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REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1881.

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At the beginning of the year we started with thirty-eight boys, and at the close had settled to thirty-one. Some of these left, we shall find at different times; but taking the whole year into account, the average number of boys was three less than in 1880. The actual figures are: Ten have left during the year; eight of these with the consent of the committee, the time of seven of these having expired, and at his own special request the other was allowed to engage himself to a master in Pictou County, the boy's sister having previously entered into service there.

Three boys have run away, and where recaptured. Two of them were restored to their places in the institution, while the third was allowed to leave, as he only wanted two months till the expiry of his time. During the year four new pupils have been admitted.

BEHAVIOUR.

On this subject, except in the cases of the runaways and a few mistakes on the part of others, the Superintendent reports very favourably on the whole. One boy in particular is reported as being so well behaved as not to give the Superintendent any occasion to reprimand him once during the year. One other has approached very closely to this high standard; while the third, but for a grave offence committed during the Christmas season, would also have stood in the first rank.

WORK.

The boys employed in the shoe shop have been making satisfactory progress. Some are now smart at their trade, and no doubt will make first-class workmen as well as good