

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1880.

We now present our 15th Annual Report, and rejoice to know that year by year, with God's blessings on the labour and means employed, the institute now is realizing all that its most sanguine friends could reasonably have anticipated. The material given us to work upon is invariably of the roughest description, and therefore the best adapted to our purposes, being chiefly boys sent by the Stipendiary, or such as have passed beyond parental control. By providing a home and school where not only a certain measure of intellectual training is given, but where a trade is taught, together with careful and Christian supervision, our aim is not only to save them from utter ruin, but to make them useful members of society. Last year we reported at the close 32 boys; this year there are 38, being an increase of 6. There have been nine new admissions, while two have left with the consent of the Committee, their time having expired, and one who ran away has not been heard of since.

BEHAVIOUR.

On this subject the Superintendent reports that three boys ran away in March, two of whom were captured within a few days, and the third a few months after. Two others escaped on Sept. 26, being originally from the Police Court, but were captured the day following. These were returned to the School with the sentence of one year additional to their term. As to their behaviour in other respects, the report goes on to say:—Although we have had, during the past year at the School, seventeen boys from the Police Court, who had been taken there for various offences, yet the amount of wrong since then has been so small that we can almost say it has been nothing. Further, the boys are very respectful and obedient, and