

pleted. There has been some difficulty in attempting to make this work well, but we have no doubt that this will soon be overcome.

Unable to supply the great demand for kindling wood with the weak force of which we were possessed, we found it necessary to supply more power, and it was finally decided to purchase a steam engine. By a certain arrangement entered into when the workshop was building a sum of \$600 was available for this purpose. This together with the generous offer of \$300 from Miss Cogswell, \$100 from Mr. Collins, \$50 from Mr. Stirling, \$50 from Mr. Bland and other sums led to procuring a very fine engine from New Glasgow which, when at work,—as it probably will be when this report is printed,—will have cost about \$1600. It has been placed in an addition erected at the back of and adjoining the main workshop. Over the steam engine is a drying room of good dimensions, and in this is a steam box for steaming wood for the cabinet makers shop. From the drying room there is a "shoot" down which the dried wood will slide into the kindling department. We shall soon hear, we trust, the stirring whirr of the circular saw, the jig saws and the laths, as the powerful steam engine drives the wheels, and see the little fellows whose strength was spent in turning a huge crank, utilized in labor more suited to their size and years. We fully expect that this new strength gained by the introduction of the steam engine will aid us materially in our future operations.

The health of the boys during the year has been remarkably good. We have had no serious sickness nor accident. The school is regularly taught by a most efficient master, Mr. Wilson, and a reasonable amount of progress is made by some of the lads. The boys, as hitherto, attended S. Paul's Church, where they have seats assigned them, and on Sunday afternoons they attend School for religious instruction under a band of teachers headed by Miss Cogswell, for whose unwearied labor of love the Committee ever feel most grateful. On the whole we return our hearty thanks to God for all His blessing on our efforts to sustain and improve the institution with the charge of which he has honored us.