

by step, moving from one rented house to another, as the necessity for greater accommodation became apparent, until in 1863, the Managers were enabled to purchase their valuable property in George street, and to thereon build a house capable of accommodating about sixty inmates, which they still occupy. In 1870, finding that they had not room sufficient to meet the constant applications for admissions, a wing was added to the main building, which has in its turn served its purpose. During the twenty-one years in which the Institution has existed, that is from September, 1859, to September, 1880, no less than 1,091 boys have been received into the "Home," many of whom have remained in it for years, being totally destitute and without relations or friends of any kind. During the same period 300 boys have had situations procured for them with farmers in the country, and several others have been adopted by good Christian people into happy homes. That the Institution has, with God's blessing, done a great work in these twenty-one years is undeniable, but the practical result is more fully realized as year by year the lads who have been apprenticed to farmers fulfil their terms of service to the satisfaction of their masters and with credit to themselves. Only a few weeks ago, the Managers had the gratification of a visit from one of the former inmates, who had just completed a long term of apprenticeship and came to claim his earnings, which had been laid by for him, and amounted to \$90. He brought with him a certificate from his clergyman, stating that he was a regular attendant at church, and a steady, honest, and well conducted young man; and his late master, who accompanied him, warmly endorsed these statements. It was difficult for the Managers to recognize in the strong, well-to-do-looking youth before them, the poor, wretched little fellow, who many of them remembered having been placed under their charge by the police some fourteen years before.

Having made this brief retrospect the Managers proceed to give the report of the work done in the Institution during the past year. In January last there were 80 boys resident in the Home, and 68 have since been admitted, making a total of 148 who have received the benefit of the charity during the year 1880. Of these 23 were removed by their parents, 12 were sent to situations in the country, and 9 absconded, leaving the large balance of 104 boys at present in the Home. And this brings the Managers to the point which they most earnestly desire to bring before the public to-day, namely, the absolute