

# BOYS' HOME

## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and Friends of the Boys' Home took place on Monday, the 8th February, 1869, at the Home, in George Street. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. Among the latter were the Mayor, Professor Wilson, Hon. G. W. Allan, Rev. E. Baldwin, Colonel Anderson, Mr. Hague, Mr. J. G. Hodgins, Mr. John Macdonald, Mr. Beardmore, Mr. McCord, and other influential friends of the Home. On motion of the Sheriff, the Mayor took the chair, and opened the proceedings with a brief address. He then called on Mr. J. G. Hodgins to read the Secretary's Annual Report, which he did as follows:—

The Lady Managers of the Boys' Home have much pleasure in laying before their friends and the public their Ninth Annual Report; and, in reviewing their labours for the year that is past, feel that they have abundant cause to thank the Giver of all good for the continued success which has attended their humble efforts. There are now 50 boys in the "Home." During the past thirteen months 38 have been admitted. Of these were:—

Orphans.....	8
With mothers only .....	11
With fathers only .....	6
With both parents.....	13

During this period 17 have been removed by their parents; 6 have had situations found for them; 2 have absconded; 1 died; and 18 have been placed with farmers and others in the country, on trial, 8 of whom have been apprenticed, and are doing well; in proof of which we would subjoin a few extracts from letters received from parties employing these boys. One writes:—"I have great pleasure in testifying that WILLIE is one of the best and most trust-