

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
NEWS-BOYS' LODGING
AND INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The Managing Committee of the News-boys' Lodging are gratified in being able to report at the close of its fifth year, that this Institution continues to reward its friends by the success attendant on their efforts on behalf of the neglected children of the street. Every year's experience confirms the necessity there exists for providing such a home for the friendless boys who seek a precarious substance on the streets of Toronto. At the most critical period of life they are exposed to every temptation; and yet, in many cases require only a little well-timed help to direct them to a course of settled industry, so as to become useful members of society.

I. LODGERS IN THE HOME.

During the past year, 138 boys have lodged in the Home. Of these, 121 have been admitted since last report. They may be described as friendless and deserted boys, from nine to seventeen years of age, and wholly dependent on their own earnings for support.

During the most inclement periods of the past winter, vagrant children have been brought to the Lodging, who had been sleeping in wood-sheds, or otherwise, exposed to the severity of our climate.

One wretched child, deserted by drunken, criminal parents, was in such a state of filth and vermin, that his hair had to be cropt, and his miserable rags stript off him and burnt in the