

## REPORT.

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WE have to submit a very short report to our friends for the year 1875. The Industrial School is now old enough to speak for itself, and as no new move of importance was made last year, we need not take up much space in telling the old story.

Ninety-seven lads have left the School during the last six years, and most of these are doing well. Of this number, seventeen left last year; ten to work at their trades in Halifax, five to work in the country, one to go to sea, and one ran away. As a rule, the boys who do well in the School and master the trade they are put to, find it easy to get work when they go out to earn their living and make their way in the world.

We received only seven boys in the School in 1875; two under sentence of the Police Court,\* and five from the streets, or because they were utterly beyond parental control. As we sent from the School ten more than we received, the number on the roll is only 31 as against 41 in January, 1875. We have purposely allowed the number to lessen by refusing during the last few months to take in any except from the Police Court, or in very pressing cases. Our reason for so acting was that our Superintendent has tendered his resignation, and we are on the outlook for another to take the situation. When Mr. Grierson became Superintendent, we had only twenty-six boys, and we think that no new man should undertake a much larger number at first. Considering the difficulty of the work, it would be unfair to ask an untried man to begin with forty or fifty. Let him get acquainted with twenty-five or thirty, win their affection, establish discipline, and then it will be easy to add to the number.

Mr. Grierson is anxious to engage in more direct missionary work, and on a larger scale than is possible in an institution like ours. He sees a large class of City Arabs that we have hardly touched as yet. There is need of a temporary home for these, and also for young people who come from the Country to

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\*Three others have been received from the Court since the 1st of January.