

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1885.

WE are again called upon to review the work of the past, and to consider the progress and claims of the Institution placed under our supervision. In taking a retrospect of the work of the past year, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the blessings He has vouchsafed us and the prosperity He has permitted us to enjoy.

Owing to commercial depression, the year has not been as successful financially as we would have desired. Our subscriptions have somewhat decreased, but from time to time our treasury has been replenished from other sources. In this connection, mention may be made of a

CONCERT

held on the evening of Feb. 26, '85. On application, the Trustees of Brunswick St. Methodist Church kindly granted the use of their basement for this concert, at which the Lieut.-Governor presided. It was a decided success in every way, adding \$77 to the funds of the School.

At the beginning of the year there were thirty-two boys in the School. Eight, having completed their time, left during the year, and seven new boys were admitted, leaving thirty-one on the roll at the end of the year. One lad, Edwards, left early in June to join the Mounted Police in the N. W. Judging from his exemplary conduct while in connection with the School, and also from letters received from him by the Superintendent, we are assured that he will give a good account of himself in his new surroundings. Calling to say good-bye to a friend before leaving, he said, "I am determined to do nothing that will bring discredit on the *Old School*, and I will not soon forget Mr. Norman's good advice and Mrs. Norman's kindness in doing so many things to make my journey comfortable." Four others of those who left are employed in the city, working at their