

by the kindly interest he always manifested in the boys under him, endeared himself to all, was removed by death, and for several weeks the Shoe shop was closed. The Committee are glad to state that Robert Taylor, Esq. very kindly took over this department, and after one year's experience both himself and his manager have expressed themselves well pleased with the work done by the boys, several of whom are smart at their trade and promise to make good workmen, and we trust good citizens, providing they give attention to the moral and religious training they receive.

The younger boys are employed in cutting kindling wood, which is sold to the citizens; but in consequence of the competition, the Directors determined to reduce the price from 80 cts. per hundred bundles to 60 cts., in the hope that the sales would be much larger. We are glad to note the result has been highly satisfactory, as the following will show: The number of bundles sold in 1882 was 64,011, and for 1883 80,528—showing an increase of 16,517 bundles. The Committee hope for a still greater improvement this year.

Carpet cleaning, another source of income, shows a small increase over the previous year.

SABBATH SERVICES.

During the year, the boys, with the superintendent have attended the following Churches:—Chalmers and Fort Massey Presbyterian; Brunswick Street, Grafton Street and Charles Street Methodist, and St. Paul's Church. On Sabbath afternoon School is held at the Home, under the care of the superintendent, assisted by T. M. DeWolf and Mr. Midwood. It is very gratifying to see the interest manifested by the boys in the study of the lessons.

MUSIC.

The Committee are glad to note the great improvement the boys have made in singing during the year under the able training of the superintendent. Wednesday evenings being set apart for service of song. A new organ was very much needed; the one then in use, presented by the late