

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PROTESTANT
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL :

Gentlemen : —

I again beg to submit for your consideration a brief report of the work accomplished in the several departments of the School for the past year. I regret very much that in the several branches of industry as reported last year we see no improvement. Our Kindling Wood sales are very much less than in former years and the only reason that I can see for this state of things is that several other people and also one of our City Institutions, namely the Poor's Asylum, are selling in competition with us.

Our Boot and Shoe Department I regret to say has not improved during the past year according to our expectations. Owing to the increased price of leather of all kinds, we were compelled to raise the price of all our goods, and the wholesale dealers have ceased to buy as formerly, although they all admit that our hand made work is very much superior to machine made goods, they say however, that they cannot get any higher price for our goods than others, and under these circumstances the question of closing this department of our work has been seriously considered by the board. This condition of affairs is very much to be regretted as a large number of lads have learnt their trade in this department and have thus become fitted for usefulness. Several are in business for themselves and are doing a good trade in our City.

The religious instructions of our boys is not neglected. They attend one of the Protestant churches each Sabbath and in the afternoon service is held at the Home. The In-