

efficient Superintendent, Mr. Chapman, an incompetent man, succeeded to his post, the managers had a brief opportunity of estimating the influence affecting this class of boys. The new Superintendent relaxed nearly all discipline; the boys soon obtained the mastery; and with the freedom to follow their own courses superadded to the physical comforts of the Lodging, it promised to be very popular. The Superintendent was able to report the house fuller than under any previous Superintendent, at the very time when the Managers had reason to fear that their best efforts for reclaiming the boys were rendered unavailing.

During the past year the Managers endeavored to secure the transfer of a seemingly incurable vagrant, and an adept in the art of mendicancy, to the Industrial School at Mimico. The rumor of this got abroad among that class of street boys, and for a time they viewed the Home with suspicion and distrust. There is good reason for believing that the opening of that excellent institution has already materially diminished the number of boys of this class on the streets of Toronto. Some of them are known to have gone off to Buffalo and Detroit, under the dread of being subjected to its wholesome restraints.

A YEAR'S OPERATIONS.

The following is a brief summary of the results of the past year's operations in the Home: There have been 121 boys resident in the Lodging during the year, of whom 34 were admitted for the first time. Work of some kind has been provided for all, the untrained vagrants being started at first with their little stock of papers, and encouraged in the attempt to pay their own way and enter on a career of honest independence. They have also shared with the older inmates in the training and instruction of the Superintendent and visitors. But it is scarcely necessary to state that the selling of newspapers on the street can form no permanent occupation for a boy. In all cases it is regarded merely as a temporary kind of unskilled labor to serve as the first training and incentive to regular industry. The boy is encouraged to pay for his own lodging, and so to acquire ideas and habits of independence. He is also induced to deposit his

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