

entered the Industrial School as a boy five years ago. He is now a young man one of our most valued assistants. This fact alone speaks loudly.

At present we have twelve boys engaged at shoemaking ; ten at tailoring ; four at cabinet making ; and the rest act as errand boys and make up kindling wood. We do not intend to introduce any other trades, as those we have afford sufficient variety for selection ; and we believe that in succeeding years they will prove to be paying. But every one must see that the ordinary income being sufficient only for the ordinary expenditure, the establishment of two new departments could not have been undertaken unless we had had faith that we were doing what was necessary and that there was wealth and willingness enough in Halifax to justify us. Besides, we had to put up a substantial fence around our grounds this year ; to build a large wood shed, and make considerable repairs on our premises ; and worst of all, we began the year in debt. The consequence is that we are now from \$1,000 to \$1200 in debt. And if we do not get that amount soon, we shall be terribly crippled and hampered. We are confident that there are men and women in Halifax who will not let us make our appeal in vain. We are sure that if put in a sound financial condition now, our work will proceed prosperously. Hitherto the new trades have paid only the expenses we have been at in establishing them. We believe that another year will tell a different tale. In the meantime in all our four departments of work, we are able to supply good work to customers, and we invite earnestly the public to try for themselves. But come to our help now, when and where help is needed. We may be told that we should not expend more than our income. Our only answer is that as we have taken this work in hand, we ought to have sufficient trust in ourselves and in the public not to wait for a whole year but to do at once what we think wisest. We do it not for ourselves but as doing a work that is incumbent on a christian people. We do it for Christ's sake, and we know then that we have a right to appeal for help to those who call themselves His. They know that the Institution is a success, and that to let it go down or let it be maimed and halt with debt would disgrace us as Christ-