

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1878.

IN the department of philanthropic effort in which the Committee of the Protestant Industrial School are charged with important responsibilities, the review of another year's operations affords pleasing evidences that their work has not been in vain in the Lord. In the firm conviction that the Institution they represent, meets a want growing out of the conditions of a class of our population, it has been the aim of all connected with the School to use those means and appliances which with the blessing of God are calculated to foster habits of thrift and honesty, and under the ennobling influences of christianity, mould for usefulness in the world, those who would otherwise exert an influence prejudicial to themselves and society generally.

GOVERNMENT.

The Institution is controlled by a committee of gentlemen representing different protestant denominations, and all its affairs are submitted to and carefully considered at the weekly meetings held for that purpose.

The Superintendent—Mr. Abner Hart—acting under the direction of the Committee, has been indefatigable in his efforts, and by an admirable blending of the “*suaviter in modo with fortiter in re*” has secured not only the confidence and respect of the boys, but also to a marked degree their affectionate esteem. The contract with Mr. Bliss by which the labor of some of the boys is utilized, serves to secure not only a fair remuneration, but also tends to keep their minds engaged, their time employed, and leads them to an appreciation of the practical and material in life. It serves also to secure for them a good trade—shoemaking—thus enabling them to gain a respectable living when they leave us. In the