

The number of boys whose board is privately guaranteed grows less and less. A lad for which the "Association for improving the condition of the Poor" paid for, for some years, was very happily placed in a home in the country through the kindness of Mr. Major Theakston.

Some improvements the Directors have wished to carry out but have been hampered for the want of money. For instance a coach house is needed as their is not a suitable place to store some valuable waggons, sleighs and property in connection therewith.

We note with pleasure an increase in the Annual Subscriptions of about \$100. To the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer and the Superintendent we are indebted for so desirable a result.

The Board tenders its thanks to Dr. Lindsay for his unremitting care and attention whenever called upon in any kind of sickness or accident.

The year just closed was a quiet year in the history of the Institution. Perhaps a little more activity might have been displayed by some of the sub-committees, but in the carrying on of many charitable and religious undertakings, there are always some to be found upon whom responsibility rests very lightly till the time arrives when becoming aroused, they look around only to find the opportunity for doing good has passed by.