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OF THE
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REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1880.

We now present our 15th Annual Report, and rejoice to know that year by year, with God's blessings on the labour and means employed, the institute now is realizing all that its most sanguine friends could reasonably have anticipated. The material given us to work upon is invariably of the roughest description, and therefore the best adapted to our purposes, being chiefly boys sent by the Stipendiary, or such as have passed beyond parental control. By providing a home and school where not only a certain measure of intellectual training is given, but where a trade is taught, together with careful and Christian supervision, our aim is not only to save them from utter ruin, but to make them useful members of society. Last year we reported at the close 32 boys; this year there are 38, being an increase of 6. There have been nine new admissions, while two have left with the consent of the Committee, their time having expired, and one who ran away has not been heard of since.

BEHAVIOUR.

On this subject the Superintendent reports that three boys ran away in March, two of whom were captured within a few days, and the third a few months after. Two others escaped on Sept. 26, being originally from the Police Court, but were captured the day following. These were returned to the School with the sentence of one year additional to their term. As to their behaviour in other respects, the report goes on to say:—Although we have had, during the past year at the School, seventeen boys from the Police Court, who had been taken there for various offences, yet the amount of wrong since then has been so small that we can almost say it has been nothing. Further, the boys are very respectful and obedient, and

their standard of morals and of cleanliness has considerably raised. The fact is their faults are such as are common to boys.

REWARD.

The boys, when their conduct during the week will warrant it, are allowed every Sabbath afternoon, when Sabbath School is over, to visit, unattended, their parents or friends, taking tea with them if they choose, provided only they appear in Church in time for evening service, and home at $\frac{1}{4}$ past ten o'clock. With a very few exceptions have they ever broken their trust of honour.

SABBATH SERVICES.

In the morning the boys go, under the care of the Superintendent, to Charles Street Methodist Church, three or four Sabbaths in the month, as the case may be, and the remaining Sabbath to Chalmers' Presbyterian Church. Such is the report of their good behaviour that one of the office-bearers of the latter Church took occasion to refer to it specially, with the assurance of a hearty welcome as often as the lads should choose to attend service there. In the afternoon, at $2\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, the boys gather in the large dining-hall for instruction in the Scriptures, under the charge of the Superintendent and J. M. DeWolf, Esq.

SCHOOL.

Under the management of Mr. Halls, 8 hours a week are devoted to the rudiments of a common English education. This is done when the day's work is over. The time thus devoted may seem short, but it is all that can be spared at present for that purpose. The results, however, have so far been of a very gratifying character. All are receiving instruction. Many of those on entering could neither read nor write. All can now read, some of course better than others; 9 can read well; while out of 22 who could not write on entering, 17 can now wield the pen; the least efficient, it is a truism to say, being those who entered last.

RESULTS.

In our Report of last year we gave some remarkable instances of the good that has been accomplished by means

of our Institution. Now we may refer to others. Thus, in our own city are several men, who are sober, industrious, much esteemed by their employers, and held in good reputation by their neighbours, earning an honest livelihood, performing the duties and fulfilling the functions of good citizenship in a praiseworthy manner. One or two are now married and in charge of small families. Also, in the workshop of Mr. Bliss are three workmen, who, having been trained in the Institution, are in turn themselves instructing others in the art of boot and shoe making. Three more industrious and moral men it would be difficult to find in the same business anywhere. Whilst these references are far from exhausting the number that might be mentioned, yet they go far to show the kind of work that is being done, and the quality and character of the good that is being accomplished.

SAVINGS BANK.

In this connexion it is proper to mention the fact that some of our boys work after hours, in which case the result of their labour is credited to themselves. In this way two lads, who have left School, have had \$14 to their credit, which Mr. Hart has invested for them. Four still in School have also earned \$23, marking the beginning of habits which must, if persevered in, be of inestimable value to their possessors.

RECREATION.

The boys are very fond of music, and often amuse themselves with an impromptu song. In the Sabbath School they sing well and heartily, being generally led by one boy at the Cabinet Organ who plays altogether by ear, and picks up a tune in a remarkably short time. Half an hour each week they are engaged in practising tunes already known, and in learning new ones, Mr. Hall being their instructor. Once on a time, the public may remember, the boys had themselves a great deal of amusement, while affording pleasure to others, in the possession of their drum and fife band. Some of the instruments, such as the large or bass drum and some flutes, have got out of repair, and having no funds to spare, and being

without an instructor, this pleasing feature has to be given up. The Committee will be happy to hear from any who may have means or time to spare towards the resuscitation of this profitable recreation.

CHRISTMAS.

At half-past two o'clock on Christmas day all the boys were assembled in the school-room, which they themselves had tastefully decorated for the occasion. On the arrival of W. H. Neal and lady, J. S. Maclean, J. M. DeWolfe, E. D. Meynell, S. M. Brookfield, Major Mainguy, and the Hon. W. J. Stairs, of the Committee, the service began, and a wonderful amount of roast goose, plum pudding, apple and mince pie was put in process of conversion into bone and muscle of Industrial School boys. After dinner short addresses were made by several of the gentlemen present, and prizes and awards distributed.

PRIZES.

Dr. Dashwood having kindly provided three books as prizes, the first was awarded to Edward Manning for cleanliness and self-respect. His term of service has since expired. The second to Charles Stevenson for the neatest exhibition of work and showing greatest kindness to others; and the third to Albert Rosenblum, as being the best behaved among the junior boys. Mr. A. A. Bliss having given \$16.25 for the boys working in the shoe-shop, it was presented as directed, viz., to some 50 cts., to some 75 cts., to some \$1, according to their length of service; to which each gentleman present added \$1, giving 50 cts. to all the other lads.

The evenings of Christmas and New Year were spent in partaking of repasts, consisting of tea, with cake, pie, apples, oranges and confectionery, kindly provided by friends. Afterwards there were readings, recitations and singing, which the boys enjoyed immensely. How different from the way in which many a poor lad was able to spend these evenings in town.

THE HOSPITAL.

In March there was one case of diphtheria, which, how-

ever was very light, and the boy being carefully quarantined, the disease was prevented, by God's blessing, from spreading. In October there was one case of slow fever, and in December one lad was threatened with an attack of inflammation. These have recovered. It is comforting to know, and a continued source of gratitude to God, that during the 16 years of the Institution's existence, and with a yearly average of about 35 lads, there has been but one death.

ACCOUNTS.

In presenting the accounts for the year the Board would again call attention to the strict regard to economy exercised in each item of expenditure, the charge for each boy being somewhat less than \$120 *per annum*, while the whole expenditure will be seen to be \$5,157. For the varied sources of income, as well as outlay, we must refer the reader to the Treasurer's report hereto appended. We call attention, however, to the items of revenue from the Institution itself, the earnings of the boys being \$1434.73.

From Mr. Bliss for boy's work.....	\$ 889.92
Sales of kindlings.....	403.11
Cleaning carpets.....	137.70
Drumming broom handles.....	4.00
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	\$1,435.73

To which should be added :

Sale of farm produce	\$ 59.26
Use of engine to Mr. Bliss.....	26.50
Rent of cottage.....	71.00
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	\$156.76

Making in all from industrial work and property returns..... .. \$1,592.49
 Or something less than a third of the whole amount required.

THANKS.

Our thanks are again cordially awarded to Dr. Slayter and Mr. Puttner, for their valuable and gratuitous services; to Charles St. Methodist and Chalmers' (Presbyterian) Churches, as well as to the Wardens of Trinity Church while it was open, for free sittings; to Hon. T. D. Archibald for his annual donation of 10 chaldrons of coal; to Mr. H. A Taylor, Druggist, for his services, and to the press of the city for their generous notice of our affairs as occasions have presented.

In presenting the accounts for the year the Board would again call attention to the extent of the expenditures for each boy being somewhat less than \$150 per annum while the whole expenditures will be seen to be \$3,157. For the various sources of income, as well as outlay, we must refer the reader to the Treasurer's report hereto appended. We call attention, however, to the items of revenue from the Institution itself, the earnings of the boys being \$1,434.73.

From Mr. Bliss for boy's work	829.92
Sales of Bibles	493.11
Cleaning carpets	187.70
Drumming broom handles	4.00
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Total	\$1,514.73

To which should be added:

Sale of farm produce	25.00
Use of engine to Mr. Bliss	28.00
Rent of cottage	71.00
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Total	\$104.00

Making in all from industrial work and property returns \$1,618.73. Of something less than a third of the whole amount required.

SUBSCRIBERS.

The Lieut. Governor...	\$20.00	Huestis, Rev. S. F.....	5.00
A Lady, per P. C. H.....	2.00	Harris, R. C.....	20.00
Archbold, E. P.....	4.00	Hart, J.....	5.00
Avery, Dr.....	20.00	Hart, L.....	3.00
Anderson, Billing & Co..	10.00	Harrington, W. D.....	5.00
Bauld, J. H.....	1.00	Haliburton, J. C.....	20.00
Binney, Mrs. E.....	10.00	Hesslein, Henry & Sons..	10.00
Baxter, R.....	2.00	Hon. P. C. Hill.....	20.00
Brown, Thos. A.....	20.00	Jennings, H. A.....	1.00
Burns, Adam.....	10.00	Jack, Peter.....	5.00
Boreham, S.....	2.00	Jones, A. G.....	10.00
Black, Miss C. H.....	5.00	Keith, A. & Son.....	5.00
Black, S. H.....	5.00	Kaizer, C. & Sons.....	2.00
Black, M. P.....	20.00	King, Mrs. H.....	4.00
Black Bros & Co.....	5.00	Lawson, Harrington & Co..	5.00
Bland, Mrs.....	50.00	Lowell, W. L.....	5.00
Bland, J. B.....	25.00	Macdonald, Rod'k.....	5.00
Binney, Mrs. S. N.....	10.00	Mackintosh, J. C.....	2.00
Brown, T.....	1.00	Mackintosh, L.....	1.00
Brookfield, S. M.....	20.00	Mainguy, Major, R. E..	25.00
Brown, M. S.....	10.00	Moir, W. C.....	10.00
Burton, J. W.....	1.00	Maclean, J. S.....	20.00
Coleman, W. J.....	2.00	Morrow, J. B.....	20.00
Clarke, H. Y.....	2.00	McFarlane & Adams....	2.00
Cornelius, J.....	1.00	McLeod, A.....	10.00
Chipman Bros.....	2.00	Mott, J. P.....	25.00
Cochran, J. S.....	10.00	Muthers, I. H.....	5.00
Cogswell, Miss E. (Eng'd)	40.00	Murray, J. S.....	5.00
Creighton, C. A.....	2.00	Neal, W. H.....	5.00
Davison, J.....	1.00	Norihup, Mrs.....	10.00
DeWolf, C. F.....	2.00	Oxley, R. B.....	1.00
Duncan, Rev. T.....	5.00	Parker, Hon. Dr. D. McN.	20.00
Donaldson, Mrs.....	20.00	Payzant, J. Y.....	2.00
Doull & Miller.....	20.00	Paint, H. N.....	2.00
Farquharson, J.....	2.00	Pickford & Black.....	4.00
Franklyn, G. E.....	5.00	Reeves, E. H.....	1.00
Friend.....	20.00	Read, Dr. H. H.....	4.00
Friend.....	1.00	Reid, Dr. A. P.....	5.00
Friend.....	.50	Richey, M. H.....	5.00
Fraser, G.....	2.00	Ritchie, T. A.....	30.00
Fraser, W. J.....	2.00	Ritchie, T.....	5.00
Gibson, John.....	10.00	Robertson, W.....	4.00
Gordon & Keith.....	4.00	Robson, C.....	2.00
Gray, B. G.....	8.00	Smith, J. G.....	1.00

Smith, J. Wesley.....	5.00	Thomson, Jas.....	40.00
Smith, Edward.....	10.00	Thomson, G.....	10.00
Stayner, E. G. & C.....	4.00	Wylde, C. J.....	1.00
Sweet, R. J.....	2.00	Wallace, Mrs. C. W.....	5.00
Scott, James.....	10.00	Whitman, C. H.....	2.00
Stairs, W. J.....	30.00	Wilmot, Miss.....	5.00
Smith, B. A.....	3.00	Wilson, J. E.....	2.00
Silver, W. C.....	10.00	White, S. A.....	10.00
Starr, Geo. H.....	10.00	Wilkie, Miss.....	10.00
Taylor, E. H.....	5.00	Young, Sir W.....	20.00
Theakston & Angwin....	4.00		

**Presented to Halifax Protestant Industrial School for
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- Hon. T. D. Archibald—10 chaldrons of Coals.
 D. Keith, Esq—1 bbl. Apples.
 R. Currie—Meat for Pic-Nic—40 lbs. Meat for New Year.
 Moir, Son & Son—1 box Biscuit for Pic-Nic—1 box Biscuit for Christmas—5 lbs. Confectionery.
 Mrs. E. Binney—Illustrated Papers.
 Mrs. A. Burns—2 bush. Apples.
 D. Mitchell—1 bbl. Apples.
 Dr. Dashwood—20 lbs. Beef—4 doz Oranges—Illustrated Papers—3 Prize Books.
 A. A. Bliss—Cash \$16.25 for boys in Shoe Shop.
 Mr. Hesselein—4 Geese—15 lbs. Beef.
 C. & W. Anderson—8 lbs. Nuts—3 lbs. Confectionery.
 Mrs. Meynell—1 Cake.
 For boys not in Shoe Shop on Christmas—E. D. Meynell \$1.00, W. H. Neal \$1.00, S. M. Brookfield \$1.00, J. S. Maclean \$1.00, J. M. DeWolfe \$1.00, Major Mainguy \$1.00, Hon. W. J. Stairs \$1.00, Capt. Goldsmith \$1.00—\$8.00.
 H. Harris—Plants for Flower Garden.
 James Bowes & Sons—150 Reports for 1880.

Financial Statement of the Halifax Protestant Industrial School.

1880.		1881.	
DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Jan. 1 To unpaid accounts, 1879.....	330.48	Jan. 1 By Cash with Secretary.....	1.57
" Clothing account.....	722.82	" " A. Hart.....	1.09
" Diet account.....	1484.16	" Contributions to pay off debt...	341.56
" Fuel & Oil.....	192.72	" Mr. Bliss, for hire of boys in	
" Insurance.....	68.75	Shoe department.....	889.92
" Wages and Salary.....	849.74	Sale of kindling wood.....	408.11
" Farm expenses for hay, oats, re-		Carpet department.....	137.70
pairs to waggon, &c.....	370.02	Drumming broom handles.....	4.00
" Labor on Farm.....	110.64	" Sale of farm produce.....	59.26
" Repairs account for painting		" Mr. Bliss' note.....	61.00
building, &c.....	247.47	" Guarantees.....	476.66
" Furniture.....	68.75	" City guarantees.....	1060.00
" Sundries, purchases by Supt'dt.	209.42	" Donations.....	974.50
" Slabs, rope and wharfage.....	238.03	" Mr. Bliss' use of engine.....	26.50
" Water rate.....	14.00	" " rent of Cottage.....	71.00
" Deposit at Bank.....	200.00	" " interest on note.....	9.24
" Cash with A. Hart.....	2.68	" Chief Justice Sir Wm. Young	
" Secretary.....	1.23	on celebration of golden wed'g	40.00
" Balance at Bank.....	46.64	" Legacy T. C. Kinnear.....	200.00
	\$5157.11	" " Mrs. Wilson.....	100.00
		" " B. B. Olley.....	800.00
			\$5157.11
		Jan. 1 By balance.....	\$ 46.64