

During the most critical period, Miss Spence had to be our visiting physician, and when death came was the one friend free to come and go at will. Her ready help and kindly sympathy comforted and cheered immeasurably. Other friends did all in their power, but quarantine rules kept them on the outside.

There were twenty-two cases, twenty of whom recovered. One of the twenty has been in the hospital ever since, but is growing strong again, and will probably soon be well enough to return to us.

Matilda McKay, who had been consumptive for nearly three years, died October 29th, the end hastened, no doubt, by the attack of measles, from which she rallied only to sink again. Matilda was just twenty, and had been an inmate of the Home for thirteen years. Unusually clever with her fingers, she quickly learned to do fine and beautiful work, of which many specimens remain to speak of her talent and application. When at all well she was never satisfied unless supplied with a piece of work. Her last bit of work, a small crocheted doyley, remains unfinished, the last stitch having been put in about four weeks before her death. We miss Matilda, still cannot but rejoice that she is at rest after the weary years of weakness and suffering. When told she would never be up again, she said she was not afraid, though afterward the memory of past sin for a time cast a shadow which an explanation of the nature of repentance and pardon soon removed. Her end was peaceful, and we believe she is with God safe in her heavenly home.

Martha Flora, aged twelve years, with us for less than a year, died at her own home late in November. Her case was similar to Matilda's, though the decline was much more rapid. Martha's death made the fourth from among us within four months.

The first week in December the school examination was held. The girls did exceptionally well, which was greatly to their credit, so soon after the serious break in school work, occasioned by the recent illness.

It was impossible to make preparations for a public entertainment at Christmas, so only the mission people