

of anxious labor and I think it would be advisable that a second Acting-physician be appointed, especially one residing near the Institution who might be able to act, in case from any cause, the ordinary physician could not be procured, and I would suggest the name of Dr. Wm. J. McCollum, 166 Jarvis Street, for that position.

It would be an oversight if I did not mention to you how efficiently Miss McKay performs her duties as Matron, and I could not pay her a greater compliment than to say that she is a worthy successor to the late Mrs. Monro.

The public cannot too highly appreciate the gratuitous services and sacrifices of the lady Directors.

JAMES THORBURN,  
*Consulting Physician.*

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#### MEDICAL REPORT.

We present to you to-day the Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the health of the Home. Since our last report, one boy, a very delicate lad for many months, died in May last.

During the early part of the year, the health of the boys was excellent, but in October last the Home was visited by an epidemic of scarlet fever. Thirty-one boys were attacked with it, twenty-one of these were removed to the Isolation Hospital and as there was no more room in the Hospital we were obliged to move the school to its old quarters in the main building and use the infirmary building for the remaining cases.

It is very satisfactory to know that all of these boys made perfect recoveries.

Since January 1st, 1897, five boys were attacked with chicken-pox and twenty-four with mumps. All made perfect recoveries.