

REPORT.

THE year just closed has been in many respects an important one for the Institution over which the Committee presides. A large amount of work has been done ;—many boys have left the school and many others have been admitted. As perfection is to be found nowhere in this world, it must not be looked for either in the lads who are being trained in the home, in the directors and officers of the Institution, or in the practical working of this Industrial Establishment. The element with which all those in authority has to deal is not that which is the most malleable and pliable in the moral kingdom, nor are all the means and appliances for reducing it to form as yet in the possession of those in control ; hence, we do find occasionally that our best schemes are frustrated and our brightest hopes are disappointed. Our judgment may now and then be in fault and that which we thought would be for the best has sometimes turned out differently to our anticipations. But while we acknowledge that the Institution has not yet reached a state of perfection, we present our yearly report with much satisfaction and with deep gratitude to God for the work which he has enabled us to perform during the past twelve months.

Let us take a brief review of the year—we will begin with the state of the Roll from the 1st of January 1872, to the thirty-first of December 1872. On the first day of the year there were fifty-one boys under care and instruction within the building and seventeen were admitted during the twelve months following, making the whole number sixty-eight. Of these twenty-one have left the school, so that there are now resident in the House a total of fifty-seven.

Now let us see for what reasons these boys left the school, and on what ground the others were admitted. First, then, of the twenty-one who went away eleven entered upon work at their several trades learned in our school, and it is a great