

attention to their often very difficult duties, while Miss Braden continues her work in the schoolroom, under the care of the Public School Board.

HEALTH.

It is not necessary to enter into particulars regarding the health of the inmates, as a full report will be given by the attending physicians, except to remark that there has been no epidemic in the Home during the past year, and that for nearly four years there has been no death among the children. This surely speaks well for the care exercised by the Matron and the excellent food and sanitary conditions of the Home. Three of the women have passed away, at an advanced age. The attending physicians, Dr. Small and Dr. J. A. Grant, Jr., have the renewed thanks of the Board for their professional services so kindly rendered, and Mr. Henry Watters is also thanked for again supplying medicine free of charge. The Children's Hospital has, as heretofore, taken care of any cases needing special treatment, the Managers would therefore express to the authorities of that institution their grateful acknowledgements.

FINANCES.

Though the affairs of the Home have been managed with as much economy as was consistent with the efficient carrying on of its affairs, the Committee regret having to announce, for the first time, an overdrawn account of \$166.04.

The following is a condensed statement of the finances :

Balance on hand October 1st, 1896....	\$ 594 07
Receipts from all sources.....	4,907 52
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	\$5,501 59
Expenditure.....	5,667 63
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Deficit, October 1st, 1897.....	\$ 166 04

The usual grants have been received from the Ontario Government and the County Council, from the former \$993.77, from the latter \$125.00.

The late Mr. John Graham bequeathed the sum of \$500 to the Home, of which \$100 has been received.

Attention is directed to the Treasurer's report for full particulars regarding the finances.

In accordance with the requirements of the law, fire-escapes have been erected at both wings of the building. The interior