

REPORT.

EACH of our four last Reports had something new to tell, and this the Report for 1870 is no exception to them, for in it we have to tell of a great step in advance that our institution has made. We have moved two miles out of town; have purchased a valuable property of 14 acres for little more than the price of the former site of an acre and a half; and instead of the old rickety building that could accommodate only 40 boys and our confined workshops, we have erected a handsome and substantial home for 100 boys, and roomy comfortable workshops for our four departments of labour. In our last Annual Report we spoke of this move as a possible thing, and gave a list of subscriptions collected chiefly by W. Cunard, Esq., to the amount of \$11,000, for a new building to be built in or out of town. At the Annual Meeting held in the beginning of 1870, the question was submitted to our friends, and after long and thoughtful discussion it was unanimously decided that a move should be made, that not less than eight or ten acres of land should be bought, and that substantial wooden buildings large enough to accommodate all the boys that we would likely have at any one time during the next quarter of a century, should be erected. This being done, it was left to the committee to select the new site; and so all-important was it that this should be the best possible, and so many considerations had to be taken into account that three months were spent in making inquiries, and visiting the different spots suggested. Members of Committee who had no intention of speculating in real estate came thus to know the price of almost every field that could be got into the market, both in and around the peninsula. Doubtless the knowledge will be of great value to them and thus they shall have something additional to the usual reward of virtue which nobody will grudge them. To detail the experiences of some of our members on their expeditions, especially after a heavy snow storm, when neither dykes nor ditches were visible, the little or no results of a hard days walk, the fancy prices asked by "sons of the soil" for patches of dry scraggy moor, would make a most interesting Report, but as we are practical men we must pass all that by, and merely state the actual fact that came out of it all. After considering everything,