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For the Year Ending 31st March, 1880.

In presenting their eleventh Annual Report, the Managers of the News-boys' Lodging are gratified in being able once more to speak of successful work carried on among the neglected children of the street. The experience which eleven years has supplied affords abundant evidence of the necessity for such an Institution. Various causes, including drunken and criminal parents, orphanage, and the friendless condition of emigrant children, combine to beget a class to whom it is of vital importance that protection and advice be extended at the critical period, when in the absence of all home influences, the final bias for good or evil is determined for life.

THE JUVENILE CRIMINAL LAW.

Unfortunately our excellent public school system, though professedly securing free education to all, fails to overtake the very class which has the strongest claims to share in its instructions; and the experience of another year has added fresh proofs of the mischievous operation of our Juvenile Criminal Law. In the New England States the treatment of juvenile offenders is embraced within the system of public instruction; a Magistrate and Court entirely distinct from those

which deal with adult criminals administer the law, with the help of truant officers; and a wise philanthropy thus deals with the offences and the crimes of children solely with an eye to their reformation. Here, on the contrary, may be seen any day, in the Police Court of Toronto, children whose heads barely reach above the dock, awaiting their turn, with drunkards, prostitutes, and burglars. On conviction of some petty offence, the Police Magistrate has no option but fine, or imprisonment; and so young boys, in default of payment of a fine entirely beyond their means, are committed to gaol, from whence they return after associating with its inmates, not infrequently with the reformatory work of months or even years, undone.

To a boy who must sell 2 dozen copies of the evening papers before he can earn the 10 cents to pay his lodging in the Home, a fine of \$4 or \$5 is as much beyond his reach as one of \$500. In the case of F. R. a lad of 15 committed to gaol during the past year in default of a fine, amounting with expenses to \$4.80,—for throwing a stone at a policeman who was arresting his companion,—it was ascertained on his quitting gaol, that during his brief detention, he had been seduced into arrangements with an older lad, whereby when the longer term of imprisonment of the latter ended, they were to unite in future proceedings, it can scarcely be doubted, of a criminal character. It cannot be too frequently pressed upon the public notice that, unless some form of summary punishment be substituted for imprisonment in all cases of juvenile crime under 15 or 16 years of age; and a rigid disciplinary system of oversight, classification, and reformatory training be introduced in the case of older juvenile criminals committed to gaol: the result must continue to be that our gaols will prove to be only costly schools for the training of criminals.

The importance of this can scarcely be over-estimated when it is considered that the last report of the Inspector of Prisons shows the number of prisoners in Ontario under 16 years of age to be, males 416, females 53, or a total of 469 children of an age when it cannot be doubted that a wise system of moral

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training could not fail in the great majority of cases to effect permanent reformation ; and so, by nipping crime in the bud, to effect an enormous pecuniary saving to the City and to the Province.

TEMPTATIONS.

Another evil to which the attention of the Managers has been repeatedly called is the selling of whisky to boys. More than one case has occurred during the past year ; one of which was specially reported to the authorities ; but the Managing Committee learned with regret that in the present state of the law, the supplying young boys with intoxicating liquor does not involve, as it certainly ought to do, the forfeiture of the liquor-seller's license. On this subject they would further remark that the friends of the Institution must not be surprised if, at times difficulties arise from this, or the like causes. The very object of its establishment is to counteract such evils ; and the fact that they are among the chief obstacles with which the Managers have to contend, furnishes one of the strongest claims for the liberal support of this Home. A Good Templar Lodge, with its earnest vows of abstinence, is carried on by the boys in the Lodging, and its weekly meetings are a pleasant pastime, as well as a profitable incentive to wise self-restraint.

LETTERS FROM OLD BOYS.

The correspondence of boys who have left the Newsboys' Lodging, will throw some light on its operations, while their letters furnish interesting glimpses of the way in which its former inmates look back to it as their home. One boy writes to the Superintendent from Sault Ste. Marie, where he is now apprenticed to a trade, and doing well :—" I intend to come to Toronto next summer, and I will call around and see you and the boys, if there are any of the old boys in the Lodging."

W. G. T., a deserted child of ten years of age, entirely dependent on his own exertions, was received into the Newsboys' Lodging in 1871, grew to be a steady lad, was taught to

read and use his pen, and thus writes from a farm where he is now at work :—" I am settling down to the country, though it is very still. I am working steady, and I think I will like working on a farm after a while. I never be away from the farm much, and I haven't got to know anybody around here yet. . . . You must excuse me for not writing more, for when I think of the city everything goes out of my head. Please don't forget to remember me to the boys." In a subsequent letter he states that he goes now to the W. M. Church, has found friends ; and so adds :—" I have commenced to like this part of the country, and forgetting the city."

Still more characteristically H. D. writes :—" It is nearly eighteen months since I left Toronto and the N. B. Lodge, to come to serve my trade as blacksmith with Mr. J——. We agreed all right till this fall, when we had a big fuss, and I left the place and did not go back for four days, when we made up, and I went to work again. I am very glad I left Toronto as I did, for if I had not, I would have gone to the dogs, that is a sure thing. My boss says that I am doing splendid for the time I have been at the trade, and next summer I am to have a fire all to myself. Since I came to —— I gave up the use of tobacco, joined the Temperance Lodge, and have been a regular attendant to the Church and Sunday School, and I don't think I'm doing very bad."

The reluctance to quit the city, and the readiness of the boys to leave a good situation for some trifling cause, are both illustrated in the above communications. They are among the chief difficulties that the Superintendent and Managers have to encounter in aiming at successfully disposing of the boys after they have been trained to steady habits.

RESULTS.

The following is a brief summary of results :—There have been 191 boys in the Lodging during the past year, of whom 114 were admitted for the first time. These included casual wayfarers lodged for a few nights during the most inclement period of the winter. With the exception of such transient

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lodgers, work of some sort has been procured for all; and they have shared in the training and instruction of the Superintendent and visitors, on Sundays, and on each evening of the week. The selling of papers, supplemented in summer by the work of the shoe-black, continue to furnish immediate employment for new entrants; and during the past year \$9.05 have been advanced from the loan-fund to provide destitute boys with their first stock of newspapers, or in other ways to enable them to make their first efforts at self-support, all of which has been repaid. During the same period 27 boys have been provided with permanent occupation, or trades; 3 have been dismissed, and 45 have gone to the country with a view to obtain employment there.

SAVINGS' BANK.

During the past year there have been 35 depositors in the bank, of sums, from the first efforts of a young beginner in the novel work of saving, of 17 cents, up to an accumulation of \$61 75, and amounting in all to \$485 53. In addition to this, their mutual-help fund has amounted to \$1 31; and from their own mission fund they have contributed \$3 00 to the Shingwauk Home for Indian boys at Sault Ste. Marie; and \$2 00 to the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Mission Sunday School continues to be carried on with satisfactory results. In addition to the regular inmates of the Home, former lodgers and boys of the same class are encouraged to attend. The average attendance continues to be about forty. The time is from 3 to 4.30 p.m., and if the services of additional teachers could be secured, its influence might be greatly extended. The managing committee have to regret the loss of the valuable services of Mr. W. D. M. Finch, as superintendent, but his place is now efficiently supplied by Mr. W. B. Bridgeman Simpson.

The want of a melodeon both for the daily work of the Home, and for the Sunday services has long been felt. An effort

was made to hire one, and pay it off by instalments ; but the effort had to be abandoned, and an appeal was made by circular to the Sabbath-school children of Toronto, with the statement that " a single small contribution from each Sabbath-school would accomplish the desired aim, and would be very gratefully received as an evidence of kindly practical sympathy on behalf of the poor friendless and neglected children of the street." In response to this appeal, contributions were received from nineteen Sunday-schools and Bible classes, amounting in all to \$85.41, to this an addition of \$45 has been made by the teachers and boys of the Newsboys' Mission School. The Managers have thus been enabled to obtain an excellent instrument. To all the kind friends who thus responded to this appeal they desire to record their grateful thanks.

THE LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The entire oversight and control of all domestic arrangements of the lodgings continues in the hands of the Ladies' Committee, to whom the Managers have to renew their acknowledgments for valuable cooperation so heartily and efficiently rendered by them. Their thanks are also due to Dr. Oldright, not only for his services as Medical Officer, but for the active interest which he manifests in the general welfare of the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Davey continue to merit the best thanks of the Managing Committee for their zeal and assiduity in the discharge of the duties of Superintendent and Matron. The Ladies' Committee report their entire satisfaction with the care and economy manifested by Mrs. Davey in the special departments under her care.

CONTRIBUTORS AND HELPERS.

The Treasurer's report shows the receipts and expenditure of the year, including the sum of \$693.45, derived from the boys' own payments, which, added to their bank deposits amounting to \$485.53, and to their own Mutual Aid and

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Mission Funds, shows a total of \$1183.98, saved and expended by this class of boys, out of earnings which, but for the protection and training afforded to them in the Home, would have been squandered for worthless, if not vicious purposes.

The Managers have again to render grateful acknowledgements to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City for a grant of \$400. They have also to acknowledge a grant from the Provincial Parliament of \$111.58, while at the same time they must record their regret that Parliament should have seen fit to reduce their grant to this Institution, which is successfully carrying on a work, the results of which tend to save the province many hundreds, if not thousands of dollars annually, by rescuing vagrant, friendless children, and training them to provident and industrious habits at the most critical period of their young lives.

To all kind friends and subscribers, and to the weekly Visitors and Sunday School Teachers, they beg leave to renew their grateful acknowledgements for valuable aid in carrying on the good work. To the Ladies' Committee, and especially to Mrs. J. G. Beard, a debt of gratitude is due for their great and highly successful exertions in organizing a concert on behalf of the Home. Mrs. Beard's indefatigable zeal, rendered the concert most acceptable as a musical treat, and secured to the funds of the Institution the substantial contribution of \$274 95.

Along with the list of subscriptions for the year there is appended to this Report a note of liberal gifts of Christmas cheer, clothing, etc. To all kind friends who have thus in various ways aided in carrying on the work of the Home, the managing committee feel assured that the best return will be found in the continued evidence of success, and the assurance that under the Divine blessing they are thus enabled to bear a part in rescuing friendless and neglected boys, in some cases at an age little beyond childhood, and helping to train them as virtuous and useful members of society.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR MELODEON.

Holy Trinity S.S. per Rev. J. Pearson.....	\$ 2.00
Yorkville Baptist S.S. per E. B. Freeland.....	5.00
Queen St. Methodist S.S. per C. Sheppard.....	3.00
St. James' Cathedral S.S. per J. Gillespie.....	15.34
" Ladies Bible Class per Vice Chancellor Blake.....	5.00
" Y.M. Bible Class per Rev. W. S. Rainsford.....	3.15
All Saints S.S. per Col. K. M. Moffat.....	5.60
Metropolitan Methodist S.S. per J. S. Finch.....	10.00
Charles St. Presbyterian S.S. per G. F. Fergusson.....	2.00
Church of the Redeemer S.S. per W. H. Lester.....	7.70
St. Annes Church S.S. per G. B. Kirkpatrick.....	3.55
Old St. Andrews S.S. per Arch. MacMurchy.....	2.50
St. George's S.S. per Rev. J. D. Cayley.....	1.00
Dorset Mission S.S. per Hamilton Cassels.....	2.25
West End Occident Hall S.S. per W. D. M. Finch.....	3.00
Berkeley St. Methodist S.S. per E. Galley.....	3.82
Jarvis St. Baptist S.S. per F. Lobb.....	5.00
Western Congregational S.S. per W. D. M. Finch.....	3.50
College St. Baptist S.S. per W. J. Cameron.....	2.00
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ACCOUNT FOR MELODEON.

Dr.		Cr.	
Contributions from S.S.	\$85.41	Mason & Risch for Walnut	
" from Teachers		Cabinet Meleodeon....	\$125.00
and Boys in N.B.L.		Rowsell & Hutchison	
Mission School.....	45.00	printing circulars.....	1.25
		W. D. M. Finch, postage	1.26
		Balance to Mission S.S.	2.90
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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1879-80.

\$ 2.00	Allan, Hon. G. W.....\$ 5 00	Gillespie, Mead & Co..... 5 00
5.00	Alexander & Stark..... 5 00	Goulding, Geo. & Son..... 5 00
3.00	Ardagh, Mrs..... 4 00	Gzowski, Lieut.-Col..... 50 00
15.34	Alcorn, Mrs..... 5 00	Howland, Sir W. P..... 20 00
5.00	Brown, Hon. George..... 25 00	Hagarty, Chief Justice..... 20 00
3.15	Blake, Kerr, Boyd & Cassels 20 00	Hamilton, W. B..... 5 00
5.60	Blain, Mrs..... 10 00	Howland, W. H..... 10 00
10.00	Bryce, McMurrich & Co. ... 10 00	Hamilton, A..... 5 00
2.00	Beardmore, Geo. L..... 5 00	Haldane, B..... 5 00
7.70	Baldwin, Robert..... 5 00	Hoskin, John, Q.C..... 10 00
3.55	Blaikie, J. L..... 5 00	Hodgson & Boyd..... 2 00
2.50	Brown Bros..... 5 00	Hessin, W..... 2 00
1.00	Bacon, John..... 5 00	Jarvis, Sheriff..... 5 00
2.25	Brailey, James & Co..... 4 00	Kay, John..... 5 00
3.00	Buchan, Lawrence..... 2 00	Kirkland, Thos..... 2 00
3.82	Buchan, Edwin..... 2 00	Kirkland, Mrs..... 1 00
5.00	Campbell, A. H..... 20 00	Kyffin, Jos..... 2 00
3.50	Clark, W. M..... 5 00	Kingston, F. W..... 10 00
2.00	Chapman, W..... 5 00	Lailey, Thos. & Co..... 2 00
\$85.41	Close, P. G. & Co..... 5 00	Macdonald, John..... 50 00
	Carpmail, Mrs..... 2 00	Michie, James..... 25 00
	Craig, T. D..... 1 00	Morrison, John..... 5 00
	Dixon, B. Homer, K.N.L... 25 00	Moore, Charles..... 5 00
	Delaporte, A. V..... 5 00	Munro, Mrs..... 5 00
	Dobbie, J. A..... 2 00	Macpherson, Hon. D. L. ... 25 00
	Davis, A. A..... 2 00	McMaster, A. R. & Bro. ... 10 00
\$125.00	Elliott & Co..... 5 00	McMaster, Hon. Wm..... 10 00
	Eby, Blain & Co..... 2 00	McGaw & Winnett..... 4 00
	Friend, A, per W. B. B. S.. 15 00	McMaster, W. J., McClung & Co..... 5 00
1.25	Friend, A, (W. McK.) 5 00	McGee, D..... 5 00
1.26	Friend, A..... 4 00	McCord, A. T..... 2 00
2.90	Fulton, A. T..... 2 00	Macleod, M..... 1 00
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	Friend, A..... 5 00	Mulloch, W..... 4 00
	Green, Miss A. M..... 25 00	Nemo, per D. W..... 5 00
	Gooderham & Worts..... 10 00	Nelson, H. A. & Sons..... 5 00
	Gillespie, John..... 5 00	

Northop & Lyman.....	5 00	Simpson, W. B. B.....	10 00
Ogilvy & Co.....	5 00	Scott, Jas.....	10 00
Pearson, Rev. J.....	2 00	Smith, Goldwin.....	5 00
Patterson, Bros. & Co.....	5 00	Smith, Mrs. Goldwin.....	5 00
Perkins, Ince & Co.....	5 00	Sessions, Cooper & Smith..	5 00
Pollard, Mrs.....	5 00	Smith & Keighley.....	5 00
Robertson, John, Son & Co.	5 00	Smith, G. B. & Henderson.	4 00
Rose, Geo. M.....	5 00	Thomson, Wm. & Co.....	5 00
Rowell, H.....	5 00	Vickers, John J.....	2 00
Roaf, Mrs.	5 00	Wilson, Daniel	10 00
Rice, Lewis & Son.....	5 00	Wilkes, Robert	10 00
Reid, Rev. Dr.....	2 00	Woodhouse, J. J.	2 00
Stayner, Sutherland... ..	25 00	Wyld, Brock & Darling....	5 00
Samson, Kennedy & Gemmel	20 00		

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Christmas and other Gifts.

Mrs. Hugh McDonald, $\frac{1}{2}$ sheep; Mrs. Henry Gooderham, two geese; Mrs. Moffat, two turkeys; Mrs. Beard, six lbs. raisins and six lbs Currants; Mrs. McPherson, one turkey and one goose; Mrs. Blain, roast beef, two turkey's, set of bed quilts; Mrs. Duggan, one turkey; Mrs. E. H. Rutherford, roast beef; Mrs. King, one turkey; Mrs. Henry Thompson, one goose; Mrs. Kirkland, one dollar; Miss Jennings, one goose; Miss Dasie Jennings, two and a half doz. sponge cakes; Mrs. George Brown, half sheep; Mrs. George Gooderham, half sheep; Mrs. D. Wilson, one turkey and one pair chickens; Swan Bros., three geese, and nuts and candies; Mrs. Carpmail, one turkey; Miss Green, one goose and one roast beef; Mrs. Gillmore, three doz. tarts and cakes; Miss Vandersmissen, ginger cakes and apples. Mr. Crompton, a cake; R. Walker & Son, four new coats and two new vests; Miss White, six flannel shirts; Mr. Thompson, of Mammoth, two doz. socks and one doz. mitts; Lieut. Colonel Davey, and officers of the Haldimand Rifles, uniform tunics and pants; Mrs. Hooper, one ham; Mrs. Mortimer Clark, ten lbs. candies; Mrs. Gzowski, one turkey; Dr. Oldright, large basket apples; Mrs. Van Ingen, parcel clothes; Mrs. Saunders, Terauly St., parcel clothes; Mr. George, Toronto Tea Co., parcel clothes Mrs. Risley, 127 Wellington St. parcel clothing; Mrs. Grant, parcel clothes; 22 Isabel St. parcel clothes; Mrs. Fiskin, parcel clothes. 123 Wellsley St. parcel clothes; 78 Duke St. parcel clothes; Mrs. Thomas Woodhouse, parcel clothes; other parcels of clothes sent, donors unknown; Mrs. Blain, one piece creton; Mr. Irvine, Sunday-school papers.

NEWSBOYS' LODGING.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1880.

Dr.		Cr.	
Balance on hand, 1st April, 1879.....	\$ 463 74	Superintendent's Salary.....	\$ 300 00
Province of Ontario Government Grant	111 58	House-keeping Expenses	1693 34
City of Toronto Grant.....	400 00	Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	29 25
General Subscriptions	812 00	Insurance	32 00
Net Proceeds of Concert.....	274 95	Balance on hand	701 13
Cash received from boys.....	693 45		
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Toronto, 14th May, 1880.

A. T. MCCORD, }
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