

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

The 36th Annual Meeting of the Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society having arrived, I am requested by them to submit my report as coming from the Attending and Consulting Physicians of that Institution.

During the year just passed there have been few occasions upon which my professional attendance was required.

The first was upon July 6th, when I found one of the boys suffering from an ulcer in his mouth. A careful examination proved that it was caused by decayed teeth, and greatly aggravated by an impoverished condition of his blood, with general debility. I removed the teeth, and under a proper course of tonic treatment he soon recovered, the ulcer having healed, and since then the little fellow has been robust and well.

October 11th: Was called again to-day to see one of the boys who was suffering from an abscess, deeply seated in the muscles of the thigh, near the hip joint. Upon examination I found that the joint was not involved, and therefore opened the abscess, gave directions which were carefully carried out, and the little fellow was soon able to run around as well as ever.

December 24th: Was not at the "Home" again until to-day, and then only to say Merry Christmas to the many happy faces I saw around me.

January 24th, 1887: Was called to-day to see one of the children, slightly injured, having fallen whilst at play. Upon examination I found the domestic medicines used by the Matron was all that was necessary, and she soon recovered.

May 20th: Did not come again until to-day, when I was invited to meet Lady Lansdowne and suite. And now I say that this Institution, in its management, has reached a degree of refinement second to none, either in this city or elsewhere. There are about 200 persons, including Orphans and Attendants, in the "Home," all of whom are healthy, contented, and happy. The Matron and her staff continue to perform their respective duties faithfully and with success.

I return to the Lady Managers, "especially the principal Directress, with whom I have come more frequently in contact," my sincere and grateful thanks for their kindness and assistance during the year just passed.

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ORPHANS' HOME, DOVERCOURT ROAD,
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