

TEACHER'S REPORT.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL:

Gentlemen,—Among the one hundred and twelve teachers of the city, I occupy a rather unique and happy position, in being allowed to report on my own work. If any one should expect an unfavourable report, his knowledge of human nature must be limited. It is said that the world will estimate us as we estimate ourselves; therefore acting on this hint, I regard the Industrial School as a good average school. But, speaking seriously, I think for the number of hours a week we are in session we accomplish about as much as could be reasonably expected of us. Only this month a lad leaves the school who knew absolutely nothing when taken into it, and he leaves with a sound moral training, a good trade, and an education sufficient to enable him to conduct correspondence, keep accounts, and enjoy the pleasures of ordinary literature. And he is but one of many, although occasionally we meet with an incorrigible case not at all responsive to our solicitous pedagogical efforts. At the late public examination of the class, we had the pleasure of having, among others, five school commissioners, the Secretary of the Board, and two Directors of the School, and all seemed to be satisfied that we were making progress.

My connection for the past six years with the largest boys school in the city has convinced me of the value and impressed me with an appreciation of our City Compulsory Educational Act, and of such an institution as the Industrial School. The more rigidly the law is enforced, and the more liberally the school is supported, the more truly will the interests of Halifax be conserved.

Respectfully submitted,

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