

Kindling Wood and Carpet Cleaning departments, those who are not otherwise engaged, are employed from time to time. The employment which all in the Institution have, helps in the internal government inasmuch as it furnishes guards which are not thrown around the lawless and lazy. Four evenings in the week are devoted to mental improvement of the boys under the direction of Mr. Halls, and on Sabbaths all attend church morning and evening and Sabbath School at home in the afternoon.

ATTENDANCE AT THE SCHOOL.

At the close of the year 1877, there were 29 boys in attendance at the School. During the past year 15 boys were admitted and 14 left—the attendance at the close of 1878 was 30 boys, an increase of one on the previous year. Of the 14 boys who left the institution during the year past, the term of service of six had expired, five went to places provided for them with the consent of the committee, two ran away, leaving the city and we believe the country, and one was released by order of the Stipendiary, after being in the institution seven days, a promise having been given that he would leave the city.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SCHOOL.

In an appropriate notice, one of the Halifax papers thus refers to the School:—

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Among the Christmas festivities the enjoyable time spent at the Halifax Industrial School is worthy of special mention. At the usual Christmas dinner for the boys, the following managers of the Institution were present:—The Hon. P. C. Hill, J. S. Maclean, W. H. Neal, S. M. Brookfield, E. D. Meynell, Thos. A. Brown, J. M. DeWolf, Rev. W. H. Heartz; also Dr. Dashwood, Major Mainguy, R. E., &c. The scene at dinner time was very pleasing. The dinner room was beautifully decorated—the work of the boys themselves. The good things of the season were provided in abundance, and certainly the lads evidenced their appreciation by doing full justice to roast goose and plum pudding. After dinner short and appropriate addresses were delivered by the Hon. P. C. Hill, the Rev. W. H. Heartz and Dr. Dashwood. The last named gentleman presented two prizes—to the best and second best boy in the Institution. The selection for the prizes having been left to the boys themselves—the Superintendent concurring in the choice—the fortunate