

But our real difficulties have been many. An institution on a large scale not being necessary, we could not afford the conveniences that are cheap to large establishments, but very dear when the inmates number only twenty or thirty. We could establish only one trade, and many of the boys are not suited or are disinclined to it. The whole expense from the beginning had to be met by voluntary effort, the only sum received from the city being a donation of \$100 this year, tho' we are saving the City and Province ten times that amount. Looking at the way in which Reformatories are supported in Britain by Privy Council Grants, and Burgh Assessments, we have a right to look for much more liberal treatment in the future, when the value of the work done is proved more fully and to the satisfaction of every citizen. And again, while on the one hand we have not a great West to send out boys to at once, on the other hand we cannot afford to keep them so long or give them so thorough a training as in Britain. And generally speaking, we have had our share of all the difficulties that are apt to hamper any new effort, and the persons who have been most ready to bring those up as reproaches against us, are persons who have assisted in the work little or not at all.

And now to speak somewhat on the past history and present position of our school, on its prospects and the hopes and fears of its Committee. We desire to be frank, to let the public know everything we know, to invite criticism, comment, or advice. Last year the institution was not in a satisfactory state, whether looked at from a financial or an educational point of view. The superintendent who had been brought out from Britain, did not seem able to adapt himself to the peculiar necessities of his position in this new country, or to exercise that steady discipline and unconscious moral influence that controls youths more than bars, bolts, or punishment. For consider the problem to be solved. Here are twenty-eight boys, between the ages of nine and nineteen, unaccustomed to obedience, regular habits, or steady work; untaught except in the tricks and license of a street and kennel life; impatient of restraint, because they had never seen it practised, and because they knew no law save the whim of the moment or downright coercion. And it was our aim to