

others are nice plump faced little fellows or real fine manly lads. Just after a Christmas dinner they don't look as intelligent as when at work or on the cricket ground. But as far as looks go, they'll do; and those who have been longest in the school, are, as a rule, the frankest and manliest looking.

But dinner is over, and the boys take seats. The afternoon is a holiday, but they are not inclined for exertion immediately, and so two or three short speeches come in not amiss. The chairman of the committee, P. C. Hill, wishes them a merry Christmas, and addresses them in a simple, earnest, affectionate way just suited to them, and then calls on me. I have nothing to say, for I hate to give advice; but looking round I see the Mayor present, I take him for a text. "Boys! there's his worship, the head man of the city! What's to hinder one or more of you from becoming Mayor." Great applause at this sop, and then the Mayor steps forward, and makes a capital practical speech. He tells them that he began life with nothing; that he hadn't half as many advantages as they; that he had far to go to school; and that as he had risen in the world, so might they. He told them the good he had got from Sunday School, and that he never missed going to church; no "half-day heaven" either at that. He told the trades boys how to learn their trades and how to practice them, and how to deal with the public; the advantages of industry and honesty, and the disadvantages of dram-drinking, or of using tobacco. He warned them that if any Industrial School boy was ever brought before him in his magisterial capacity, he would show him no mercy; but that if they behaved themselves, he would do all in his power for them.

So ended the speaking; and the assembly broke up, and we drove back to town, thankful to God that there was such a haven of refuge for our cast-aways; as the Protestant Industrial School. G. M. G.

San Francisco.

A Chinese Young Men's Christian Association has been organized in San Francisco. It now numbers upwards of 40 members.

Committee Minutes.

Home Mission Board.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HALIFAX,
Dec 13th, 1871.

At which place and time the Board met by special citation from the Convener; present, Rev. George M. Grant, Convener, Rev. John McMillan, Rev. Geo. J. Caie, Rev. John Campbell and James Thomson, Esq.

The Rev. John Campbell was appointed Clerk *pro tempore*.

The Minutes of last meeting were read, and sustained as correct.

The conduct of the Convener in calling the present meeting was sustained. He then read a letter which he had written to the Colonial Committee since last meeting—the contents of which letter were cordially approved of and a copy of the same retained.

The Convener thereafter stated that the Rev. Mr. Moffat, a minister of the Church of Scotland, had arrived, but not under the guarantee of the Colonial Committee, and had been sent to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery of St. John till the 1st of February next, the people and Presbytery to provide two-thirds of his salary. He further stated that another missionary, the Rev. Mr. Begg, was expected to arrive within the course of a month.

The supplements for the half year were then taken up in the following order:—

I. In the Presbytery of St. John:—

The Rev. Geo. J. Caie made a statement to the Board as to the condition of this Presbytery. He said that Presbytery Home Mission organizations were set agoing, and that the result would no doubt be very satisfactory. He hoped that the sum to be drawn from the Board would be much less than heretofore.

The following charges were then taken up in order:

(a.) *Woodstock*.—In Woodstock the people are making endeavours to complete their church and the prospects of the charge are very good.

Mr. Caie applied for Mr. Begg, on his arrival to be sent to Woodstock and Northampton.

It was resolved to grant the request.