

the flicker of the lamp before it went out. The next month he died, and in great peace, and as all the boys followed him to the grave, the mourning was as deep and true as if he had been a brother of blood.

In Midsummer, Charles Thompson, a boy nearly 16 years old, but who had never been strong, also passed away. His mother took him home a month or two before, and as he died with her he was not buried in our lot. We have here to thank the City Council for having given us a piece of ground in the Cemetery where we may bury our dead.

The general health has been as usual good. Dr. Slayter has continued to give us his valuable services gratuitously, and Dr. A. C. Cogswell attends to our dentistry cases on the same terms.

Our 51 boys are at the old employments; the seniors at shoe-making, tailoring and cabinet making; the juniors at kindling-wood making and house jobs. The majority of the boys are about 14 or 15 years of age, though they range from 9 up to 18 years. There has been a great extension of the kindling wood business, which would have been greater could we have got as much of the raw material as we wanted. There are heaps of the right stuff on the line of the Windsor Railway, but though we have importuned the authorities all the months of December, January and February, we have as yet got nothing but promises; dozens of promises, but not one car-load of slabs. We ought to have laid in a larger supply in the Autumn from the outports by vessels. And we had arranged for this, but the early and sudden closing of the harbours defeated us and threw us on the railway. And to its door let all the blame be laid of inconvenience to those housekeepers who ordered kindling wood but could not get their orders filled. We assure them that we shall never again allow ourselves to be taken so short. We shall store enough in the spring and summer to meet all demands. During the past year we sold between 70 and 80,000 bundles, and we expect to sell twice as many this year. We shall be prepared as usual for carpet-shaking in the spring, let housekeepers also take notice.

EDUCATION AND CONCLUSION.

Mr. Smith continues to teach from 6.30 to 8.30, P. M., for four evenings in the week. Mr. Grierson and Mr. Bethune, our new master for the cabinet shop, assist him with the younger boys. There are 13 of these who are either in the first or second book. The other 38 can read, and are also taught writing, arithmetic,

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