

acted as Building Committee : Messrs. Lieut.-Col. Gzowski, J. Macdonald, Wm. Gooderham, J. J. Withrow, Hon. G. W. Allan, Alex. Manning, Robert Gilmore, Hon. Edward Blake, Robert Walker, and Dr. Thorburn, it was decided to alter the old building and make a large addition to it, rather than erect a new Home. Owing to the unfortunate strike among the plasterers, the contract is not yet quite completed.

Special thanks are due to Mr. Wm. Gooderham and Mr. J. J. Withrow for the very warm interest they have taken in the re-building and furnishing of the Home.

Notwithstanding the unfortunate circumstances under which the committee had laboured in providing temporary shelter for the boys during the time the alterations were in progress, they are glad to be able to report that no death has taken place during the year.

Owing to the impossibility of warming the premises in the Queen's Park, lately occupied, several cases of croup and other ailments have occurred, which caused Mrs. Munro and Miss McKay many weary nights of watching and care, and the Managers would here express their appreciation of the manner in which they cheerfully accommodated themselves to the unfavourable circumstances in which they were placed. Our kind friend, Dr. Thorburn, has given his constant attention to all needing medical treatment and will as usual add his report.

The total number of inmates, including those on the roll 1st January, 1883, is 136, of these 27 were removed by their parents, 22 were sent out to situations, 16 received temporary shelter, and one, a deaf mute, was sent to the News Boys' Lodgings, being too old for the Institution. At present there are 70 boys in the Home ; of those sent to situations only one has been returned as unsuitable.

There is a continual demand, especially among farmers, for boys as apprentices, and at present 54 are bound out to employers, until they attain the age of 18. Letters are frequently received from them, of which the following is a very fair specimen :