

pet-shaking in the spring, and be in even a better position for that work; and we hope to do something at gardening, and at keeping cows. These will be better for them, both now and for their future lives, than running errands, the risks of which we have always felt to be very great. Our kindling-wood department must be greatly extended. The orders for this article have increased so rapidly that there has been the greatest difficulty sometimes in supplying them soon enough; and at the time of our moving there was unavoidable delay in a few cases; but we have now got into our new groove, and expect everything to go on smoothly.

CONCLUSION.

The great subject of congratulation this year is that we have now room enough for all that are likely to be sent to us. The Act empowering the Stipendiary Magistrate to sentence young offenders to the School for such terms as he saw fit was passed, and the Town Council have set aside the sum of \$400, enough to pay for ten—should so many be in at one time under sentence. There was some hesitation to voting the amount on the part of one or two city fathers, who seemed to think that it was a great stretch of generosity to vote \$40 towards making a good citizen out of a young vagrant or thief, but all right to take double the amount from us to keep him in Rockhead. We had thought that if moral or social considerations had no influence, economical ones would, and so purposely fixed the sum at a low point in the Act, a lower point than it is in any other place where the need of such institutions is felt. Thus, the Quebec local Legislature in virtue of a Dominion Act empowering it, offers \$1.50 per week or \$78 a year to any proper Reformatory that will charge itself with the care of young criminals. And in consequence of this and of hearing of the history and success of ours, some christian gentlemen in Montreal sent for our reports, and we learn have commenced to establish a similar institution. In St. John, N. B., we are also glad to know that one has been established on the model of ours, and though a smaller one, is succeeding well. We wish it every success, as we also do to the proposal on the part of some of our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens to get up one for boys of their creed. It has been said there's no worse use you can put a man to than to hang him, but there is; you may refuse to give him a chance for life in youth; you may take advantage of a petty fault to degrade him for ever; you may make him into a curse to the community, and destroy his own soul, under the plea of high-sounding phrases. It costs us \$60 a year, in addition to what is made by their work,