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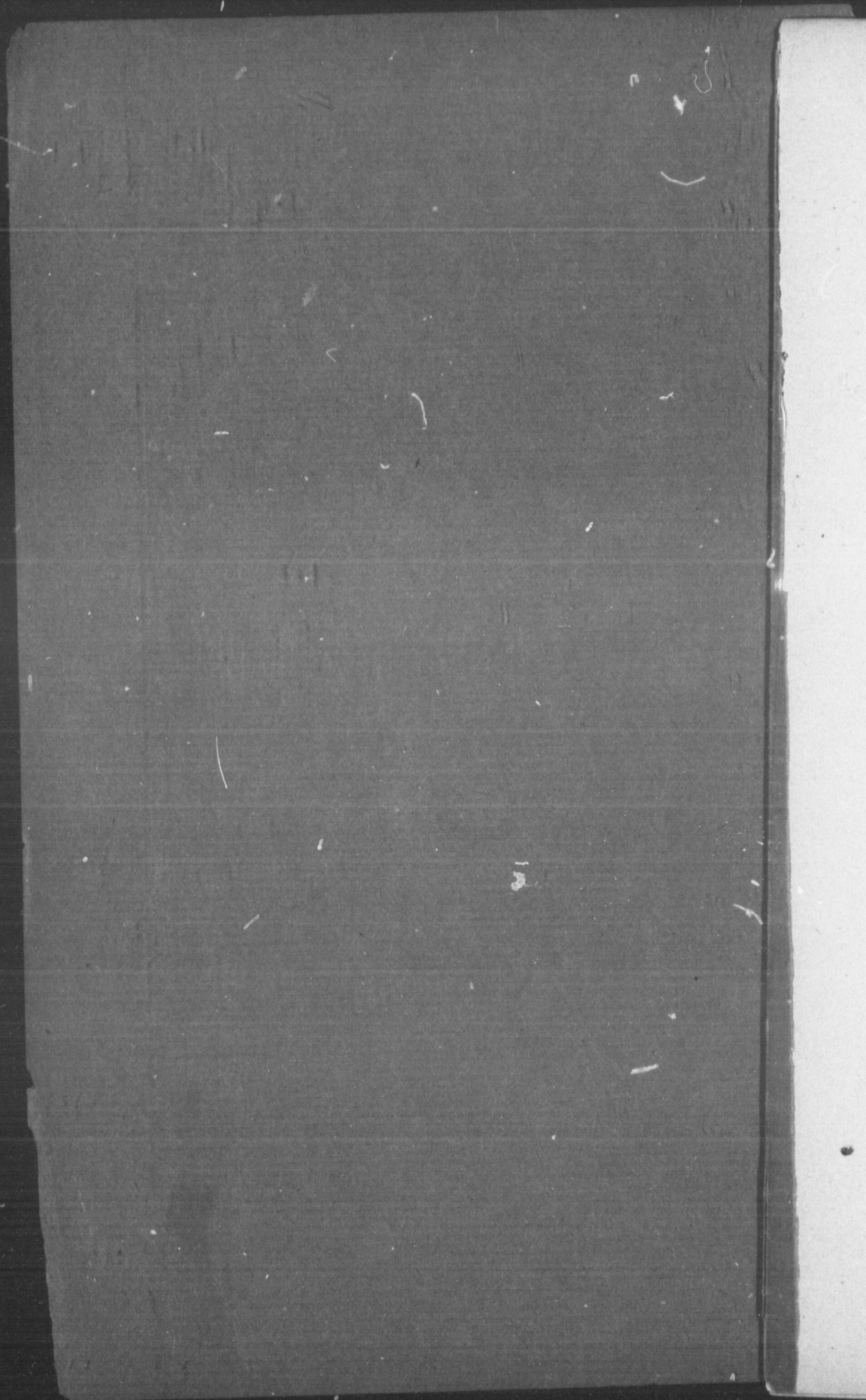
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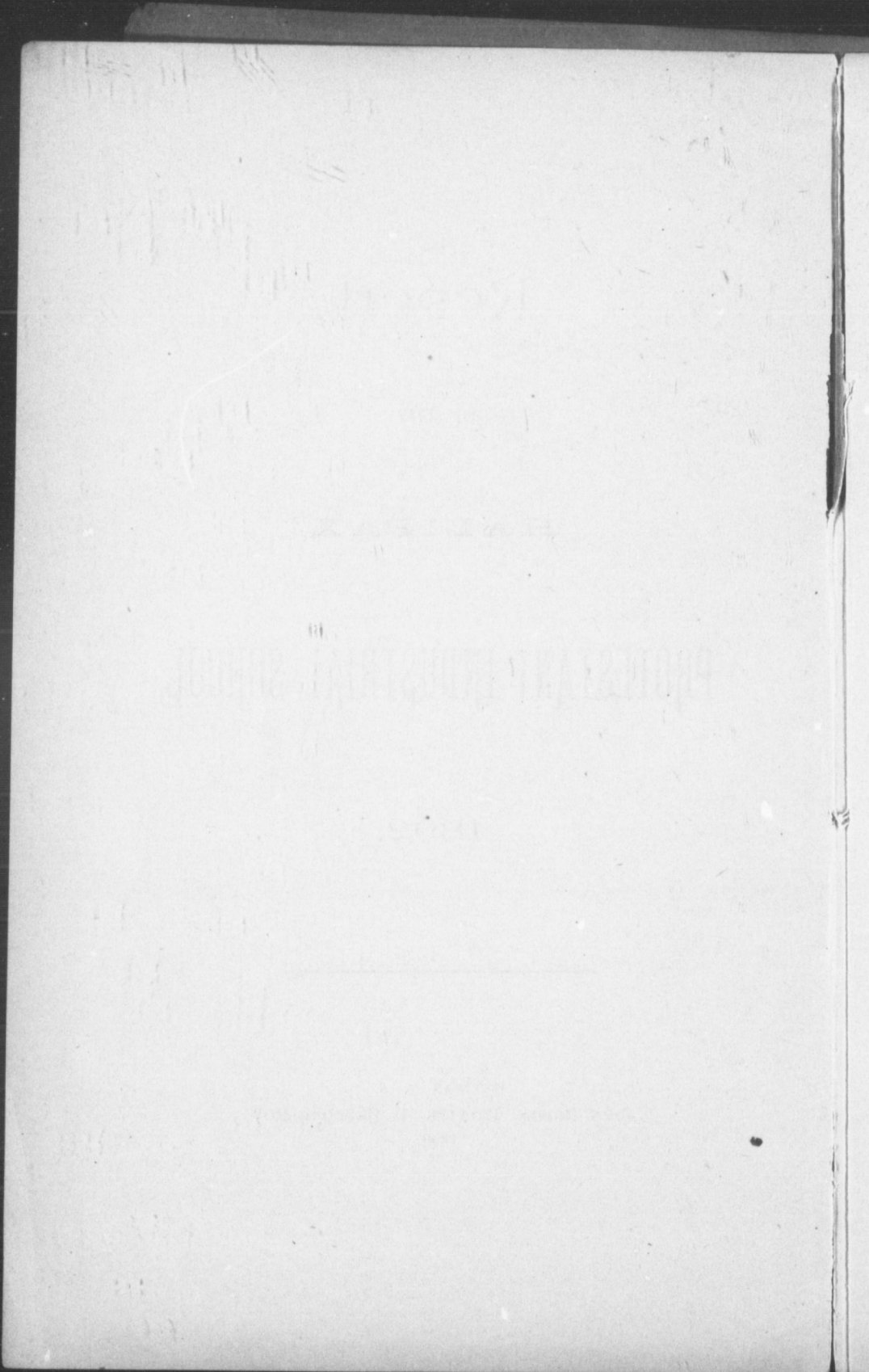
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Secretary.

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Surgeon.

DR. LINDSAY.

Superintendent.

MR. ROBERT NORMAN.

Matron.

MRS. NORMAN.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: [Illegible]
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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Halifax Industrial School.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors of the "Halifax Protestant Industrial School," in presenting their Annual Report for 1892, remind their supporters that the object of the Institution is to give a religious and industrial training to such boys as by the influence of their circumstances or lack of parental control are forming vicious habits, and tending to become dangerous and costly members of society. The good results of this training are apparent in the character of many who have passed through the school, and have become useful and industrious citizens.

As the amount usually received from the Civic Authorities and other sources does not meet the necessary expenses of the school, we must look to the generosity of subscribers to maintain efficiently this Institution.

Had it not been for the munificent bequest of the late John P. Mott the finances of the school would be in a very critical condition. When the second instalment of this bequest, amounting to \$11,876.66 was received the Directors were unable to set apart the full amount of it at once to the Endowment Fund, but applied a portion of it, namely, \$2,876.66 as a loan to current expense fund, for the payment of outstanding liabilities. Another part of this bequest amounting to \$4000 was applied to Capital Account, and the remaining amount of \$5000 invested in Debentures.

A large expenditure has been required to keep the building in good repair.

The Shoe Factory which our late secretary Mr. Meynell had been running on his own account has been taken over by the Directors who made payments on the Capital Account amounting to \$2800. The goods manufactured are sold at the regular market price ; the demand for them indicates their superior quality and reflects much credit on the Manager of this branch of our work.

This industry has been carried on in order to give such employment to the boys as would be useful to them in after life.

The Directors call special attention to the report of the Superintendent which gives full information of our work and also to Mr. Kennedy's report, whose evening class is so beneficial to the boys. They earnestly invite the Public to visit the Institution and to judge for themselves of its working.

In view of the expense which has been saved to the city by the work of this Institution in the rescue of possible criminals, the Directors trust that the civic authorities will not only continue the grant allowed for a limited number, but will make that grant sufficiently large to include all boys sentenced to the School by the Stipendiary Magistrate.

In order to sustain this useful Institution we ask all who believe that prevention of crime is better than its punishment and have faith in the power of religious and industrial training to benefit the class of boys we receive, to subscribe annually to our funds, and thus by their practical sympathy to imitate our divine Redeemer who taught us to save the lost, and ever to remember that it is " more blessed to give than to receive."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS :

Gentlemen : —

At the beginning of the past year, the Report of which I now lay before you, we had thirty-five boys on the register. Twenty-three were added during the year, thirteen of whom were committed for short terms of three or six months under the compulsory School Act. We have now forty-one pupils in our care, twenty-six being sentenced by the Stipendiary Magistrate.

The boys are employed as follows : Eighteen in Shoe Factory, twelve in kindling-wood Factory, five at farm work, five at house work, and one engine-driver.

The pupils are kept profitably employed in the Shoe Factory under the supervision of Mr. C. Downie, whose aim is to enable every boy going out into the world from his department to earn for himself an honest living.

During the past season the land under cultivation has produced better returns than ever before ; the different crops aggregating the value of \$470.00. In this department some of the boys perform good service.

The health of the pupils during the past year has been unusually good. There has been no serious illness, and but two or three accidents ; one of which sent the unfortunate lad into hospital for a few weeks. Under the skilful treatment received there he completely recovered and returned to us as well as ever.

On Sundays, as usual, in the forenoon the boys are marched to divine service at one of the Protestant churches, and in the afternoon Sunday School is conducted by the Superintendent in the Institution.

Due attention is given to recreation, out-door games, such as cricket, base-ball, quoits, etc., during summer, while in winter months the reading room is made available after working hours.

The conduct of the boys either at work or at play is quite satisfactory, no breach of discipline occurring which required severer punishment than in ordinary school life.

In concluding my report I may state that our system of management has been substantially the same as in previous years, our main reliance for reformation is placed in moral training. We endeavour to educate the conscience of the boys, to lead them to consider the nature of moral action, to understand the difference between right and wrong. This work of moral training is not confined to any particular hour of the day but is given line upon line, precept upon precept, seeking to use the most common circumstances of life to inculcate the truth, endeavouring in all our teaching to lead these boys to have faith in God, to rely upon themselves and to fear nothing but wrong doing.

I desire to express my gratitude to Mr. Kennedy, our school teacher, for his valuable assistance rendered to myself, and the many acts of kindness shown to the boys at all times, also to Dr. Lindsay for his kindness and ever ready attendance to the calls of the Institution.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Gentlemen:—

The attendance during the past year has been larger than in any other since my connection with the school began. At present the nightly attendance averages 41. With very few exceptions the boys are anxious to acquire the rudiments of an English education and gradual improvement is being made. The conduct of the boys in school and out of it too as far as I know, is excellent. The only exceptions which I have noted were in the cases of some of the lads sent for truancy. The shortness of the period for which they were sent seemed to leave them under the impression that it was not worth their while to learn to conform to the rules of the Institution. Considerable strictness had to be exercised to get an ordinary amount of work done during school hours. But those in the school at the present time, both truants and others, are on the whole quite as diligent as could reasonably be expected. We spend by far the greater part of our time on reading, writing and arithmetic. Perhaps the most noticeable improvement during the year is in writing.

Respectfully submitted.

Halifax, Feb., 1893.

W. T. KENNEDY.

TO THE CHAIRMAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Sir:—

I have much pleasure in reporting for the information of the board that the general health of the school for the year ending Dec. 31st, '92 has been remarkably good. No serious case of accident or illness has occurred during that term. The suggestions made to the Board in reference to the dormitories and lavatory having been in the main carried out has done much towards enabling the superintendent to secure and maintain the cleanliness and comfort of the pupils.

A. W. H. LINDSAY,

Att'g. Phys.

List of Subscribers, 1892.

Mrs. C. C. Blackader	\$ 5 00	Miss E. J. Cogswell	40 00
W. Robertson	10 00	Thos. Ritchie	15 00
Adam Burns	10 00	Lawson, Harrington & Co.	8 00
H. Hesslein & Sons	10 00	Geo. Rent	5 00
J. A. Leaman	10 00	Geo. J. Troop	5 00
J. C. Mackintosh	5 00	Mrs. Geo. H. Starr	10 00
W. J. Stairs	30 00	Miss C. Black	5 00
Farquhar, Forrest & Co.	10 00	R. Theakston	2 00
Smith Brothers	10 00	S. H. Black	2 00
W. L. Lowell & Co	5 00	W. J. Fraser	5 00
P. McLarren	5 00	Henry Cook	2 00
Pickford & Black	25 00	Gordon & Keith	5 00
S. G. Black	5 00	James Morrow	5 00
S. M. Brookfield	25 00	Austen Bros	2 00
W. C. Silver	10 00	B. J. Gray	10 00
Alfred J. Bell	2 00	Geo. E. Boak	5 00
J. W. Gorham	5 00	Friend	10 00
W. D. Harrington	5 00	W. H. Brookfield	10 00
A. Duffield	4 00	W. G. Brookfield	10 00
Kelley & Glassey	5 00		
Moir, Son & Co.	10 00		
Rev. W. H. Cogswell	10 00		
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GIFTS — 1892.

- Wesleyan—per Rev. Mr Huestis.
 Critic—per Mr Fraser.
 Box of Books—Mr. Bell.
 Illustrated Papers—Mrs J P. Maclean.
 Parcel Books—Mr. Sheraton, Queen Hotel.
 Parcel of Journals—Friend.
 Parcel Mixed Nuts—H. P. Burton.
 Parcel Doughnuts—Mrs. R. W. Fraser.
 Parcel Oranges—R. J. Sweet.
 Parcel Candies—Moir, Son & Co.
 Parcel Oranges, &c.—Mrs. Robt. Pickford.
 Barrel Apples—W. Robertson.
 2 Geese—J. C. Mackintosh.
 2 Turkeys and 1 Goose—Hesslein & Sons, Hx Hotel.
 2 Turkeys—Longard Bros.
 Parcel of Mufflers and Handkerchiefs—Miller Bros.
 " " " Burns & Murray
 Parcel of Games and Books—Alderman Allen.
 1 Lamb—J. F. Horneman.
 1 Case Syrups—Brown & Webb.
 1 Carver and Fork—Mr. Rent.
 Thanks to Leaman & Co., Moir, Son & Co.,
 Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Keith and other friends
 for Fertilizers for land.

