would suggest that as these lads require special attention, entailing considerable additional expense, the age limit of the Rules and Regulations of the Home be enforced.

In conclusion, your medical officers would again call attention to the advisability of abolishing coal oil lamps, and of lighting the building with gas. This will conduce to the greater safety of the inmates and of the Home. The placing of a telephone in the building would be a great convenience to all connected with the institution.

JAMES THORBURN.
W. P. CAVEN.

It was moved by Mr. Withrow, and seconded by Rev. Wm. Patterson, that the report read be adopted, and the following ladies constitute the Board of Management for the ensuing year :