

VISITING PHYSICIANS' REPORT.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :—

The physicians in attendance have pleasure in reporting that during the greater part of the year just passed the health of the inmates of this Institution has been good. No death has occurred, although several contagious diseases, so rife in the city in the early part of the year, have threatened us with an epidemic. Fortunately, the disease of the scalp, which for several years past has been so much trouble and annoyance, affecting so many of the children, and at one time seriously crippling our usefulness, is now quite a thing of the past, every case has been cured; the last, after complete recovery, was adopted this spring by a family in the country, and reports regarding her continue to be received by the matron. Our severe experience with this disease should impress upon us the necessity of exercising at all times the strictest quarantine in reference to it. Shortly after Christmas, a recently admitted child, Grace Franklyn, developed symptoms of diphtheria. She was isolated, and sent to the General Hospital, prompt measures of disinfection were employed, and no other case developed. Shortly after her return from the hospital she was again taken ill with the measles. This disease, unfortunately, spread to others of the inmates. Owing to the crowded state of the infectious wards in the General Hospital, we were unable to obtain admission for the cases, and isolation in our present building is extremely difficult. Twenty in all contracted the disease, but all made good recovery, although two (Matilda Anderson and Rose Osborne) their illness was complicated by inflammation of the lungs. In the beginning of May a child (Lucy Sherlock) was admitted with a slight cold, and a week later developed whooping cough. Three others contracted the disease from her, and were promptly isolated. Two of these made good recoveries, but one (Matilda Anderson) had a serious attack of inflammation of the lungs. At present the general health of the inmates is good, with but slight exceptions.

During the past year the physician's visits have averaged over two a week, and during some outbreaks daily visits have been made. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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