

study its aims and appliances for Reformatory work that all would recognize that this Institution has claims second to none of the many charities with which Halifax is blessed.

#### FINANCIAL.

The financial affairs of the School have been conducted with the strictest economy, consistent with the effective administration of its interests. The debt which a few years since seemed formidable, has, through the generosity of friends been removed, and we doubt not but that if those interested in the School would furnish a few more guarantees for boys that they may recommend, the ordinary income would meet the ordinary expenditure. We have reached that stage in which it may be justly stated that fifty boys instead of twenty-nine should be under the care of the Superintendent; and, if the necessary guarantees should be forthcoming, the Halifax Protestant Industrial School will have a greatly increased sphere of usefulness opened up for its operations.

#### CONCLUSION.

The Committee desire to express their warmest thanks to those who have befriended the Institution hitherto, and to ask their continued and practical co-operation in the future.

By the removal to Kingston, Ont. of the Rev. G. M. Grant, A. M., we have lost one who evidenced intense interest in our affairs. By his aid and advocacy, ever freely given, to this as to every other charitable work, Mr. Grant's connection with us was not merely honorary, but of such an invaluable character, that we realize his removal to involve a serious loss to the Institution. The Directors, on the eve of Mr. Grant's departure from Halifax, presented him with an address, expressive of their esteem and appreciative of his regard for the School, to which he replied in terms characteristic of his generous nature.

In the year 1877 several gentlemen interested in the reclamation of our youth have passed away from amongst us, and of these E. Jost, Esq., and Charles Roche, Esq., have made bequests to the School.