

the City looking for work, but who before they find it, are seduced into, or overcome by temptation. There are also many homeless and houseless ones for whom no refuge but the Police Station is provided. Moved by compassion for all such, he desires to go to their relief; but he has no intention of abandoning us, or throwing up his post as Superintendent, until we can secure a fit person to succeed him. We on our side, though unwilling to part with him, have no right to stand in his way, and so we are preparing for his successor. We are now open to receive applications for the situation, though we shall probably make no change before next summer. It is not every man or every teacher who can be taken to be Superintendent of an Industrial or Reformatory School. This is the testimony of one of the boys now in the country who gave a good deal of trouble by his undisciplined activity when in the School, but who is now doing well. He writes, "I hope that you may find another man as good as Mr. Grierson, but you know that it is pretty hard to find a man that understands the boys. I know it was so when I was there. . . . It is only when I'm away that I miss him, and Miss Parrott. But I hope to meet them all again, and look on the faces that I love so well to see." We must have a man who combines mercy and truth, a sympathizing heart and a strong sense of the need of cleanliness, order and discipline; one up to the tricks of boys, and aware of the awful temptations to which they are exposed, and which cause so many to make shipwreck. The same boy from whose letter we have quoted, writes also words that encourage us to cast our bread on the waters. He says, "You will be glad to learn that I have stopped reading novels" (he was once a voracious devourer of all the dime and other sensational, and blood and thunder novels that he could buy, borrow and hide) "and also that I have not forgotten all the good that I learned in the School. About three months after I came here I joined the Lodge of British Templars, and to-day I can boast of being Worthy Chief of that flourishing Order. I also attend Sabbath School regular, &c."

In 1872 in order to ensure promptness in getting masters to teach the boys trades, and to give more authority and freedom to the Superintendent, the Committee handed over to him for a time the management of the work done in and by the Institution.