

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1884.

IN presenting another Annual Report the Committee of the above Institution desire to express their thankfulness to Almighty God for the measure of success which has attended their efforts to advance the interests of the Institution, placed under their control. The year has been one of great commercial depression, which has, to some extent, affected our Subscriptions, also our Shoe Department, from the same cause, has been closed since July, but we are glad to state that under the supervision of the Superintendant, it commenced operations again at the beginning of this year, Robt. Taylor, Esq., finding the material. In closing our accounts for the year 1883 we regret to say that a balance of \$200 debt was incurred, to help to remove which the Directors decided to hold an "At Home," to which invitations were sent to all Subscribers and Friends. The night being fine a large number drove out; the large school room being filled to its utmost capacity. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a choice programme was provided, several of our leading amateurs kindly gave their assistance; addresses were delivered by the Revds. G. W. Hill, D.D., Dr. Burns, J. J. Teasdale, and A. J. Townend; refreshments were supplied during the evening, the gift of the Ladies of the Brunswick Street Methodist Church. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the President, J. S. Maclean, by the boys of the School, of a beautiful framed address and handsome Inkstand, subscribed for among themselves, and also the raising by the friends present of two hundred dollars, enabling the committee to start the year free of debt. After singing the Doxology one of the most successful gatherings ever held at the Home was brought to a close.