

TEACHER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of Protestant Industrial School

GENTLEMEN,—As far as the educational department of the Industrial School is concerned, one year differs but very little from another. The miscellaneous character of the School would seriously retard progress if the attendance were very large; but as the average has been only about thirty, it was possible to give pupils much individual attention. As some of those entering the School are ignorant even of the alphabet, a great part of the teaching is of the primary nature; but in all the instruction given the chief stress is invariably laid on what is likely to be of the greatest practical utility to the boys in after life. Perhaps at no other period since my connection with the School began have so many lads, wholly illiterate on entering, become ready to leave the School able to keep their own accounts, and conduct their own correspondence.

With regard to attendance in the school room, it is always identical with the number enrolled in the institution, except when, as very rarely happens, a boy is ill. The cases of illness were more common last term than for years previous, owing to the prevalence of Russian influenza.

The fact of my being in the School four evenings per week, renders me probably more thoroughly conversant with its working than any other person in the city. From this standpoint of intimate acquaintance, it is with great pleasure that I commend the kindly and excellent management of Mr. and Mrs. Norman, and congratulate the directorate upon being able to retain them to preside over the institution.

Your obedient servant,

W. T. KENNEDY.

Halifax, May 30th, 1890.