

REPORT.

THE Halifax Protestant Industrial School is so well and favourably known, its aims and its history have been so often set forth from the platform, in Annual Reports, and, with much more telling effect, by the manners and lives of the boys it educates and sends out into the world, that it is not necessary to go into much detail now, and explain again what everybody knows, or can know much better by a visit to the Institution than by any amount of print. Still each year has its own story, and we like to tell it to our friends and the subscribers. The past year has been a quiet one, though marked by more than the usual progress in several ways. We have settled down at the new home and have no idea of moving for the next twenty years at least. We have room for as many boys as ought ever to be in one institution, or, as we are likely to be asked, to take in at any one time. The old place could accommodate only 40. We have had in the new during 1871 an average of 51, and though we are not likely to go above this average for the next two or three years, we have room for nearly 100. Besides the ordinary trouble and expense of management we have had, and will have yet, large bills of extras to get the place into order and to make a thing of beauty and use out of the roughness and barrenness of its old state. But we are of course thus adding to the value of the property, increasing our capital account, as it were, and at the same time providing a varied kind of work for the boys that relieves the monotony of trade labour and takes its place in slack times; a variety too that, in one way or other, ought always to be supplied in the upbringing of boys, and especially of those who were not previously accustomed to habits of steady industry or application of any kind. But these facts will come out more clearly when we explain, as we now go on to do, the present condition of our

FINANCES.

We told you last year that we needed then, in addition to our ordinary revenue for 44 boys: 1st, \$1,100 to pay debt on account of deficit of ordinary revenue of past years. 2nd, \$1000 to finish and supply with gas our new buildings, and make improvements on the grounds. 3rd, \$800 for steam engine, new barn, &c. 4th, \$3,200 to pay for our front lot which we had intended to sell, but which we found many of our warmest friends