

"Every possible measure which could be suggested for the arrest of the disease has been authorised in view of the greater susceptibility to contagion among pupils who, in many cases, do not enjoy robust physical health and have not the power of resistance.

"The improvements authorized, such as painting the outside of the building and refitting the steam-heating in the east wing, have been satisfactorily completed, and both internally and externally the Institution now presents a neat and tidy appearance.

"In consequence of this outbreak of diphtheria, the regular work and routine of the Institution have been and, to some extent, will continue to be, interfered with so long as it is necessary to preserve the isolation of those afflicted with the disease.

"This condition of things is much to be regretted in its effect upon the work of the session, as there were many evidences on the part of the pupils of their capacity to make good progress and accomplish their work successfully through the systematic and harmonious action of the teachers and officials of the Institution."

EXAMINERS' REPORTS.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

The classes in this department were examined by Mr. Wilkinson, M.A., Principal of the Brantford Central School, and by Dr. Kelly, Public School Inspector. A copy of the report made by them will be found below:—

According to instructions we examined the literary classes of the Institution for the Blind at Brantford, commencing the 25th May last. The examination extended over four days. The results, which are hereto affixed, were very satisfactory. The management, order, attention and general tone of the establishment, were all that could be desired. The classrooms and halls were clean and well ventilated, and the grounds through which we drove on the last day of the examination seemed very much improved since our last visit. Of the library free use is made by the pupils, many of whom read rather extensively. Since the last examination the following books have been added to the list: Prescott's History of Peru, 2 vols.; Dicken's Tale of Two Cities, 3 vols.; Holmes' Autocrat, 2 vols.; Irving's Mohammed, 2 vols.; Thomas à Kempis, 1 vol.; Tales of Adventure, 2 vols.; Tales of Discovery, 2 vols.; Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare, 2 vols.; Aesop's Fables; Shakespeare's Henry V., 3 vols.; Quinten Durward, 2 vols.; Scarlet Letter, 2 vols.; Romeo and Juliet, 2 vols.; Kingsley's Greek Heroes, 2 vols.; Last Days of Pompeii, 3 vols.; and Scott's Poems. Frequently, as among seeing children, pupils may be found in intervals of leisure in some great room or corner pursuing some favourite book. The want of a good gymnasium is still felt and should be supplied as soon as possible. The classes of the respective teachers are grouped as follows, with results:—

MR. WICKENS' CLASSES.

I. *Arithmetic*—Class B. Sixteen in number; examined in simple and compound rules and fractions; answering generally prompt and correct; about half the class exhibiting a good knowledge of the subject.

II. *Reading*—Class of 16. Grade A. The members of this class read with excellent expression, enunciate clearly and emphasize correctly.