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REPORT.

LAST year's report of the Industrial School, reviewed the history of the three preceding years, and was lengthy in proportion. We believe, however, that the better plan is to give an annual report however short, and that the public has a right to this, and to be told frankly in it the working of the Institution, the new experiments tried, the disappointments and success, the difficulties and the needs. And more particularly as our plan has been considerably extended during the past year, there is the more occasion for a Report now. We wish to tell every one who takes an interest in the School all that any member of the Committee knows about it, and to invite from every one counsel, criticism, and aid.

During the year ending Sept. 30th, 1867, things have gone on with us as well as we could have reasonably expected. At the beginning of the year we had room for twenty-eight boys. We extended our premises so that we can now accommodate forty-two; and that there was need for so doing, is proved by the fact that for five or six months back we have had from thirty-nine to forty-one boys or lads in the Institution. A few sentences will show of what classes these are composed, what they are doing, and what is becoming of them as they leave.

At the date of our last Report we had twenty-eight boys. We have received since twenty-one additional. Of these five were taken from the City Prison, where they were on the high road to degradation and destruction; and the rest with one or two exceptions were on the streets, and on the high road to crime. The father of one applied for him after he had been in the school for two or three months, and another left about the same time rather than submit to the regular discipline and restraints that are necessary. Eight of the old twenty-eight have left the school during the year;

four of those, with the hearty consent of the committee, to go to good situations where they are now doing well; another to go to employment outside; two because their parents applied for them: and one expelled for insubordination. We have now with us 20 of the old 28; and 19 of the new 21; in all 39, their ages ranging from ten to twenty years.

It is easy to write or read those sentences, but it requires a good deal of imagination to conceive all that they imply. Any parent or teacher will confess that in bringing up to manhood boys naturally well disposed, all his patience, wisdom, and love are required; and notwithstanding the exertion of all those how many of our youths who have had every circumstance in their favour, go astray! Think then of the problem before us. Here are some lads, whose education has been on the streets, the wharves, the Police Station, Rockhead, the rumshop, the brothel. Here are boys young in years, but old in the ways of deceit, and hardened in depravity. Details as to thought, speech, and behaviour, we cannot give. He that knows what effect on the whole nature habit and associations connected almost wholly with dirt, discomfort, rudeness, blaspheming, lewdness incredible, must have, he only can do justice to the difficulty of the work that has to be done before such natures can be redeemed from the power of evil. But though it were ten times as difficult, and the failures far more frequent, it must be attempted. How can any parent ask God's blessing on his boys, if he will not stretch out a hand to save those who are just as much God's dear children, as his own are? And poor fellows! it is but common justice to them to acknowledge that it is wonderfully easy to touch their better natures though the formation of good habits is necessarily a slow work. And though we have no wish to paint things rose-colour, and though we dare not boast, yet there are facts which encourage us and which we ought not to hide. Last April, nine of the bigger boys were confirmed at their own request, in St. Paul's Church, and five of those sat down at the Lord's table. And we get still greater encouragement from the manifest improvement in the tone and conduct, of the smaller boys. Mr Grierson has often to sow in tears, but he sometimes is enabled to reap, and then it is with joy.

Why do the good Christians of Halifax take so little interest in this attempt that is being made to dry up the stream of crime in our city, by meeting it at the fountain head? Are they aware that now there is not a single Protestant boy in the City Prison, owing to our exertions? And in return for this, and for our saving the city revenues in hard cash thereby at least \$900 a year, the Corporation has voted us for two years \$100 annually. And the sum that we save the city indirectly is double the former amount; and as to the moral and christian gain we will not set that down in dollars. The public has generously supported us with money, but we wish that more of our friends would visit and inspect the Institution, and then they would take a greater interest in it. We are sure of this. If they go in the day time, it presents the aspect of a beehive. Enter the new workshop, and down stairs a squad of boys are busy at Cabinet-making. You hear from up stairs the hammering of the Shoemakers. Go into the nearest wing of the main building, and you come on a lot of little tailors, stitching away true tailor fashion, at flannel drawers, blue shirts for fishermen and lumbermen, and such like. At the other extremity of the building, in the new shed, you are pretty sure to find Mr. Grierson with the small boys, some of them just returned from errand-running, and all of them cheerily busy at splitting and making up kindling wood. Through the rest of the main building, you will come here and there on a boy, each one doing a special work, and knowing that it is his, and that he is responsible for its being done. The interior economy of so large an establishment must be complicated, but the work is so subdivided among the boys, that it is all done by themselves, and the whole machine is kept running smoothly. Offices are distributed among twenty-seven of the boys, and the weekly list is hung up where all can see it, and if anything is left undone, all know who is to blame. Thus there are six dormitories, the largest holding thirteen, the smallest five boys, and, in each, one of the inmates is responsible for the tidiness of the room. Every boy makes his own bed, but there is a head to the room every week. Then there are four workshops, and one boy in each sees that it is swept out, and that things are in their places. There are four waiters, one

for each table, and four heads to the tables. Two boys to do kitchen work, two to do the washing, one in charge of the dressing room and hall; a dining room steward who has to kindle the fire in it, and sweep it out after each meal; a bread-cutter, librarian, &c. As to the looks of the boys, let visitors judge. We only wish that they were in a position to contrast what they are with what they were. Their general appearance now is, we believe, the best tribute to the Institution. They certainly are healthy. Dr. Hattie tells us that it is a rare thing for him to be called in nowadays: whereas when they come to us they are generally weak, sickly, and sometimes suffering from loathsome diseases. And the sound body indicates the sound mind.

If a visitor should go in the evening, he will find the entire rank and file assembled in the School-room. One or two of the young men who volunteered eighteen months ago to assist for an hour or two in the week in this department, still continue their services; but the burden of the work falls on Mr. Grierson, and we would be most grateful to any young gentlemen who could spare a little time in the evening, and who would volunteer assistance. One of the large boys is now so good a writer, that he takes charge of the writing department of the School. But some of our new comers need instruction from the beginning.

We have still to speak of the great extension of our plan that we have made, and which has involved us in expense and debt, but which was necessary on account of increased numbers, for our present efficiency and future success. With forty boys to bring up we felt that it was unfair to them to have only one trade; and there were other reasons that made a broadening of our basis wise. So in February last we added tailoring; and then in June, Cabinet-making, and for each we have a well-qualified master who devotes his whole time to his trade and to instructing in it the boys who are assigned to him as apprentices. As to Shoemaking Mr. Lyons was obliged to return to Ontario in the spring on account of his health. We appointed then Mr. Samuel Ayres, as head of the shoe shop, and he has continued in it since, and has attended to it so faithfully that he has earned the esteem and confidence of all the committee. Mr. Ayres

entered the Industrial School as a boy five years ago. He is now a young man one of our most valued assistants. This fact alone speaks loudly.

At present we have twelve boys engaged at shoemaking ; ten at tailoring ; four at cabinet making ; and the rest act as errand boys and make up kindling wood. We do not intend to introduce any other trades, as those we have afford sufficient variety for selection ; and we believe that in succeeding years they will prove to be paying. But every one must see that the ordinary income being sufficient only for the ordinary expenditure, the establishment of two new departments could not have been undertaken unless we had had faith that we were doing what was necessary and that there was wealth and willingness enough in Halifax to justify us. Besides, we had to put up a substantial fence around our grounds this year ; to build a large wood shed, and make considerable repairs on our premises ; and worst of all, we began the year in debt. The consequence is that we are now from \$1,000 to \$1200 in debt. And if we do not get that amount soon, we shall be terribly crippled and hampered. We are confident that there are men and women in Halifax who will not let us make our appeal in vain. We are sure that if put in a sound financial condition now, our work will proceed prosperously. Hitherto the new trades have paid only the expenses we have been at in establishing them. We believe that another year will tell a different tale. In the meantime in all our four departments of work, we are able to supply good work to customers, and we invite earnestly the public to try for themselves. But come to our help now, when and where help is needed. We may be told that we should not expend more than our income. Our only answer is that as we have taken this work in hand, we ought to have sufficient trust in ourselves and in the public not to wait for a whole year but to do at once what we think wisest. We do it not for ourselves but as doing a work that is incumbent on a christian people. We do it for Christ's sake, and we know then that we have a right to appeal for help to those who call themselves His. They know that the Institution is a success, and that to let it go down or let it be maimed and halt with debt would disgrace us as Christ-

ians and as a community. On this point we will say no more. We send forth this our appeal merely reminding our friends that they who give quickly give twice.

In conclusion we desire to thank very cordially the many kind friends who have shown their sympathy for the blessed work that is being done by their visits, subscriptions, donations of money or in kind, and by their prayers. Especially we make mention of Miss Cogswell, and ladies of the North West Arm, and Dutch Village, and other ladies who have been unwearied in their efforts for years past. And no one deserves our sympathy and thanks more than Mrs. Grierson. What mother would cast in her lot and that of her children with such a crowd of grown up boys from the worst parts of our city, unless nerved by love to God and man? How unpleasant many of her duties must be every one can imagine, but how quietly they are borne and how well they are done can only be known to a few. There are many others we would like to thank, but it is unnecessary to particularize, and our Annual Report is already longer than was intended. We have only one word more to say, and that is, "Churches of Christ and all good people, we are in need of your help now."

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HALIFAX, October, 1867.

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Edw. Binney	20.00		
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			\$1,174.00

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R. C. H. (New Glasgow)	5.00
Miss Cogswell	100.00
Chas. Murdoch	50.00
Miss Vass	20.00
St. Matthew's Sabbath School	50.00
Hon. B. Wier	25.00
Edw. Jost	10.00
James Scott	25.00
Rev. Mr. Campbell	1.08
Miss Burton	2.00
W. Ackhurst	5.00
Sundries for holiday	8.00
Judge Bliss	40.00
R. C. Harris (N. G.)	5.00
Sundries	1 62½
C. A. Creighton	1.00
C. Fletcher	1.00
J. Hart	1.00
Sundries, Per Rev. G. Hill	8.00
Edward Binney	100.00
City	100.00
Ladies Sewing Circle Dutch Village and N. W. Arm.	100.00
	\$662.70

Special Donations for New Building.

Rev. Mr. Kent from Universalist Church	\$50.50
Jno. Duffus	100.00
Charles Murdoch	50.00
	\$200.50

The following persons guarantee the payment of \$40 each per ann. for the board of 17 Boys now in the Institution :—

Miss Cogswell.....	2	Boys.
Rev. George Hill (Sunday School & Bible Class) .	3	“
Rev. G. M. Grant.....	2	“
W. H. L. Cogswell.....	2	“
Edward Binney.....	1	Boy.
Capt. Lyttleton and A. K. Doull.....	1	“
The Universalist Sabbath School.....	1	“
Captain Lyttleton.....	1	“
William Cunard.....	1	“
The Bishop of Nova Scotia.....	1	“
The Brunswick St. Wesleyan Church Sab. School.	1	“
W. H. Neal.....	1	“

The Committee have also to acknowledge the following donations received since closing their accounts for the year :—

General Williams.....	\$15.00
Thomas Bauer, Esq.....	20.00
J. K. Blair, Esq., Truro.....	4.00
Delegates attending the Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association.....	31.58

The following articles have been presented to the Institution during the year :—

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10 Chaldrons Coal.....	Hon. T. D. Archibald.
School Furniture.....	R. G. Fraser.
2 Drums—value \$20.....	Scottish Volunteer Company.
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