

Belleville a room in the body of the house is set apart for ordinary sick cases. In Knowlton a  attic is divided by a partition, one half being appropriated as a sick room for boys, and the other for girls. But in not one of these Homes is there any means of isolating an infectious case, though it is not long since the Knowlton Home was visited by an outbreak of scarlet fever. It is true that since that time the "Home" has been removed to a more commodious house, but still without any means of isolating infectious cases. Amongst the children whom I visited, one had been a little while since returned to one of the Homes suffering from typhoid fever. The original Home at Belleville was destroyed by fire one winter's night in 1872. The house, furniture, and the whole of the children's clothing were burnt, the inmates, with the exception of one child, barely escaping with their lives. The present Home is pleasantly situated in the outskirts of the town, and was in excellent order when I visited it. There is no prescribed dietary in any of the Homes, but I was assured, not only by the managers, but by children who had been in them, that the ordinary diet was good and sufficient. In two cases, however, children complained that the food at Niagara was bad and insufficient. The general appearance of the few children who were resident at the time of my visit was healthy and cheerful. In the eastern townships children of farmers and working people, in such weather as I experienced, usually go barefooted, and are scantily clad. In that, as in other things, the custom of the country appears to be observed in Miss Macpherson's Homes, especially in Knowlton, the most eastern of them. The management of each Home is committed to a representative of Miss Macpherson at Knowlton; Belleville, and Galt, and of Miss Rye at Niagara. Miss Macpherson's Home at Knowlton is under the immediate management of Miss Barber, who is assisted by some ladies as visitors, and by volunteer residents in the establishment. Miss Barber is also aided by her brother, Judge Dunkin, who takes a very active interest in Miss Macpherson's work. To him I am indebted for the opportunity of visiting several children, in company with him, in the neighbourhood of Knowlton. The general character of the work at Knowlton may, I think, be fairly said to be the consigning of a certain number of children to Miss Barber to be placed out by her, and to be watched over by her, and the friends who assist her, Miss Macpherson being kept informed of what is done, and occasionally visiting the Home and some of the children. At this Home there are for the in-door or domestic work no paid servants or assistants. The duties that are undertaken by Miss Barber at Knowlton devolve upon Miss Bilbrough at Belleville.

The Blair Athole Home at Galt, which is under the care of Miss Reavell, was established by Miss Macpherson about two years ago, upon the invitation, as I understand, of a large number of residents in the neighbourhood. Although Miss Macpherson contemplates the making this an Industrial Training School, it is, like the Homes at Knowlton and Belleville, simply a distributing home. Describing Blair Athole, Miss Macpherson says:—"In connexion with the Galt Home we have purchased a small farm, and hope to work it by some of our boys, who may require further training, also endeavouring to improve their taste in the cultivation of flowers and shrubs, so that, by increasing their practical knowledge whilst under our influence, they may become more valuable to the Canadian farmer. In this way, whilst cultivating every available acre, their spare moments might be occupied in the lighter employment of beautifying the garden and