

did full justice. The following Directors were present and presided at the different tables: J. S. Maclean, Hon. W. J. Stairs, Adam Burns, S. M. Brookfield, W. H. Neal, E. D. Meynell, Dr. Burns and T. M. DeWolfe, Mrs. Adam Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Wiston and daughter. After grace was sung several addresses were given by the visitors and Christmas carols sung by the boys. The Directors presented each boy with the usual Christmas box. The Superintendent presented three boys with prizes who had secured the greatest number of good conduct marks during the year. In the evening the boys were regaled with oranges, nuts, candies, etc., and the tree stripped of its Christmas glory. Before retiring to bed they gave hearty cheers, as only boys can give, to the Directors and friends who had helped to make this Christmas a happy one in the truest sense of the word.

RECREATION.

In our last Report the desirability of erecting a gymnasium was mentioned, we are glad to state that the Superintendent with the help of the boys and with very little cost to the Institution erected one close to the main building and fronting the Quinpool Road, which has been used with great benefit by the boys. The President presented them with new cricket bats and ball, Mr. Whiston with two sets of quoits and an amusing journal for the reading room, also by the kindness of Mr. J. M. DeWolfe and friends a large boat has been presented to the Directors for the use of the boys.

READING ROOM AND LIBRARY.

One pleasing feature of the meeting held early in the year was the awakening of interest in many friends, who had never visited the Home before, in our work. As a result, Mrs. Whiston and several friends became impressed with the importance of providing a Reading Room and Library where those boys who are fond of reading could go and spend their leisure time. The lady above mentioned at once wrote to the Directors, offering, if they would give