

and to farms, 56 were removed by parents or friends, and one died, leaving 111 in the Home Dec. 31st, 1896. During the past year 9 boys have completed their term of apprenticeship, receiving on account \$368.11. With two exceptions, all have left part of their earnings in the care of the treasurer. One of the boys drew all his money to make "first payment" on a fifty-acre farm, adjoining his home for eight years, with the kind assistance and advice of the farmer with whom he has been living, who is to exchange work, etc., with the boy, their calculations being made to pay for the farm in five years. The sum of \$419.69 has been received for the boys during the past year, making the amount \$2,294.41 at the credit of the "Boys' Apprenticeship Fund."

The managers regret to report the death of one boy, Henry —, from heart disease. He had been very delicate from the time he entered the Home, and in fact all his life, and to him death was a happy release.

The general health of the boys throughout the year was good, quite free from disease of any kind, until about the first of October, when from some undiscovered cause a mild form of scarlet fever appeared in one of the dormitories. The patients were at once sent to the Isolation Hospital, where they made rapid recovery. Every possible care and known precaution was used to prevent the infection from spreading to the other dormitories, and with so much success that the school was continued all the time. The managers are very thankful to report that no fatal or even serious cases resulted, and beg to express their very sincere thanks to Dr. Sheard, Medical Health Officer, for his valuable advice and kind assistance in their time of need.

The managers refer to the medical officers' report for full particulars, and again take occasion to express their deep gratitude to their most faithful and devoted friend,