

# REPORT

## OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1877:—

In presenting their 13th Annual Report, the Committee of the Halifax Protestant Industrial School, desire to express their gratitude to Almighty God for the mercies of another year, and for that measure of success he has been graciously pleased to vouchsafe to them.

In the Institution they represent, they have not been required to propound any new theories. The solution of one of the great problems of society, has been sought in the use of old fashioned methods, and God-honored means. In this report, as in the first Annual Report, it may be claimed that the design of our work is to rescue the worst of boys from a "life of vagrancy and crime," to educate them in the fear of God, and by giving them an opportunity of learning some useful trade, to inculcate in them principles of cleanliness, honesty and industry, and by bringing them under the shelter and protecting power of human love; to raise, through the agency of God's Spirit, their thoughts and feelings upward to him, who is the source of all love."

The operations of the year passed have justified the wisdom of the selection of Mr. Hart as Superintendent. He has been indefatigable in his labors and pains-taking and considerate in conserving the interests committed to his care. The general conduct of the boys has been excellent, and there has been a pleasing recognition on their part of obedience to the rules enacted from time to time for their guidance. During the year, and with the consent of the Committee, seven boys have left the school. These all are evidencing that their stay there has been of considerable service to them. Jas. Farquhar, Esq., who had paid for three years for one of them, had the satisfaction of being called upon by the boy, who spoke in terms most appreciative of his benefactor's generosity, and