

Looking back on the work of the past seven years in which the Newsboys' Lodging has been in operation, the managers are able to record that 798 boys have been admitted, including many deserted and orphan children, and homeless boys of drunken parents, or of criminals in the penitentiary or gaol. In other cases vagrant wanderers have been returned to their parents. Of the above number 337 have been sent to situations; some have been apprenticed to trades, and are now in a fair prospect of occupying a respectable social position; and in repeated cases boys that have been sent to the country and lost sight of, have returned,—sometimes only to visit the Home, and report that they are doing well;—in other cases to ask advice when in difficulties; to claim protection against supposed injustice, as having no other friends to appeal to; or, at times, to place the accumulated savings of their industry in the Home Savings' Bank.

In those and other ways the managers continue to receive satisfactory proof that the friends of the Institution have not labored in vain; but that, as they confidently believe, the Divine blessing has accompanied their efforts; and acting thus under the guidance of a gracious providence, they indulge the hope that those who have contributed the means for founding this Home for the neglected children of the street will find their abundant reward in learning hereafter of many who have, by their aid, been rescued from vagrancy and incipient crime, and introduced to a career of virtuous industry.