

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Owing to various causes we did not have our annual meeting for the year 1887; so that this report embraces the work of two years,—1887 & 1888.

Our work of training boys to be good and industrious, as our name indicates, has steadily gone forward, and on the whole has been satisfactory. Some have left us and gone out into the world; others have been admitted. Several could not be taken on account of not having the necessary funds at our disposal. Having the interests of this old and useful Institution at heart, and desiring to see it become more so, we ask the public for larger subscriptions to enable us to take at least fifty boys; to put our buildings in good repair, and add a few comforts.

We have only to inform you that our subscriptions have fallen off the last few years to about half of what they formerly were, so that at present we are not able to make both ends meet.

We feel sure that when you are made acquainted with our wants you will respond to the appeal at once.

We ask for \$2000 (two thousand dollars) a year. This would mean,—

20 subscribers of \$25 each.....	\$500
30 " " 20 " 	600
50 " " 10 " 	500
80 " " 5 " 	400

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Not too much to expect from a city noted for its charities. We still carry on the kindling wood department. Our shoe-shop was idle some five months after Mr. Taylor gave it up, which gave the board much anxiety. Failing to get anyone in the trade to employ our boys, we felt much relieved when Mr. Meynell, our energetic Secretary and oldest