

REPORT.

Our three last Reports had to be lengthy because our undertaking was new, and our special difficulties unknown to the public. Information was given in them that need not be repeated now because we have reasons to believe that both the history and the aims and the successes of the School are widely known. It will, however, always be our duty to tell to our friends the story of each year as it passes.

The report for 1868 left us with 38 boys to begin the new year of 1869 with. We received during the past year 14 more and 10 left, so that we begin 1870 with 42. Of the 14 additions, 4 came from the Police Office, 4 others were known to be falling into bad practices, and the rest were vagrants or destitute, and on the high road to evil. All the 14 are now with us with one exception, and this we consider a very good sign because it is usually in the first year that the restraint is found most irksome and that they are most apt to run away. The one exception even went not of himself, but was removed by his mother in the hope that she could make something out of his prowling about the streets. One of the four from the Police Office was sentenced only for six months, but as that is far too short a time to be able to do much towards forming the habits and character of a boy, we kept him after his sentence had expired, he himself being quite willing to stay.

Of the 10 who left during the past year, one ran away; three were taken by their mothers, but two of these had been for two years in the School and are now doing pretty well; and six went to good places where they are doing well as far as we can learn. One of them went as a waiter in H. M. Ship *Phoebe*, and he writes Mr. Grierson from Bahia last August in these words: "we arrived here on the 25th July and met the squadron. I think we will have a good time going around, but it takes all my money to keep me in clothes. We have Church on board every Sunday, morning and evening, but I am sorry to say there are only 12 who profess to believe in Jesus. The other sailors make fun of them and say what is the good of believing in God, there is plenty of time. I will never forget the kindness you showed to me in the school," &c., &c.

While about it, we may give one or two extracts more from letters received by Mr. Grierson, who keeps up correspondence