

their foot-balls and cricket matches, their pic nic and Christmas dinner as if he were a boy himself; and in that he showed not only his own sunny and genial character, but true knowledge of boy nature, and human nature too. We understand that by his will he has left \$2,000 to the Institution, and it is our intention to keep the fund sacred, and devote the interest annually to pay for three boys who shall be known as the "Doull boys." Thus he, though dead, shall yet speak, and for long generations to come,—it may be, poor little fellows rescued by this means from a life of hopelessness shall have cause to bless his name.

#### NUMBER OF BOYS, &c., DURING THE PAST YEAR.

The Special Report that we have thus had to make about our grand move and extension, all the financial details of which will be found in the statements of the Treasurer that are appended, obliges us to shorten our story of the ordinary working of the school for the past year. And yet it is to the full as interesting as ever, to all who look beyond the merely sensational to the object we have in view,—the education of our boys for the life of time and of eternity. We have to chronicle a year of quiet steady progress.

We began 1870 with 42 boys, a larger number than we ever had before. We begin 1871 with 43. Our average for 1870 was about 43, and for two months we had 46 on our roll. Sixteen were admitted during the year — four of them from the City Prison, ten from the streets on \$40 or \$20 guarantees, by benevolent people, Sunday Schools, &c., and two extreme cases on our free list. Fifteen went out from us in the same time; five of them to farmers' comfortable homes in Pictou County where they are doing well; six to work at their respective trades in the city, five of whom are in regular employment; one was taken by his mother to the States, with our approval; one was removed by his parents without our consent; one ran away, but we learn that he is at work and doing well in Windsor; and one that we took from the Orphans' Home for a short time, and who was subject to epileptic fits, we had to send to the Poor House. We leave those facts to speak for themselves.

Mr. Grierson still keeps up correspondence with many of the boys who are scattered abroad; and it is pleasant to read in their letters of their affection for their old home and companions. At the Christmas dinner, several from Truro and the city put in an appearance, and are always welcomed.

Of our present number, 8 are being taught shoemaking, 9 tailoring, 6 cabinetmaking, 14 make up kindling wood, 5 are en-