

control and teach these boys, and habituate them to industry ; to make them respect the rights of others and respect themselves ; that they might grow up to be blessings and not curses to the state. And we aimed to do this without invoking the aid of the law ; to do it by the force of religious training and example. Any one who has tried to rule an ordinary household will appreciate the magnitude of the task. And most thankful are we to God our Father that all this has been done in no small measure ; and it is therefore easy now to look back on past troubles and failures, and confess them, and look for the sympathy of friends and ask them to rejoice with us.

\$2400 At the beginning of this year, we were in debt to the amount of ~~\$2400~~, and spending more than our subscription list warranted. The boys were insubordinate and discontented, only half-a-dozen could read, and no progress seemed to be making except in a backward direction. The whole place looked comfortless, and tho' money was needed we could hardly ask the public for it. The Press began to take notice of these facts, and the committee felt that the time had come to abandon the experiment, or to reorganize it entirely. It was resolved to make another trial. We had still the property purchased with the original donations, and felt that if we failed again we could sell it and pay back the subscribers their money. But instructed as we were by the experience of the past we were determined not to fail. This year then has been the most eventful in the history of the institution, and the story of it can be told in few words. We had two paid officials ; the superintendent who received \$480 a year, and house room, fuel &c., and the master shoemaker, who received \$420 a year. We had twenty-six boys, only a few of whom could earn their own living, and to feed and clothe them and pay the other expenses of the establishment, we needed in addition to what they themselves would earn at least \$600. We were besides terribly in debt. And to meet all our liabilities we had a subscription list of less than \$800. Our first step was to dismiss the superintendent. We then applied to Mr. John Grierson, City Missionary, and asked him for love of the work to take a general oversight of it ; to devote to it the hours morning

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