

Directors' Report.

The Committee of the HALIFAX INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL beg to present the following Report :—

The work of this institution during the past year has been carried on, as aforetime, with varying success. At the beginning of the year the number of boys on the roll was twenty nine, eight of whom left, having finished their term, and one died. Eleven new pupils were admitted, so that we have now thirty-one under our care. Of those whose time had expired two enlisted in the Canadian Artillery, and are now in Quebec; two are employed in baking establishments in the city; two are at work in shoe factories, one has obtained service as groom; while one has found employment with a farmer at the North West Arm. These boys give satisfaction to their employers, and demonstrate that the efforts to train our pupils in thrift and honest industry are not without success. Of those in the institution, twelve are employed in the shoe factory on the premises; three in the shovel factory at North West Arm; while the younger ones are engaged in the manufacture of kindling wood, carpet cleaning, and in the garden and farm.

BEHAVIOUR.—We are glad to record a very marked improvement in the general conduct of the pupils, the Superintendent reporting that in this respect it has been the most satisfactory year of his management. Not a single complaint has been preferred against any of them by persons living in the neighborhood of the institution; and no breach of propriety has occurred requiring any severer discipline than is needed in ordinary school life.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING.—The pupils, accompanied by the Superintendent, have attended several of the Episcopal,