

REPORT.

The year 1876 was the critical year of the Industrial School. We stated in our last report that Mr. Grierson had tendered his resignation and that we were on the outlook for a successor. Mr. Grierson had been Superintendent so long, had been so identified in heart, interests and popular opinion with the institution, and so trusted by the committee, that many were inclined to believe that a change would be fatal. The change, however, has been made, and the committee are happy to announce that the boys were never doing better and the prospects were never brighter than now.

After many inquiries, Mr. Hart was appointed Superintendent. He has now been in the position for nine months and is beginning to feel at home in it. At first there were attempts at insubordination on the part of some of the boys, little plots, rings, and discourtesies, but these having been properly dealt with at the outset, have ceased altogether, and now the general conduct is excellent and the whole establishment works with the harmony and order of a large, well-regulated family. One boy was dismissed for bad conduct; two were handed over to the city authorities, from whom we received them; and three ran away. Besides these, nine left in the course of the year, with consent of the committee, and are doing well at home or their trades. Twelve have been received into the School up to Jan. 29th of this year, eleven of them from the Police Court. We have thus only 28 boys now, or three less than at the date of last year's report. As we then explained, we believe that a new Superintendent should not undertake more than from twenty-five to thirty at first. Now that discipline is established, and the affection of the older boys secured, it will be easy to add to the number, as guarantees for the payment of them are offered.