

## THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT.

Another year has passed and it affords me much pleasure to be able to state that no deaths have occurred among the boys, although, largely owing to epidemics of la grippe and measles, a great majority of them have suffered more or less from sickness during the year. Upwards of fifty were confined to bed for a longer or shorter time by these diseases. There were also a few other simple troubles of minor importance. I regret to say that the scalp disease which made its appearance in the Home last year has not yet been eradicated. The long desired Infirmary has been erected and we are now enabled to isolate those affected with contagious disease. In the medical treatment of the boys, especially the contagious cases, we are much indebted to our recently appointed assistant physician, Dr. W. F. Caven. The appearance of the boys, their chubby and fat faces all indicate the best of health.

The sanitary rules of the Institution are strictly observed ; and the diet, although not rich is highly nutritious. The recent fire at Toronto University is a warning to the Managers of all public institutions to discard the use of coal oil lamps. I would therefore suggest that gas be introduced throughout the buildings at the earliest possible time. I would also suggest the placing of a telephone in the Home. It would be a great convenience to visitors and those connected with the Institution.

It is with feelings of deep regret that I can no longer refer to a face so long familiar to the boys and friends of the Home ; the late matron, Mrs. Munro. As you are aware on the 14th of March, 1889, it pleased God to remove her from among us. I fail in words to express my appreciation of her many good and sterling qualities, she was indeed a good woman, kind and discreet to all around and connected with her. Still another, Mrs. Dunlop, who was connected, with myself and others, at the inception of this Institution over thirty years ago, and who for many years past largely devoted her time to charitable objects, has gone to join the great majority. These, however, have left an honorable record of devotion and love behind them. Miss