

Thirty-fourth Annual Report

of the Directors of the

Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind

Presented to the Corporators

at their

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Report of Medical Director

Mr. Thomas S. McAloney, Superintendent,

Dear Sir:

During the past Session, scarlet fever was epidemic in this city as well as in smaller towns of the surrounding community. All this time there were no scarlet fever cases in our Institution, until after the Christmas holidays, when six cases developed, in the kindergarten. In co-operation with the Bureau of Health, a rigid quarantine was established in this building, and the six cases only developed and were removed to the Municipal Hospital. As before we have enjoyed the hearty co-operation of the governesses and the parents, and the epidemic proved to be of short duration and small in extent. This caused no interference of the teaching in the kindergarten, except for a period of one or two days. It has been necessary to do very little surgery in the last year, and this largely for deformities and was accomplished through the courtesy of the Mercy Hospital. The main building was in no way embarrassed by any serious illness and the kindergarten for only a brief period.

Respectfully,

J. I. JOHNSTON,

Medical Director.

Report of Ophthalmologist

MR. THOMAS S. McALONEY, *Superintendent*

Dear Sir: Twenty two new students admitted to the school during the year were examined by your ophthalmologist, the causes and conditions found to be responsible for the defective vision carefully noted and recorded in due form except in the case of one little boy who contracted scarlet fever and died in the Municipal hospital before an opportunity was given to make the examination.

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