

been barren of good results. Our officers have been painstaking, persevering and thorough in their work. There has been no shirking of duty. Ready to respond at all times to every reasonable demand, early and late, Saturday, and Sabbath alike ; no cessation in the round of duties, with but two weeks' vacation ; caring for the physical, moral, spiritual, and material needs of those committed to their care : no detail in the home life is wanting here ; they live with and for the boys. Theirs is indeed a trying life. Is it any wonder that they sometimes become impatient and fretful? What mother with her small charge does not? To the unselfish, self-sacrificing officers of the School I wish in this public way to bear my tribute of gratitude for their loyal support in the arduous duties of the year.

I feel sure that a very large percentage of those who have gone out from our care during the year, will bear witness in their future career of the training they received while inmates of the School. They are doing, and, I have no doubt, will continue to do well.

In my last report your attention was directed to the urgent need of more systematic

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of the boys who have graduated or been paroled from our School. I am glad to be able to report that more has been done in this direction during the past year than we would have thought possible with the limited means at our disposal. We have been able to arrange the duties of Mr. Black, our printing instructor, in such a way as to enable him to devote a portion of his time to this important branch of our work. We are hoping to be able to cover a much wider area, however, during the ensuing year. Homes and situations are required for those going out ; help for those who have, through any cause, lost their situation ; inspection of the home surroundings of these lads ; to exercise a kindly interest in all ; these are some of the duties of such an officer.

#### SHORT TERMS

From a careful observation of the character of the lads committed to the School, I am satisfied that a short period of detention is better for some of them. Those who have become truants from school ; those whose parents find some difficulty in control-