

BOYS' HOME

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of the Managers and supporters of this excellent institution was held on Monday, the 9th February, 1874. The chair was occupied by his Worship the Mayor; and among those present were the Lord Bishop of Toronto, the Hon. G. W. Allan, Prof. Wilson, Rev. Prof. Gregg, Rev. J. M. King, Messrs. Hagie, McMurchy, Gillespie, and others. After an opening prayer by the Rev. J. M. King, His Worship made a few appropriate remarks, and then called upon the Hon. G. W. Allan, who read the annual report on behalf of the Secretary, as follows:

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In preparing the fourteenth Annual Report of the "Boys' Home," the Lady Managers feel that the steady prosperity which has accompanied their labors during the past year leaves them little to record but their deep gratitude to Almighty God for his continued blessing on their work. The health of the boys has been excellent throughout the past year, and though the average number of inmates during that time has never been less than sixty, no epidemic of any kind has visited the Institution. There are at present sixty-six boys in the "Home," in age varying from five to thirteen years. During the year 1873, sixty-two boys have been admitted, of whom seven were orphans, and thirty had but one parent living. During the same period thirty-nine boys were removed by their parents, twelve absconded, and five were sent out on trial to farmers; five were also duly apprenticed during the past year to those with whom they were on trial, making a total of thirty-five boys who are earning their own living, and in most cases giving satisfaction to their employers. The sums of money paid, as by agreement, for these boys during the past year amount to \$193, which has been de-