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PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Gentlemen's Committee.

Hon. P. C. HILL, *Chairman.*
J. S. MACLEAN, *Vice-Chairman.*
S. M. BROOKFIELD,
T. A. BROWN,
W. H. NEAL,
Rev. THOMAS DUNCAN,
Hon. D. McN. PARKER,
Hon. W. J. STAIRS,
E. D. MEYNELL,
T. A. RITCHIE,
J. M. DEWOLF,
JOHN DOULL,
Rev. S. F. HUESTIS.

Ladies' Committee.

MISS PURVIS.

MRS. R. TREMAINE.

Assisted by other Ladies.

Treasurer.

JOHN S. MACLEAN.

Secretary.

E. D. MEYNELL.

Surgeon.

DR. SLAYTER.

Dentist.

C. E. PUTTNER.

Superintendent.

MR. ABNER HART.

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OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1881.

At the beginning of the year we started with thirty-eight boys, and at the close had settled to thirty-one. Some of these left, we shall find at different times; but taking the whole year into account, the average number of boys was three less than in 1880. The actual figures are: Ten have left during the year; eight of these with the consent of the committee, the time of seven of these having expired, and at his own special request the other was allowed to engage himself to a master in Pictou County, the boy's sister having previously entered into service there.

Three boys have run away, and were recaptured. Two of them were restored to their places in the institution, while the third was allowed to leave, as he only wanted two months till the expiry of his time. During the year four new pupils have been admitted.

BEHAVIOUR.

On this subject, except in the cases of the runaways and a few mistakes on the part of others, the Superintendent reports very favourably on the whole. One boy in particular is reported as being so well behaved as not to give the Superintendent any occasion to reprimand him once during the year. One other has approached very closely to this high standard; while the third, but for a grave offence committed during the Christmas season, would also have stood in the first rank.

WORK.

The boys employed in the shoe shop have been making satisfactory progress. Some are now smart at their trade, and no doubt will make first-class workmen as well as good

citizens, provided, of course, they give due attention to the lessons of religion and morality, in which every effort of the institution is being put forth to train them.

The work done by the younger boys has been somewhat more remunerative than last year, as the accounts will show. For in the sales of wood there is an increase of \$55, and in cleaning carpets, \$38; in all \$93.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The boys still attend Charles Street Methodist Church in the mornings of three or four Sabbaths in the month, as the case may be, and the remaining Sabbaths they worship in Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, and their behavior in church is well reported of. At half-past two o'clock p. m., there is a Sabbath school held in the school-room of the building under the care of the Superintendent, assisted by J. M. DeWolfe, Esq., who has kindly given his gratuitous services for several years.

SCHOOL.

The instruction in the day school remains, as formerly, in charge of Mr. Halls, to whom the young folks seems to be attached, and who, the Board are persuaded uses his best and most conscientious endeavors to bring this somewhat rough and untutored field under cultivation. Eight hours a week are given to this work, and so far with some measure of success.

RESULTS.

The committee still hear from time to time from some of those who have received a training in the institution, and the results are exceedingly gratifying. Of the numbers who have been properly equipped with a trade, in some instances with a faith, and in most cases, let us hope, with a self-respect which may stand them in good stead in the hour of temptation, and have thus been sent out into the world to share its work and take part in its movements, we have reason to rejoice that so few have caused us shame, while over the good returns from so many more we have even good cause to thank God and take courage.

In this connection every credit is due to Mr. Hart, the present Superintendent, for his painstaking and efficient services, and for the increasing interest he shows in the spiritual training and well being of the boys, as well as in their moral and social culture.

MUSIC.

It is still matter of regret that, although several musical instruments have been provided since last report, yet, from want of an instructor, the lads have been unable to form themselves into an organized band. There is taste enough, and, we have no doubt, also talent enough, among them, but we want the musician who will volunteer his services to give them a proper training. Who will do it? This would not only be a great source of recreation to the boys themselves, but would afford a very large amount of pleasure to the public.

CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas dinner was, as usual, an event and a success. The decorations of the room, the work of the lads themselves, were really beautiful. The viands were in good order, as also were the appetites of the young folks, and in presence of several members of the Board and friends, the most ample justice was done to the creature comforts thus provided. Among those present were Hon. P. C. Hill, J. S. Maclean, W. H. Neal and friend, Thos. A. Brown, Col. Akers, R. E., J. M. DeWolfe, E. D. Meynell, Major Mainguay, S. M. Brookfield, and the Hon. W. J. Stairs, several of whom gave addresses suitable to the occasion.

After dinner, the boys received their usual Christmas donations from Mr. Bliss, and the Committee, varying from \$1 to 50 cents, according to age, while the evenings of Christmas and New Year were spent in pleasant pastime, with singing, and a goodly supply of the dainties of the season, kindly provided for them.

HOSPITAL.

The Superintendent reports a good bill of health for the year, no serious case requiring special mention having

occurred, for which the Committee record their gratitude to God.

ACCOUNTS.

It is with much pleasure that the Board again calls attention to the accounts. From the smaller number of boys, the rate of living has been increased by \$1.80 a boy for the year; yet, on the whole, the expenditure has been less, and the income from the various sources greater, than during the previous year. The increased income of \$93 from the boys' labors we have already referred to. The items worthy of notice are:

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| From Mr. Bliss, for boys' work..... | \$ 886.41 |
| Sales of kindling wood.... | 454.79 |
| Cleaning of carpets..... | 174.40 |
| To which should be added— | |
| Sale of farm produce..... | \$30.60 |
| Other sales..... | 68.98 |
| Use of engine to Mr. Bliss..... | 26.00 |
| Rental of cottage..... | 64.00 |
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| Making in all from industrial work and property..... | \$1,705.18 |
| Last year..... | 1,592.49 |
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| Showing an increase of..... | \$ 112.69 |
| To date the donations this year have been.... | 982.44 |
| Last year..... | 974.00 |
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| Showing the slight increase of..... | \$ 8.64 |

But it is good to know that it is on the right side. On the whole, therefore, except in the partial reduction in the number of boys under training, the year has been one of much encouragement.

In view of the praiseworthy efforts at present being made by the S. P. C. A. to empower the City Council to

double the number of boys sent by them to the Institution and thus save them from crime, as well as the city and country from so much criminal annoyance and expense, the Board need only say that the accommodation in the present building is quite sufficient to admit that number, while they take this opportunity of expressing their willingness, with the continued, and, as this case will require, the increasing generosity of the benevolent public, to do all in their power to meet the demand as well as to fulfil the new obligations which may thus be laid upon them.

THANKS.

In conclusion, our thanks are again most cordially accorded to Dr. Slayter and Mr. Puttner, for their gratuitous and valuable services; to Charles Street (Methodist) and Chalmers' (Presbyterian) churches for church accommodation; to the Hon. S. D. Archibald for his annual donation of ten chaldrons of coal; to H. A. Taylor, Esq., druggist, for his services, as well as to the press of the city for their hearty notices of our affairs as occasion required.

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The following persons and Corporations guarantee the payment of \$60 or \$40 each per annum, for the board of a boy.

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| St. Paul's Sabbath School..... | 1 |
| Jubilee Sewing Circle | 1 |
| Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia..... | 1 |
| St. Andrew's Sabbath School..... | 1 |
| G. H. Starr..... | 1 |
| Late A. K. Doull's Legacy..... | 1 |
| City of Halifax..... | 3 |
| T. A. Ritchie..... | 15 |
| Captain Thos. McDonald..... | 1 |
| W. J. Stairs..... | 1 |
| Mrs. Stairs..... | 1 |
| Orphans' Home Committee..... | 1 |
| Mrs. Scarfe..... | 1 |

Guarantees Paid 1881.

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| W. J. Stairs..... | 40.00 |
| Orphans' Home..... | 40.00 |
| Mrs. W. J. Stairs..... | 40.00 |
| Mrs. Scarfe..... | 40.00 |
| Hon. P. C. Hill..... | 43.30 |
| St. Andrew's Sabbath School..... | 60.00 |
| St. Matthew's Church S. S..... | 40.00 |
| Bishop Binney | 60.00 |
| Jubilee Sewing Circle..... | 40.00 |
| G. H. Starr..... | 40.00 |
| St. Paul's S. School | 40.00 |
| Ritchie, T. A..... | 30.00 |
| McDonald, Capt. Thomas..... | 40.00 |
| City of Halifax..... | 10.00 |
| W. C. Moir..... | 860.00 |
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| Pickford & Black..... | 4.00 | Smith, R. A..... | 3.00 |
| Reeves, E. H..... | 1.00 | Silver, W. C..... | 10.00 |
| Read, Dr. H. H..... | 4.00 | Starr, George H..... | 20.00 |
| Reid, Dr. A. P..... | 5.00 | Taylor, E. H..... | 2.00 |
| Rent, G..... | 4.00 | Theakston & Angwin..... | 4.00 |
| Richey, M. H..... | 5.00 | Thanksgiving collection, Chalmers' Church..... | 5.00 |
| Ritchie, T. A..... | 30.00 | Thomson, James..... | 40.00 |
| Ritchie, T..... | 5.90 | Thomson, G..... | 10.00 |
| Robertson, W..... | 4.00 | Wylde, C. J..... | 1.00 |
| Robson, C..... | 2.00 | Wallace, Mrs. C. W..... | 5.00 |
| Seeton, Joseph..... | 4.00 | Whitman, C. H..... | 2.00 |
| Seeton, R. B..... | 2.00 | Wilmot, Mrs..... | 5.00 |
| Smith, J. Wesley..... | 5.00 | Wilson, J. E..... | 2.00 |
| Smith, Edward..... | 10.00 | White, S. A..... | 10.00 |
| Stayner, E. G. & C..... | 4.00 | Wilkie, Miss..... | 10.00 |
| Sweet, R. J..... | 2.00 | Young, Sir W..... | 20.00 |
| Scott, James..... | 5.00 | | |
| Stairs, W. J..... | 30.00 | | |

GIFTS FOR 1881.

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| T. A. Ritchie—Cash for Band instruments, | \$5.00. |
| Mrs. Hesselin— “ “ “ | 1.00. |
| Moir, Son & Co—2 Box Biscuits. | |
| Richard Currie—60 lbs Meat. | |
| Hon. T. D. Archibald—10 Chal. Coal. | |
| W. C. Anderson—5 lbs Nuts. | |
| Mr. Hesselin—3 Turkeys. | |
| Miss Meynell—1 Cake. | |
| S. M. Brookfield—3 Doz. Oranges. | |
| A. A. Bliss—Cash for Boys in Shoe Shop, | \$12.25. |
| For Boys not in Shoe Shop for Christmas. | |
| E. D. Meynell, \$1.00, P. C. Hill, \$1.00, W. H. Neal, \$1.00, J. M. | |
| DeWolfe, \$1.00, Hon. W. J. Stairs, \$1.00, S. M. Brookfield, | |
| \$1.00, J. S. Maclean, \$1.50,—\$7.50. | |
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