

otherwise. From year to year our Chairman has warned you that we would be always in debt if we did faithfully and completely the work undertaken by us; that we could not turn from the door cases that we ought to take in; and that when in we would have to feed and clothe, and employ them whether their work produced much or little. The Committee confess that they are the ones most discouraged, however, when their income falls short. And it is because they feel bound not to exceed it that they are making arrangements now about employing the senior boys that will probably effect this result for the future. In the meantime they cast themselves upon the Christian public. There are 15 or 16 Protestant Churches in Halifax. Is it too much to ask a collection from them for this object? If they gave us \$50 on an average, half of our present needs would be met. As to the other half, we must look either to our wealthy friends for some large donations, or to the ladies. We have done our best. We now state our exact position and appeal confidently to our friends.

And in making this appeal we have a right to ask if the work that is being done is not worth the money? Is it a small thing that Halifax juvenile vagrancy and crime is nipped in the bud, at any rate as far as our Protestant population is concerned. And we are only sorry that we have to make any such limit. It is not our fault that all are not embraced. Is it not good and necessary work that is being done, cheap too as far as the city is concerned, and cheaper far when the real value of human life and happiness, of education, morality and religion are recognized. No one refuses to extend a hand to rescue a drowning fellow-creature? Shall there be less pity when the real worth and beauty of life is perishing?

NUMBER OF BOYS, &c., DURING THE PAST YEAR.

We began 1871 with 43. We admitted 20 more during the year and 12 left, and so we begin 1872 with 51. Of the 12 struck off our list we ought only to speak of 10, for 2 were taken home by their parents before they were bound. One ran away; one has been sent to the country; six are working at the trades they learned with us, three of these being now in Halifax, and three in Sydney, C. B.; and two were removed by death.

Here comes in the black mark of death for the first time in the history of the School. The first that was taken was little Dan. Last February we spoke of him as getting better. It was only