

jected." Appeals were at once issued, and were, as such appeals always are in England, liberally responded to. In 1856, a convenient building and ten acres of Freehold Land, at Wood Green, were purchased for £3500 stg.; and in 1857 the building, having undergone some alterations, was inaugurated as a school—twenty-five boys being admitted. So general was the interest felt in the success of the Institution, that in 1859 seventy boys were admitted to the privileges of a home and a school, in which they would be maintained, clothed and educated.

In the year 1862, so rapidly had the requirements of the Institution advanced, the committee determined upon the erection of a new building on the site, at Wood Green, which should be distinguished not only for its architectural excellencies and striking external appearance, but for its internal accommodation, and thorough adaptation for the great end and object of such a school, in its educational appliances and sanitary arrangements. The great interest which prevailed all through England in the success of this Institution, justified the committee in believing that the support necessary for so serious an outlay would be forthcoming; and in this they were not disappointed. In 1865 the school was opened—a noble building in itself, and admirably adapted for the purposes of an educational establishment—with eighty boys; the number being increased the following year to a hundred. We present our readers, in this number of the *CRAFTSMAN*, with a Leggotype of the building, from which they can form some idea of its character. They will see that the design of the committee has been fully realized, and that, in appearance, the Institution is a worthy representative of the principles which prompted its erection. The great effort made, in connection with it, has left it with a heavy debt upon it, amounting last year to £10,000 stg.; but a bold and successful attempt is being made to wipe this off: the object being an enlargement of the accommodation, so as to give room for the large number of applicants which are yearly rejected. The debt seems a very large one; but, when what has already been done is considered, it will be found not to be, by any means, beyond the resources of the Order speedily to liquidate it. As we have shown, the building was commenced only in 1862, and the cost of it, including furnisher and other internal arrangements, was £37,354.15.8 stg. So that, up to this time, nearly three-fourths of the entire cost has been paid. We shall, in our next, have something to say in relation to the system of management, and to the education imparted in this Institution.

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THE Grand Lodge of Illinois recently closed its Twenty-ninth Annual Communication at Springfield. Bro. H. G. Reynolds was re-elected Grand Master. The next session of this Grand Body is to be held at Chicago.