

## DIRECTORS REPORT.

In submitting to the subscribers and friends of the Protestant Industrial School the Annual Report, the Board of Directors desire to call attention to the work being done at the School, and the advantages of such an establishment to the city of Halifax, and it may be, to the Province of Nova Scotia.

Through its instrumentality, many young and promising boys, who might otherwise have developed into criminals, have been trained in useful trades, and are now filling creditable positions, as hard working, honest men in both city and country. To picture what these men might have become had there been no Industrial School would be an easy task, but we presume that by every thinking man and woman, the usefulness of the establishment is acknowledged. Its maintenance must be regarded as in the interests of the public.

At present the income of the School is derived from a small per capitum grant made by the city of Halifax, from the receipts for the sales of kindling wood, etc., etc., and from general subscriptions. The latter source of income was, in previous years, derived from comparatively large subscriptions made by a limited number of persons, but of late years the condition of our citizens has materially altered, the wealth of the city is now much more generally distributed throughout the community, and the responsibilities must therefor fall on the shoulders of a greater number of persons than in days gone by.

To carry on this school efficiently and to do the work as Halifax would like to see it done, the Board of Directors will require annual subscriptions to the amount of \$2000, and they ask each person reading this report to assume a share of this responsibility by voluntarily agreeing to contribute annually any sum of money from one dollar upwards. Heretofore, the work of this school has been confined