

Halifax Industrial School.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

We commenced the year of 1896 with a deficit of \$330.64 and end with a debit balance of \$340.52. During the year the School building has been heated throughout with hot water. Wash Basins of the most approved patterns have been fitted in the Wash-room and other needed improvements made. The cost has been very considerable but the work was absolutely necessary and we now hope that further expenditure in this line will be small for years to come.

We have gratefully to acknowledge from the Executors of the Estate of the late Jno. P. Mott the receipt of \$3547.02 being a part of the Bequest of Mr. Mott, and \$2778.91 from the Executors of the Estate late W. Sawers Stirling and \$8.44 from the Executors of the late Duncan Waddell. The revenue to be derived from the investments of these amounts will be most helpful to the Institution in meeting the expenses of the future.

We have to record the death of one of our most valued and esteemed directors, Rufus J. Sweet, Esq., who had for many years acted as Secretary, retiring only when his health failed, continuing however as a Director up to the last to take an unwearied interest in the affairs of the institution. We shall miss his presence at our Board as will the boys at the School to whom he had by his constant attention to their wants much endeared himself.

A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Sweet and family in their great bereavement was unanimously passed by the Board.