

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1883.

In reviewing the work of another year, the Committee regret that circumstances over which they had no control occurred which prevented them from holding the annual meeting for 1882. The Hon. P. C. Hill left for England, and the Vice-President—J. S. Maclean, Esq.—was taken seriously ill, and upon his restoration to health, it was thought too late in the year to hold the meeting. The year's operations still afford pleasing evidences that our work has not been in vain in the Lord. Our aim has ever been to train in habits of thrift and honesty, and to mould for usefulness in after life those committed to our care.

At the close of last year, the late Superintendent, Mr. Abner Hart, resigned his position after six years of earnest and faithful work to the satisfaction of the Directors.

At the commencement of the year the number of boys in the Institution was twenty-four, and at the close thirty-one. One left, time expiring; eight new pupils have been admitted. Two ran away; one was captured and restored to his place in the Institution, the other left the Province.

BEHAVIOUR.

On this subject we are glad to note a decided improvement, and except in the cases of runaways, no severer punishment has been found necessary than that required for ordinary school discipline; and in the several Churches visited, and whenever they appeared in public during the year, their conduct has been very highly spoken of.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

At the close of last year, Mr. Bliss, who for several years had the management of the Shoe Department, and