

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

Having been requested, by the Lady Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, to prepare a Medical Report for the Annual Meeting I gladly comply with the request, especially as the report for the last year is an exceptionally gratifying one.

From June 1st, 1884, until December of the same year, not the slightest indisposition occurred at the Home, and then only were our services required to correct a deformity in one of the children.

Annie Gray was operated upon for cleft palate, by my able and obliging coadjutor, Dr. A. A. McDonald. The operation was a complete success, and our little patient made a complete recovery with the deformity removed.

In January (1885) an epidemic of whooping cough broke out. All the children attacked were isolated, and only four of the little sufferers required continuous treatment. This result was mainly due to the vigilance of the Matron, assisted by the nursing staff.

During February, slight attacks of influenza occurred, which readily yielded to domestic remedies and careful nursing.

April, May and June of that year passed without any illness worthy of mention. At the close of that year there were 150 children in the Home, all comfortable, contented and happy.

During the last year (1885-86) nothing worthy of note occurred from June to October. During this month Dr. McDonald kindly vaccinated all the children requiring this safeguard from small pox. At a later date, Mr. Frank P. Cowan, one of my students, completed the vaccinating, which I am happy to say was done with ability and success.

But one death occurred during these two years at the home. Little Agnes Thompson, after a lingering illness, died on the 15th of January, of consumption. A *post mortem* examination proved beyond a doubt that our little patient had been a martyr to this dread disease. She bore her affliction with Christian fortitude.

I was not called to the Home from January to April, and then only to find that all was well. From that time until now nothing worthy of note has come to my notice:

I offer my cordial thanks to the Lady Directresses, for their uniform kindness and great assistance in this good work. I commend the Officers of the Institution for their fidelity and intelligence.

There are now 180 children in the Home, whose happiness and welfare are as complete as any of its kind can produce.

(Signed,) JOHN McCONNELL,

Attending Physician.

ALBERT A. MACDONALD,

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June 1st, 1886.