

reason is that both have been in a transition state, and we hope for better returns from both during the current year. The boys have improved much in tailoring, and if our merchants would give them some of the vests and pants to make which they now import, the shop would pay well. But we do not hold out the prospect of the School ever being self-supporting. Our raw material is too bad for that. And whenever the boys are able to earn a living for themselves and can be trusted, it is our ambition to send them out into the world instead of keeping them for the financial profit of the School.

As far as education is concerned we have gone on steadily. Our volunteer teachers, especially Messrs. Chas. Lindsay, Bell, Bremner, Sutherland, Pender, and the Misses McEwan, have laid us under deep obligation. But we found that it would be a great advantage to have a regular certificated teacher, and as the Commissioners were opening night schools we applied to them in December last to take ours as one and to send us a qualified head master. This they kindly agreed to, and we believe that the progress of the boys ought now to be more rapid. They still keep up their singing, and the public could judge for themselves at our lectures in Temperance Hall a year ago of the excellency of their band. We know that the appearance they made then, connected with their general good conduct, won them many friends.

Dr. Hattie continues to give his medical services gratuitously whenever they are required. Though we have at present one case of serious illness, there has not been a death in the Institution since the present Superintendent entered on his charge. Much of the good health that has always prevailed is due to the care and kindness of Mrs. Grierson, whose labors must necessarily be of the most onerous kind, and done for Christ's sake, and not for man's notice or reward. The boy who is so dangerously ill has always been weakly, and his helplessness has evoked a surprising amount of consideration from all his fellows. Two of them sit up with him every night, and there are always far more volunteers for the work than are needed. This sickness seems in

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