

EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

As far as their education is concerned, the boys show a wonderful state of progress compared with that of former days. The Commissioners kindly continue the services of a well qualified teacher for an hour or two four evenings in the week. Of the whole present number, 32 can read and are learning to write and cypher, and these also get occasional lessons in geography. The remaining 10 are in the 2nd book. There is family worship morning and evening at which all who can, read their verses in turn. They have Bible Class on Wednesday evening; and on Friday after school hours there is recitation of verses from a passage of Scripture that is given out a week before. On Sunday afternoons there is School taught by six volunteer teachers who have continued at their posts for years. The boys take great delight in singing, and lead the praise at the Sunday evening service in Barrack St. with a heartiness and correctness of time that force all present to join in. They keep up their band, though no allowance is made for it from the funds of the institution, and any donation for it will be warmly appreciated by them. We believe that in the upbringing of all young folks the influences of music, song, cheerful and athletic games, a portion of time for play, regular hours for work and for instruction, habits of order, discipline and obedience, religious example and teaching are all necessary and that great mistakes are often made in education from our trying to be wiser than nature, trying to ignore, cramp, or force it. Our nature has many sides and parts, and all should be developed in their due proportions, if we are to have natural and noble men and women.

As one result under God of the wholesome and reasonable system under which they are brought up we have to state that not a single death has occurred in the institution since it was started. The general health too has been excellent. Since Dr. Hattie's departure from the country, Dr. Slayter has kindly given his services. The one serious case of illness that we noticed in our last Report still continues. It is a case of paralysis, and is hopeless. Perhaps, however, the helpless little sufferer contributes a larger quota to the general well-being of the School than any of his companions. One of the blessings connected with sickness in a family is the softening and purifying influence it has on all the members of the family; and thus it has been in little Dan's case.

TRADES, ETC. TAUGHT.

We come now to the work done by the boys. We keep up the same departments of work as usual, shoemaking, with 13 boys, tailoring, with 9, cabinet making, with 5, and the kindling