

experiment. Constrained by the love of Christ, from a desire to be fellow-labourers with Him, we are doing this work and feel therefore that it is His, and that we ought not to be daunted by any opposition, or any failures. As a Committee we are doing our best and we therefore confidently appeal to our fellow citizens for sympathy and co-operation. We meet every Monday to consult and act as the occasion may require, and we have now a small financial committee through whose hands every bill must pass. We can confidently state then that any monies placed at our disposal will be expended as judiciously as possible, and that we shall be delighted to receive counsel from any quarter. Trials of our faith we of course anticipate, but we believe they will be overruled for good. We had a proof of this in the only case of discipline that came before us this year. It may be remembered that the newspapers some time in the summer informed the public that two boys had run away from the school, taking away some clothing not their own. That was true. And we may now tell the rest of the story: The boys were apprehended, and thereafter in the presence of their companions were expelled as the greatest punishment we could inflict upon them. They keenly felt the disgrace, but admitted its justice, and all in school were so affected by it that we need not apprehend any similar case occurring. On inquiry we found that one of the boys was far less guilty than the other, and that one after a couple of months exclusion we received back, he having repeatedly begged for re-admission, and now there is not a better boy in the school. We hope then to hear no more of the absurd nonsense of our bribing boys to come to us. Why instead of that we have always a dozen urgently begging to be received, and we would take them to-morrow if our funds permitted, for we know that they are almost certain to drift into crime if we do not receive them. And we may also be allowed to express the hope that the city authorities will recognize the policy of handing over Protestant juvenile first offenders to the Industrial School, instead of to Rockhead where the influences on character must be bad and bad only; and if our Roman Catholic brethren think that Rockhead is the better place for those of their creed, we shall not interfere.

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