

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Management Victoria Industrial School.

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor to present my Second Annual Report of the Victoria Industrial School. The health of the boys during the past year has been on the whole fair. The only disease of a contagious nature we had was diphtheria, and although each case was promptly isolated a fresh one would crop up, so that during the months March, April, May and June our hospital had one and sometimes two patients. They had a mild form of the disease, and possibly only one was of a dangerous type. This latter had a trained nurse, to whom great credit is due for the ultimate recovery of the boy. Four cases of pneumonia, one of pleurisy and one of inflammatory rheumatism completed our list of ailments. Of surgery, I am pleased to state, we have had but little, excepting minor accidents that would happen in any well regulated family. When there is not anything special I find one visit a week meet all wants, but during the past year it was necessary to make 79 visits.

I would again direct your attention to the necessity of a more perfect system of isolating cases of contagious disease when occasion arises.

During the past year one of the boys acted in the capacity of nurse, and he carried out my orders in a manner alike creditable to himself and advantageous to the patients.

The boy Kirkwood, whose services you kindly acknowledged, has a natural talent, and from the interest taken in these cases, I should judge that he would, if afforded an opportunity to study, make his mark as a physician.

The officers take the kindest interest when any of the boys are sick, and they are cared for as well as they could be in their own homes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. COTTON.