

In this connection every credit is due to Mr. Hart, the present Superintendent, for his painstaking and efficient services, and for the increasing interest he shows in the spiritual training and well being of the boys, as well as in their moral and social culture.

MUSIC.

It is still matter of regret that, although several musical instruments have been provided since last report, yet, from want of an instructor, the lads have been unable to form themselves into an organized band. There is taste enough, and, we have no doubt, also talent enough, among them, but we want the musician who will volunteer his services to give them a proper training. Who will do it? This would not only be a great source of recreation to the boys themselves, but would afford a very large amount of pleasure to the public.

CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas dinner was, as usual, an event and a success. The decorations of the room, the work of the lads themselves, were really beautiful. The viands were in good order, as also were the appetites of the young folks, and in presence of several members of the Board and friends, the most ample justice was done to the creature comforts thus provided. Among those present were Hon. P. C. Hill, J. S. Maclean, W. H. Neal and friend, Thos. A. Brown, Col. Akers, R. E., J. M. DeWolfe, E. D. Meynell, Major Mainguay, S. M. Brookfield, and the Hon. W. J. Stairs, several of whom gave addresses suitable to the occasion.

After dinner, the boys received their usual Christmas donations from Mr. Bliss, and the Committee, varying from \$1 to 50 cents, according to age, while the evenings of Christmas and New Year were spent in pleasant pastime, with singing, and a goodly supply of the dainties of the season, kindly provided for them.

HOSPITAL.

The Superintendent reports a good bill of health for the year, no serious case requiring special mention having