

remainder to go to the preceptor. At this meeting a communication was read from Moses H. Perley, on behalf of the Mechanics' Institute, who were desirous of leasing a lot 50 feet front on Horsfield street. It was resolved to lease such a lot, 80 feet deep, at an annual rental of £30 a year. This offer was accepted by the directors of the Institute, but before the lease was made out another lot (the present site) was obtained on better terms. The arrangement respecting tuition fees continued until December 15, 1845, after which Mr. Patterson was allowed to retain the whole of the tuition fees. The finances were reported to be in a flourishing condition, £159 11s. 6d. being due by the corporation, besides some outstanding rents. In November, 1847, the Board established a library for the boys, and appropriated £10 for that purpose. The report of the clerk, Mr. John H. Gray, on March 29, 1855, showed the following to be the receipts and expenditures for the year ending on that date:

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
From the province, 7 years, £150 a year.....	1,050	0	0
Rentals and interest.....	432	9	0
Cash paid.....		13	0
Balance on hand.....	99	7	8
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	£1,582	9	8

Paid.

	£	s.	d.
Dr. Patterson.....	917	0	0
Assistant master.....	210	0	0
Prizes.....	13	15	9
Insurance.....	21	17	9
Printing.....		9	0
Drawing leases.....	2	10	0
Repairs.....	154	1	9½
Printing and prize book.....	10	1	7
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	£1,329	15	4½
Balance on hand.....	252	14	3½

Against this balance there were due to Dr. Patterson £243.

That boys were no better at that time than they are in the present day is proven by the minutes of a meeting held in May 16, 1855, when a complaint was made that the boys had been abusing people in the adjacent yards, and the master was authorized to close the gate after school hours. The morning hours, from 7 a. m. to 8 a. m., were dispensed with, the school being kept till 12.30 p. m. instead of closing at noon, as formerly. This arrangement