

posited in a Savings bank at interest, for their benefit when their term of service shall have expired, and the total sum now at interest, which has been accumulating for the same purpose since the year 1864, amounts in all to \$1,219.

The numbers, both of boys sent out on trial, and those apprenticed during the year 1873, are small compared with former years, but this is to be accounted for from the fact that the greater part of the inmates of the "Home" during the past year have been of too tender an age to be sent out, though the demand for boys by farmers have been as great as ever. Letters are occasionally received from some of these absent children of the "Home," a few extracts from which may not prove uninteresting, and will tend to show that, though years have passed since they were sent to service, they have not forgotten the kind friends they left behind them in the "Boys' Home." A boy of fifteen writes: "I want to know how you all are. I hope you are all in good health. I have got a happy home. I thank the Lord for it. It is a good change. I have plenty to eat and to wear, not hard work and a good father and mother. I have three coats this winter, three flannel shirts and two pairs of socks. I have not grown very much since I came, but I have grown very stout and fat. I want to know how all the boys are. I send my best respects to Mrs. Munro and all the ladies of the 'Home,' and I am, your humble servant,—JAMES.

Another, who will, in a short time, end his term of service, writes: "I am well, and I hope this will find you the same. I thank you for your kindness in writing to me, and telling me that my brother is well. I hope to pay him a visit when he gets settled and we get through with our hurry

"Yours respectfully, CHARLES."

P.S.—"I go to church and Sabbath School every Sabbath day."

The new system of having the boys all taught in the house by a female teacher, engaged expressly for that purpose has proved highly satisfactory, and the progress made even by some of the youngest children is surprising and very gratifying.

Mrs. Munro still holds the position of Matron in the Institution, and by her continued good management and untiring energy in the fulfilment of her duties, merits the warm approbation of the Managers.

Attention is drawn to the Treasurer's annual financial statement, which will be found, as usual, annexed.