

of Committee to give not only their individual annual contributions but also the money needed for prizes, Christmas dinner, special improvements, and such like purposes. Last year the special contributions of the Committee amounted to between \$1000 and \$1100. It should be known that the honor of a seat at the Committee's table costs an average of nearly \$100 a year in addition to time and pains and anxiety. This is not right; but it is inevitable unless the real friends of the School increase their subscriptions or increase in number.

#### NUMBER OF BOYS, &c.

On the 1st. Jany. 1873, we had 47 boys on the roll; 15 were admitted and 10 left during the year, leaving the present number 52. Of the 15 admitted, 5 were sentenced to us from the police office; 7 are guaranteed \$40 each, and 3 are on the free list. Of the 10 who left, 4 were taken by their parents, 2 of these being reformed, 4 left regularly and are now doing well, 1 ran away, and 1 was committed to prison for theft. This is a smaller return than usual. The preceding year 17 were admitted, and 21 left the School. And this year on which we have entered, a larger number will leave because their time has expired, and they are fit to go out into the world to earn their own living.

A pleasing feature connected with the working of the institution is that four, who formerly were boys in it, are now employed as assistant masters, one as a tailor, and three in the shoe shop. Their names are Neal, Bazen, McPherson, and Scott, and they are all reliable young men.

In no previous year has so much good work been done by the institution, and in none have the boys progressed so rapidly in their respective trades. The steam-engine seems to have imparted new life into them. It keeps them active however lazily inclined they may be. There is an intelligence and quickness of movement about them such as we never saw before. When the past history and character of the boys are considered, the necessity for some such stimulus is clearly seen. They are sent to us simply because they are "ne'er do weels," irreclaimable, or positively preying

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