

TEACHER'S REPORT.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL :

Gentlemen,—Since my appointment by the Halifax School Board I have regularly spent two hours of each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, in the school-room of the Industrial School building, and I have always found the class a satisfactory one. I am never troubled by tardiness or absence except when a boy is ill, which happens very rarely. To the good management of the Superintendent I am indebted for finding the boys clean and in the school-room at seven o'clock. Of course we do not accomplish as much in eight hours a week as the public schools do in twenty-five; but considering the time devoted to work I believe the results will bear favourable comparison with those of any other school. This is partly due to the regularity of attendance and partly to the fact that, as a rule, the boys are more advanced in years than most classes doing the same grade of work. Although their early education has in most cases been neglected their maturer years enable them to make more rapid progress—particularly in arithmetic and penmanship—than the much younger children who commonly pursue studies of a corresponding grade.

I may say that all our work is of a practical character, as I endeavour to keep always in view what will be of the greatest benefit to the boys in after life. What a blessing the Institution is to the lads who have the good fortune to find themselves in it! And what a blessing it would become to the dozens of uncared-for boys—embryo criminals—who wander about the streets, mutually training and encouraging each other in evil. If prevention is better than cure I hope that on economic, if on no higher grounds, the time is not far distant when the Industrial School will