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OF THE

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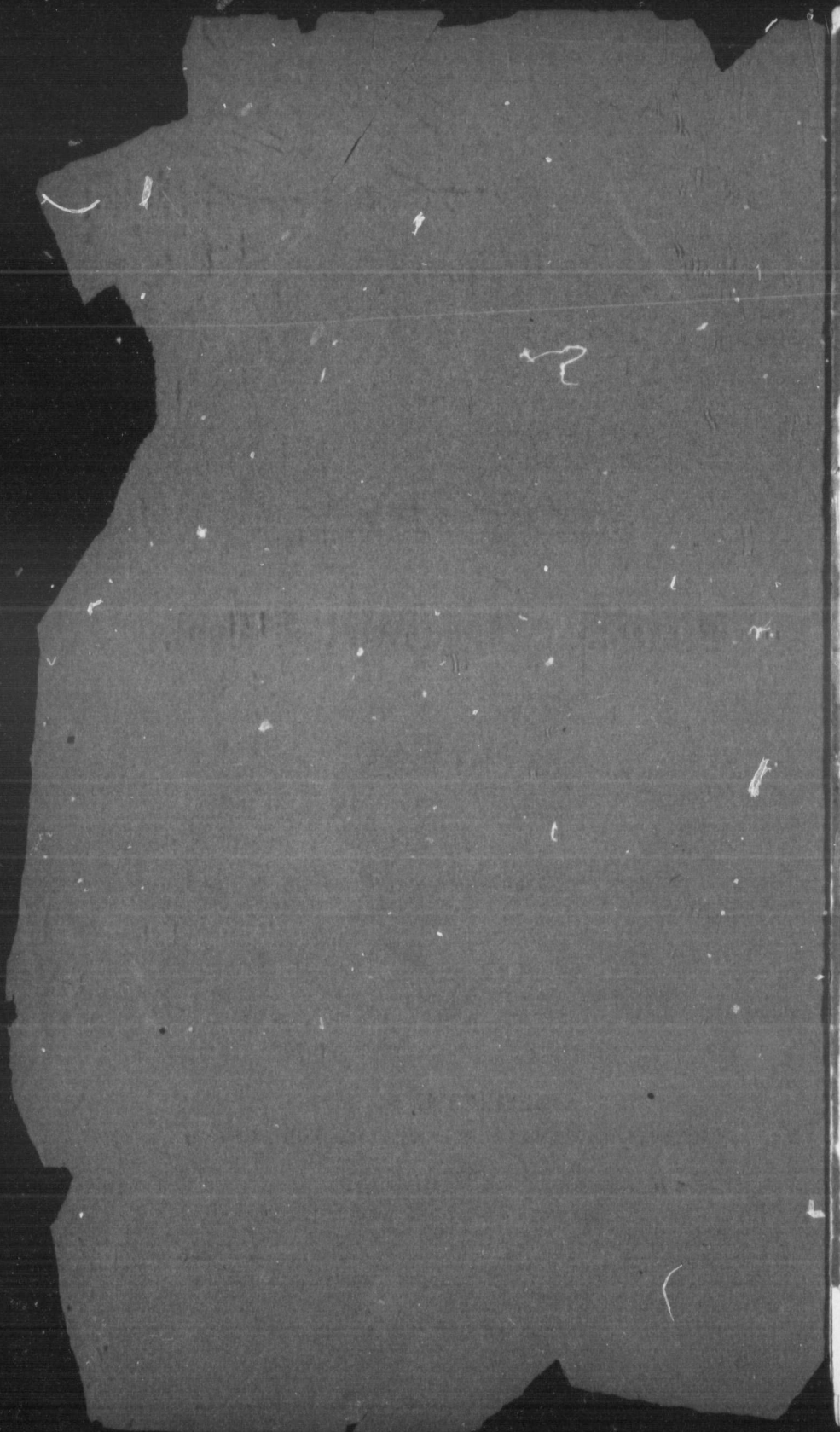
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Mr. John Grierison

Blind

Mrs. Grierison

REPORT.

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

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

the City looking for work, but who before they find it, are seduced into, or overcome by temptation. There are also many homeless and houseless ones for whom no refuge but the Police Station is provided. Moved by compassion for all such, he desires to go to their relief; but he has no intention of abandoning us, or throwing up his post as Superintendent, until we can secure a fit person to succeed him. We on our side, though unwilling to part with him, have no right to stand in his way, and so we are preparing for his successor. We are now open to receive applications for the situation, though we shall probably make no change before next summer. It is not every man or every teacher who can be taken to be Superintendent of an Industrial or Reformatory School. This is the testimony of one of the boys now in the country who gave a good deal of trouble by his undisciplined activity when in the School, but who is now doing well. He writes, "I hope that you may find another man as good as Mr. Grierson, but you know that it is pretty hard to find a man that understands the boys. I know it was so when I was there. . . . It is only when I'm away that I miss him, and Miss Parrott. But I hope to meet them all again, and look on the faces that I love so well to see." We must have a man who combines mercy and truth, a sympathizing heart and a strong sense of the need of cleanliness, order and discipline; one up to the tricks of boys, and aware of the awful temptations to which they are exposed, and which cause so many to make shipwreck. The same boy from whose letter we have quoted, writes also words that encourage us to cast our bread on the waters. He says, "You will be glad to learn that I have stopped reading novels" (he was once a voracious devourer of all the dime and other sensational, and blood and thunder novels that he could buy, borrow and hide) "and also that I have not forgotten all the good that I learned in the School. About three months after I came here I joined the Lodge of British Templars, and to-day I can boast of being Worthy Chief of that flourishing Order. I also attend Sabbath School regular, &c."

In 1872 in order to ensure promptness in getting masters to teach the boys trades, and to give more authority and freedom to the Superintendent, the Committee handed over to him for a time the management of the work done in and by the Institution.

The experiment was tried for three years, but last spring the Committee found that it was impossible for a man without capital—especially in the dull times that were impending—to manage so extensive and complicated a business; and in June last they brought the experiment to a close, and reverted to the former state of things, according to which the Committee is responsible for everything; every order, every appointment, every sale, and every expenditure. Mr. Grierson is busily occupied winding up the transactions in which he engaged, and, of course, the Committee gives him all possible assistance. The old difficulties of getting suitable masters, and of selling the work when made came again upon us. We have solved these in great measure as far as the shoe-shop is concerned, by a special arrangement with Mr. Bliss, according to which he takes all the responsibility, works the shop, gives employment to fourteen* boys, and pays a small wage for each. Under this arrangement we secure all that we desire—a trade for the boys combined with all the moral and religious advantages of the school, while at the same time we know exactly what our pecuniary liabilities are, so far as the shoe-shop is concerned. The arrangement made with Mr. Bliss is working so much to his satisfaction that there can be little doubt that he will renew it this year on terms rather more favorable to the School, but in the meantime it is an experiment both with him and the Committee. Mr. Bliss, we are happy to say, speaks in the highest terms both of the aptness and the conduct of the boys he is bringing up as shoe-makers.

We have engaged a tailor, and have closed the cabinet-shop temporarily until we can make an arrangement similar to that made with Mr. Bliss for the shoe-shop. As usual, the smaller boys are kept busy in the kindling-wood department; with the exception of those who are required to do chores, cleaning, &c. in the house.

Mr. Wilson has been the Schoolmaster since July 28th last, the beginning of the mid-summer holidays. As the boys are very backward, and never get more than two hours instruction for four evenings in the week, we requested Mr. Wilson to teach them during the holidays, and to come five evenings instead of four in the week. He has done so, and with good results; but

* Now sixteen.

the Commissioners decline to pay him more for the five evenings than they paid to all the others for four. And although he taught for fully two months before he was recognized by the Commissioners as the Teacher, they have refused to allow him any pay for that time.

In conclusion, the Committee gratefully acknowledge the gratuitous professional services of Dr. Slayter, and of Mr. Puttner as Dentist; the kind assistance of Alderman H. A. Taylor, in acting as our Agent, all orders for the School being left at his store in Barrington street; the generosity of the friends who sent contributions to the Christmas and New Year's dinners; the kindly notices of the Press, given gratuitously; and the motherly care over the boys of Mrs. Grierson and Miss Parrott, the anticipated loss of whom the Committee regret next to their regret at having to look out for a successor to Mr. Grierson.

THE following persons guarantee the payment of \$40 each per annum, for the Board of 27 Boys.

D. H. M. Starr, & C. H. M. Black.....	1
P. C. Hill.....	1
R. C. Harris.....	1
Mrs. Wm. Cunard.....	1
St. Matthew's Sabbath School.....	2
" " & Mrs. Esson.....	1
St. Paul's Sabbath School.....	2
Jubilee Sewing Circle.....	3
Edward Binney, Esq.....	1
Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.....	1
William Cunard, Esq.....	1
Brunswick Street Sabbath School.....	1
James Farquhar, Esq.....	1
St. Andrew's Sabbath School.....	1
Chalmer's Church Sabbath School.....	1
G. H. Starr, Esq.....	1
Mrs. Wallace.....	1
Late A. K. Doull's Legacy.....	2
City of Halifax, paying \$60 each.....	7
Mrs. Francis.....	1
Beech Street Sabbath School..	1
Charles Street Sabbath School.....	1
Miss Lawson.....	1
Now in the Institution.....	34

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Almon, M. B	2.00	Fraser, R. W.....	10.00
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Almon, Dr	5.00	Grant, Peter.....	4.00
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Symonds, W. S.....	5.00	Young, Sir. W	40.00

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

I.—For Steam Engine and Boiler.

G. H. Starr	\$100.00
Executors of late Miss Cogswell	100.00

II.—Guarantees.

D. H. Starr and C. H. M. Black, 1874	40.00
“ “ “ 1875	40.00
Hon. P. C. Hill	20.00
St. Andrew's Sabbath School	40.00
Orphan's Home	20.00
Edward Binney	40.00
Mrs. Joseph S. Belcher	40.00
St. Matthew's Church S. S., for 1874-75	180.00
Miss Lawson, Jubilee Boy	40.00
Wm. Cunard, for 1874-75	80.00
Mrs. Wm. Cunard, “	80.00
Bishop Binney	40.00
Jubilee Sewing Circle....	120.00
Beech Street S. School	40.00
Charles Street S. School	20.00
Herbert Harris	20.00
G. H. Starr, for 1874-75	80.00
St. Paul's S. School	80.00
Brunswick Street S. School, 1874-75	60.00
Mrs. Wallace	45.00
Chalmer's Church Sabbath School	40.00
James Farquhar	40.00

Jessie Hoyt—1 Car load of Coals.
 Hon. T. D. Archibald—10 Chaldrons of Coals.
 Bowes & Sons—250 Reports for 1875.
 Truckage of 6 loads of Coal—Mr. Samuel Brown.

Donations towards Christmas Dinner.

Edward Binney, Esq.—2 boxes Raisins, 2 boxes Figs, 2 barrels Apples.
 Moir & Co.,—2 boxes Mixed Biscuits.
 Mr. Hesslein—3 Geese.
 Mrs. Meynell—2 Cakes.
 R. Currie—1 Sheep.
 Members of Committee—\$16.00.

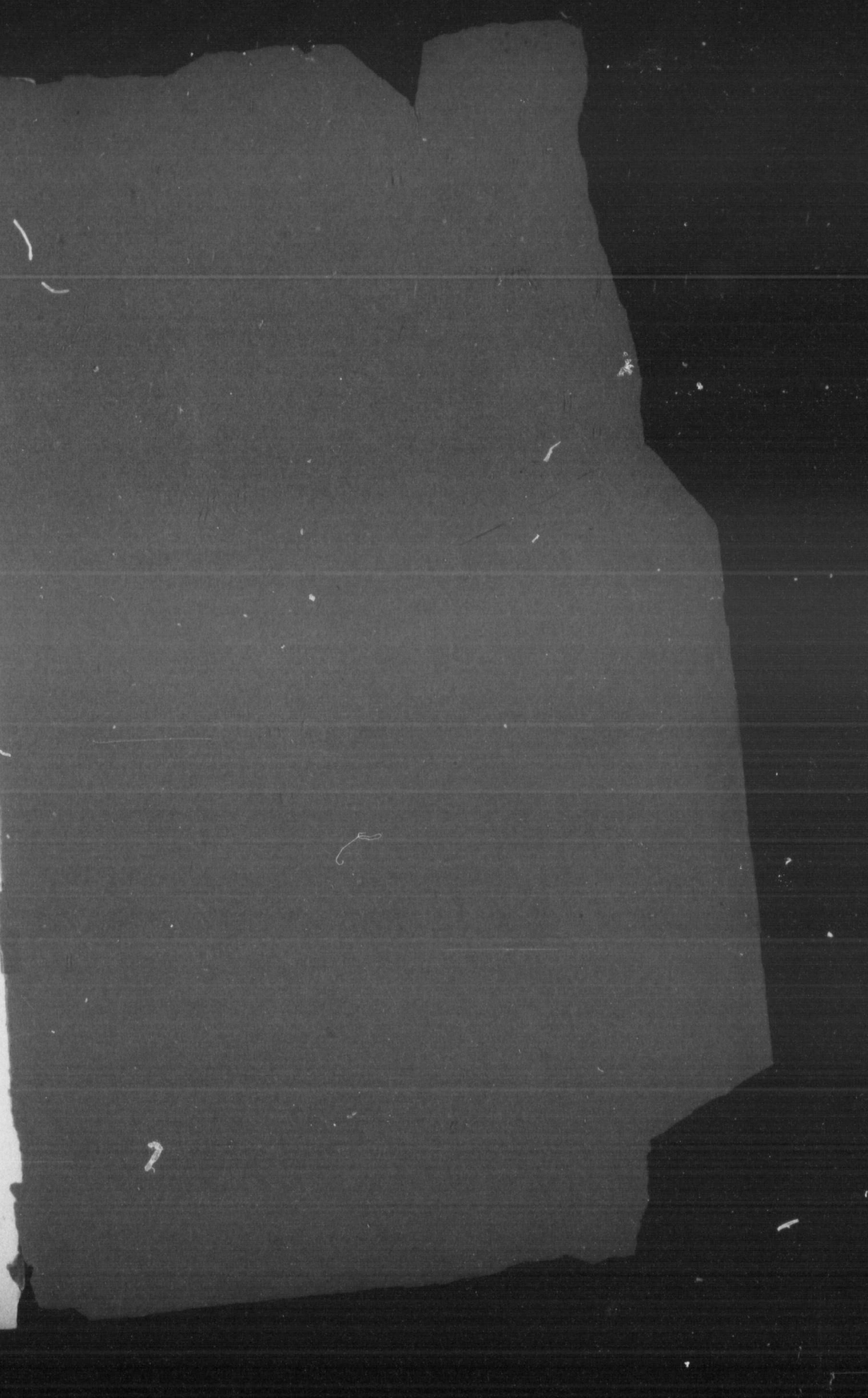
**Halifax Protestant Industrial School, in account with
J. S. Maclean.**

1875.	DR.	
Jan. 1.	To balance.....	\$298.02
July 1.	“ Cash paid J. Grierson for board of Boys to 1st of July.....	1971.72
“	“ “ “ “ for Tools.....	300.00
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“	“ “ Small bills and collecting, &c.....	141.99
“	“ “ Printing Reports and Indentures.....	19.50
“	“ “ Insurance Premiums	121.50
“	“ “ Half years interest on mortgage.....	90.00
“	“ “ Monthly bills dietary, clothing, &c., since July 1	1873.61
“	“ “ Rent of Y. M. C. A. Committee Room.....	20.00
“	“ “ Freight & Expenses on kindling wood	237.25
“	“ “ Balance on hand.....	133.45
		\$4057.04

1875.	CR.	
Dec. 31.	By Individual Guarantees.....	\$1155.00
“	“ City “	616.66
“	“ Individual Subscriptions.....	1510.50
“	“ Est. Miss Cogswell, subs. to Engine.....	100.00
“	“ Col. Laurie, board of Miss Birt's boys.....	42.65
“	“ Cash sales kindling-wood, &c., per J. Grierson.	316.08
“	“ G. H. Starr, sub. to Engine.....	100.00
“	“ Boys labor in employ of A. A. Bliss.....	216.15
		\$4057.04

W. S. STIRLING,
Hon. Treasurer.

1876.		
July 1.	By balance on hand	\$133.45



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