

The experiment was tried for three years, but last spring the Committee found that it was impossible for a man without capital—especially in the dull times that were impending—to manage so extensive and complicated a business; and in June last they brought the experiment to a close, and reverted to the former state of things, according to which the Committee is responsible for everything; every order, every appointment, every sale, and every expenditure. Mr. Grierson is busily occupied winding up the transactions in which he engaged, and, of course, the Committee gives him all possible assistance. The old difficulties of getting suitable masters, and of selling the work when made came again upon us. We have solved these in great measure as far as the shoe-shop is concerned, by a special arrangement with Mr. Bliss, according to which he takes all the responsibility, works the shop, gives employment to fourteen\* boys, and pays a small wage for each. Under this arrangement we secure all that we desire—a trade for the boys combined with all the moral and religious advantages of the school, while at the same time we know exactly what our pecuniary liabilities are, so far as the shoe-shop is concerned. The arrangement made with Mr. Bliss is working so much to his satisfaction that there can be little doubt that he will renew it this year on terms rather more favorable to the School, but in the meantime it is an experiment both with him and the Committee. Mr. Bliss, we are happy to say, speaks in the highest terms both of the aptness and the conduct of the boys he is bringing up as shoe-makers.

We have engaged a tailor, and have closed the cabinet-shop temporarily until we can make an arrangement similar to that made with Mr. Bliss for the shoe-shop. As usual, the smaller boys are kept busy in the kindling-wood department; with the exception of those who are required to do chores, cleaning, &c. in the house.

Mr. Wilson has been the Schoolmaster since July 28th last, the beginning of the mid-summer holidays. As the boys are very backward, and never get more than two hours instruction for four evenings in the week, we requested Mr. Wilson to teach them during the holidays, and to come five evenings instead of four in the week. He has done so, and with good results; but

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\* Now sixteen.