

At times, also, the same fund is drawn upon when the demands for winter clothing are beyond a boy's present savings.

During the past year the Superintendent has made advances to forty-seven boys, amounting in all to \$119.68; and it is a gratifying evidence of the success of the system, that of this whole sum, lent solely on the honour of those vagrant outcasts of the street, the only loss has been \$2.60, which was lent to a newly admitted boy, who never returned.

It is the duty of the Superintendent to endeavour to start every boy in some steady pursuit. But when first admitted, many of them have been so accustomed to vagrancy and idleness, that it is impossible to recommend them for any regular employment. They are accordingly set to work selling papers, or snow-cleaning in winter, and shoe-blackening in summer. But this is merely employed as the preparatory training for habits of providence and settled industry.

V. THE SAVINGS BANK.

The Boys' Savings Bank continues to flourish. Every encouragement is held out to induce the boys to save their surplus earnings. The Superintendent keeps a regular account with each boy; and the managers give a bonus of 5 per cent. at the end of each quarter to every depositor. The influence is most beneficial. So soon as the first genuine desire is manifested to lay by spare earnings, new motives and habits are brought into action; and the greatest difficulty is over. The Superintendent and managers, ere long, have to be on the look-out for some regular and permanent employment in town or country.

VI. INMATES OF THE HOME.

It need scarcely be said that disappointments are, from time to time, experienced. From the class of boys to be dealt with, this is inevitable. They include deserted vagrants, sometimes the wanderers, or orphan children of emigrants; but more frequently the outcasts of dissipated or criminal parents; or of those actually in the gaol or penitentiary. More than once, indeed, a poor boy's accumulated savings have been withdrawn to give his father a chance of starting anew, when dismissed from the Penitentiary.