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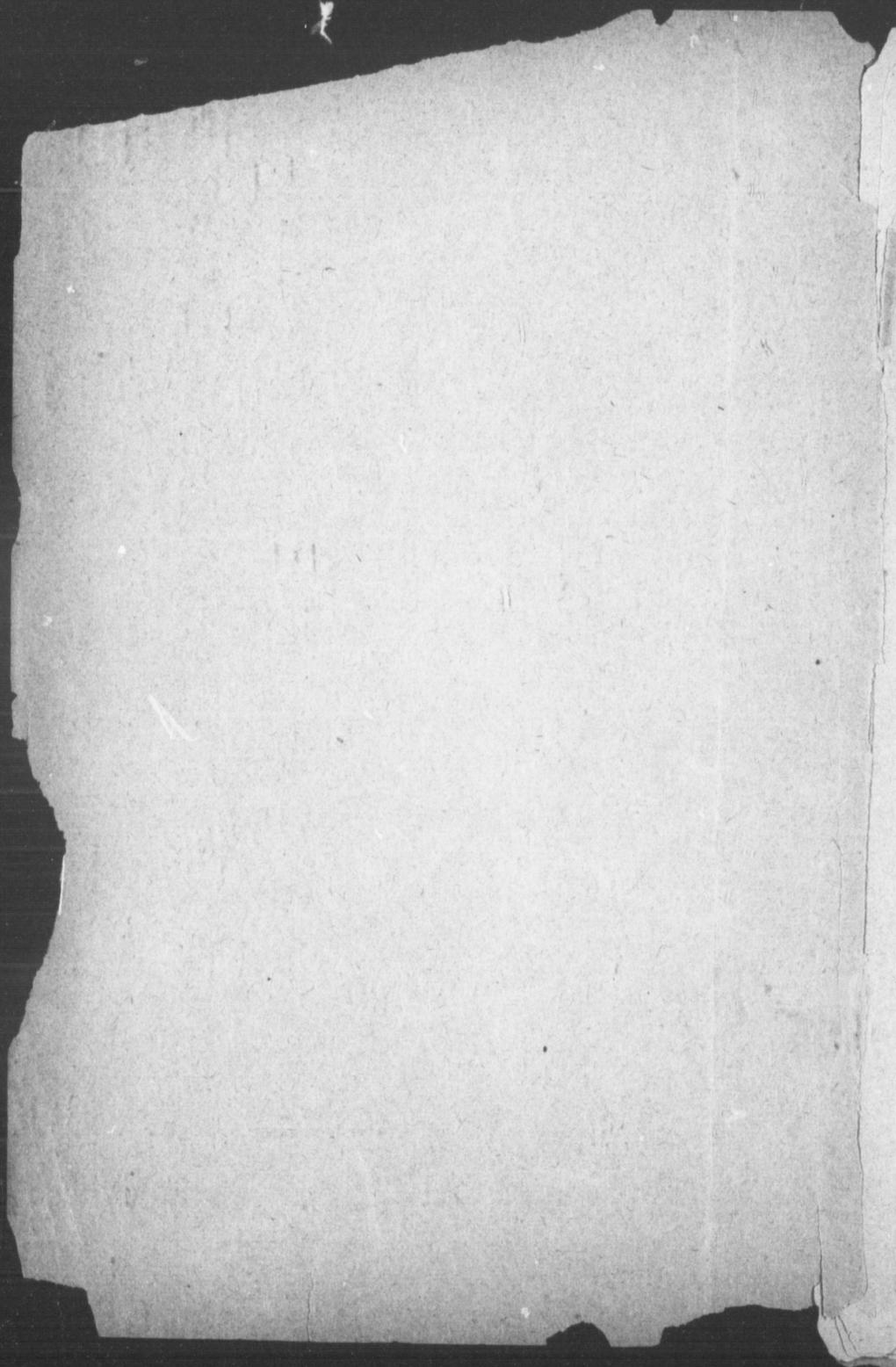
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DIRECTORS REPORT.

In submitting to the subscribers and friends of the Protestant Industrial School the Annual Report, the Board of Directors desire to call attention to the work being done at the School, and the advantages of such an establishment to the city of Halifax, and it may be, to the Province of Nova Scotia.

Through its instrumentality, many young and promising boys, who might otherwise have developed into criminals, have been trained in useful trades, and are now filling creditable positions, as hard working, honest men in both city and country. To picture what these men might have become had there been no Industrial School would be an easy task, but we presume that by every thinking man and woman, the usefulness of the establishment is acknowledged. Its maintenance must be regarded as in the interests of the public.

At present the income of the School is derived from a small per capitum grant made by the city of Halifax, from the receipts for the sales of kindling wood, etc., etc., and from general subscriptions. The latter source of income was, in previous years, derived from comparatively large subscriptions made by a limited number of persons, but of late years the condition of our citizens has materially altered, the wealth of the city is now much more generally distributed throughout the community, and the responsibilities must therefor fall on the shoulders of a greater number of persons than in days gone by.

To carry on this school efficiently and to do the work as Halifax would like to see it done, the Board of Directors will require annual subscriptions to the amount of \$2000, and they ask each person reading this report to assume a share of this responsibility by voluntarily agreeing to contribute annually any sum of money from one dollar upwards.

Heretofore, the work of this school has been confined

entirely to the Protestant youth of the city of Halifax, but your Directors are pleased to state that Dominion and Provincial legislation has been secured which will enable the Institution to open its doors to the wayward youth of any municipality in Nova Scotia, and instead of confining boys in County jails in company with hardened criminals, as has heretofore been the case, these boys will now be brought under the good influence of the school, and will have every chance of being reformed before it is too late.

Not long since, Judge Armour, of Ontario, in sentencing four boys to the Central Prison for burglaries and assaults, expressed alarm at the daring character of the crimes, and regretted that there was no industrial reformatory in Canada.

Evidently Judge Armour was not aware that we had in Nova Scotia two such institutions, which have for many years been engaged in reclaiming and restoring to the path of rectitude young Halifax boys.

In addition to the minor occupations of preparing kindling wood and shaking carpets, our boys have been regularly trained in the Shoe Factory, and are being prepared to maintain themselves when their terms at the school shall expire.

During the past year your Directors have had the main building put in thorough repair both inside and out, and have added materially to the furniture; these improvements had become absolutely necessary in order to make the school habitable and comfortable, and the Directors were obliged to appropriate legacies to pay off the debts thus incurred. For several years the Electric Light Co. has supplied light for the main building and the work-shop from its station at the Arm, but the contract having expired and the company having removed its station to the city, the Directors were obliged to take the matter of lighting into serious consideration, and after mature deliberation, they decided to utilize the engine and boiler on the premises, purchase a dynamo and manufacture electric light on the spot; the result of this undertaking has been most satisfactory, and the institution is now supplied with excellent light at a comparatively small outlay.

The affairs of the School are under the control of Mr. R. Norman, who, with the aid of his competent wife, takes charge of the boys, superintends their physical and moral training and looks after the welfare of the School.

Mr. W. T. Kennedy still continues his evening classes at the School, and his report herewith submitted testifies to the advantages derived by the boys from their training in this department.

The thanks of the Board are due to Dr. Lindsay for his care and oversight of the health of the School.

In closing this report, the Board of Directors desire to acknowledge their gratitude to a kind Providence in that the needs and requirements of this School have been impressed upon the minds of those whom He has blessed with wealth, and who have at their death provided for these needs and requirements by legacies to the School.

The Board regret that the immediate needs of the establishment absorbed the funds which they would otherwise have invested as a permanent endowment ; but they feel confident that, with the enlarged usefulness now opening out to the School, with increased efficiency and with a more general public support, they will be able to carry on the work successfully, and in the future set aside legacies towards the formation of an endowment fund.

SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD.

Chairman.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President of Board of Directors :

GENTLEMEN,—The number of our pupils has not been as great as in former years, but we have kept those in attendance steadily at work, and we have accommodation for a much larger number.

Our Role at the commencement of the year contained the names of 30 boys, eight of whom have since left us, one by order of the Magistrate, one by order of the Board, and six owing to their time having expired. The places of those leaving have been filled by eight new boys.

Several of the young lads trained in our Shoe Shop have, at the expiration of their terms, been engaged as regularly employed workmen, either in our own workshop or in city factories. These are all receiving good wages and their work gives entire satisfaction to their employers.

The smaller boys are employed in splitting and bundling kindling wood, which is sold to our citizens; and in the summer season they have out door work in the garden or on the farm.

On Sunday, the boys are taken in a body to one of the Protestant churches in the city, and in the afternoon, they are carefully trained in the Sunday school classes at the Home.

I have always endeavoured to keep up a correspondence with those who leave the School, especially with young men who are located outside of the city. A few extracts of letters from some of these would be of interest.

One boy writing from Isle of Man. "My dear sir, when I sit down and think what I might have been if I had not been placed in the Industrial School, I dread to think; but thank God I am now in a good situation and doing well here. I went to Liverpool, and while there visited on the Sabbath one of the Refuge Schools, and gave them an address with a description of the dear old School at Halifax."

Another writes from Newton, Mass : " Dear sir, I am getting on fine up here, but feel kind of lonely, and have often wished myself back, although I thought it was a pretty hard place when I was with you ; but I miss you all so much, and I don't know how to thank you and Mrs. Norman for all you done for me."

Royal Infantry Barracks, London, Ontario : " Dear sir, I am getting along splendidly, better than ever I expected. My dear sir, I can safely say that the value of temperance could never be so forcibly instilled in a man's mind anywhere but in a corps in the Canadian service. It is owing to this that I am senior to men who might have been commanding officers providing they were not so fond of muddling their brains with liquor."

Another writes : " Dear sir, I felt lonely when I came to Boston and found no chums to associate with like in the School. I will say this much, that the day I landed in the Halifax Industrial School was the turning point in my life, and I can thank Mrs. Norman and yourself for it. You was kind of rough at times, but it was all for the best I find now. My mother said she never saw such a marked change in any one in all her life, both in mind and body."

These extracts show that the School has been a blessing to these young men, and that they thoroughly appreciate the work they are engaged in.

Mr. Kennedy's interest in the welfare of our boys, and Dr. Lindsay's care of their health, are deserving of the fullest acknowledgment.

Our Reading Room has been kept supplied with books and papers by thoughtful friends, and these have given great pleasure to some of our more intellectual boys.

Herewith appended a list of those boys who have passed through the School since I became Superintendent which I trust may be found of interest to friends of the School.

Gentlemen, I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

R. NORMAN,
Superintendent.

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TEACHER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of Protestant Industrial School

GENTLEMEN,—As far as the educational department of the Industrial School is concerned, one year differs but very little from another. The miscellaneous character of the School would seriously retard progress if the attendance were very large; but as the average has been only about thirty, it was possible to give pupils much individual attention. As some of those entering the School are ignorant even of the alphabet, a great part of the teaching is of the primary nature; but in all the instruction given the chief stress is invariably laid on what is likely to be of the greatest practical utility to the boys in after life. Perhaps at no other period since my connection with the School began have so many lads, wholly illiterate on entering, become ready to leave the School able to keep their own accounts, and conduct their own correspondence.

With regard to attendance in the school room, it is always identical with the number enrolled in the institution, except when, as very rarely happens, a boy is ill. The cases of illness were more common last term than for years previous, owing to the prevalence of Russian influenza.

The fact of my being in the School four evenings per week, renders me probably more thoroughly conversant with its working than any other person in the city. From this standpoint of intimate acquaintance, it is with great pleasure that I commend the kindly and excellent management of Mr. and Mrs. Norman, and congratulate the directorate upon being able to retain them to preside over the institution.

Your obedient servant,

W. T. KENNEDY.

Halifax, May 30th, 1890.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Mayor.....	\$ 5 00	Hesslein, H. & Sons....	10 00
Archbold, E. P.....	4 00	Jones, Hon. A. G.....	5 00
Adams, E. D.....	2 00	Keith, Donald.....	2 00
Austen Bros.....	2 00	Lawson, Harrington & Co.	8 00
Aikins, Thos. B.....	12 00	Longard Bros.....	5 00
Boak, G. E. & Co.....	2 00	Morse, J. E.....	1 00
Brown, Thos.....	2 00	Morrow, M. R.....	2 00
Brookfield Bros.....	20 00	Mott, J. P. & Co.....	10 00
Burns, Adam.....	10 00	Morrow, Jas.....	5 00
Burns, Rev. Dr.....	5 00	Mahon Bros.....	5 00
Burton, H. P.....	5 00	Mathers, I. H.....	1 00
Bell, A. J.....	2 00	Mackintosh, J. C.....	5 00
Bell, A. M.....	20 00	Moir, W. C., Son & Co.	10 00
Bell, H. H.....	2 00	Musgrave & Morrison..	2 00
Black, Miss C. H.....	5 00	Oland, S., Son & Co....	5 00
Black, S. H.....	2 00	Payne, T. J.....	1 00
Black, M. P.....	25 00	Parker, Hon. D. McN..	10 00
Brookfield, S. M.....	20 00	Parker, F. G.....	2 00
Chipman, J. A.....	2 00	Payzant, J. Y.....	2 00
Coleman, W. J.....	2 00	Patterson, John.....	10 00
Cornelius, J.....	1 00	Pickford & Black.....	20 00
Cogswell, Rev. W. H..	10 00	Read, Dr. H. H.....	3 50
Cogswell, Miss E. J.,	} 40 00	Rent, G.....	3 00
England.....		Ritchie, Thos. A.....	30 00
Cook, H.....	2 00	Ritchie, T.....	5 00
Creighton, C; E. & Co..	2 00	Robertson, W.....	5 00
Duffield, A.....	2 00	Sheraton, A. B.....	1 00
Dun Wiman & Co.....	5 00	Silver, W. C.....	10 00
Farquharson, J.....	2 00	Silver, J. & Co.....	2 00
Faulkner, G. E.....	2 00	Smith, E. G.....	5 00
Forrest, James.....	5 00	Smith, J. Wesley.....	5 00
Fordham, A.....	2 00	Scott, James.....	5 00
Fraser, J.....	2 00	Stairs, Hon. W. J.....	30 00
Franklyn, G. E.....	5 00	Sweet, R. J.....	4 00
Friend.....	4 00	Thanksgiving, Chalmers'	
Fraser, W. J.....	3 00	Church.....	20 00
Gibson, John.....	10 00	do. per. J. Burgeyne..	10 00
Gray, B. G.....	10 00	Thanksgiving, Park St.	
Greer, G. M.....	1 00	Church.....	25 00
Gunn, A.....	5 00	Thomson, James.....	40 00
Goudge, H.....	1 00	Thomson, G.....	5 00
Grant, A.....	2 00	Temple, H. L.....	2 00
Halifax Carpet Co.....	2 00	Uniacke, Robie.....	4 00
Harrington, W. D.....	5 00	Wilson, J. E.....	2 00
Hart, Levi.....	2 00	Woodbury, F.....	2 00
Hyde, W. S.....	1 00		

Legacy 1889.

Thomas A. Brown.....\$400 00

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

St. Matthew's Sabbath School.....	1
St. Paul's Sabbath School..	1
St. Andrew's Sabbath School.....	1
Late A. K. Doull's Legacy.....	1
City of Halifax	20
Rev. J. McArthur, Quebec.....	1
W. E. Mitchell.....	1
Association for Relief of Poor.....	1
F. Mosher.....	1

Guarantee paid 1889.

St. Andrew's Sabbath School.....	\$ 40 00
St. Matthew's Church S. S.....	
St. Paul's S. School.....	40 00
Thos. A. Ritchie.....	40 00
City of Halifax.....	945 00
Rev. J. McArthur.....	30 00
W. E. Mitchell.....	60 00
Association for Relief of Poor.....	60 00
F. Mosher.....	60 00
A. M. Bell.....	60 00
Thos. Boutilier.....	5 00
Rev. Foster Almon.....	30 00

Gifts for 1889.

- Mrs. Pickford—24 hymn books for Sunday service.
Mrs. Whiston—large book for library.
Mr. Hesslein—4 geese.
Rev. Dr. Burns—2 geese.
Longard Bros.—2 turkeys.
J. C. Mackintosh—2 turkeys.
H. P. Burton—1 turkey.
Rev. J. Strothard—parcels of candies, oranges, &c.
R. J. Sweet—parcel of oranges.
E. S. Smith—parcel of candies.
Mrs. R. V. Fraser—parcel of doughnuts.
Brooks & Co.—1 ham.
J. Goreham & Co.—1 box raisins.
Moir, Son & Co.—1 box mixed biscuits.
Brown & Webb—6 bottles syrup.
Hon. Mr. Archibald—10 chaldron coal.
Mrs. Pickwick—large supply books and papers.

Financial Statement of the Halifax Protestant Industrial School.

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1889. Dec. 31.	To balance.....\$ 635 37	By Balance with Supt..... \$ 20 08
1890. Dec. 31.		
	Clothing acct..... 523 41	Shoe Department..... 600 00
	Diet..... 1222 58	Kindling Wood..... 508 08
	Fuel and Oil..... 229 90	Carpet Department..... 228 25
	Insurance..... 88 50	Guarantees..... 425 00
	Wages and Salary..... 912 20	City "..... 945 00
	Labor on Farm..... 131 00	Donations..... 558 40
	Farm Expenses..... 687 40	Special for debt, 1889..... 50 00
	Repairs..... 467 76	Thanksgiving, Park St. Ch.. 25 00
	Furniture..... 76 83	" " Chalmers' Ch.. 20 00
	Sundries..... 242 49	Interest account..... 27 00
	Slabs, Cordage, &c..... 410 61	Rent of Cottage..... 24 99
	Water rates..... 41 25	Sale of farm produce..... 22 00
	Paid on acct. Engine & Boiler. 150 00	Int. on Sir Wm. Young's beqst. 740 80
	Purchase of Cow..... 40 00	Inv'tm'ts. taken into gen. act. 109 53
		Building Fund..... 190 00
		Legacies—
		Mrs. Wilmot.....\$250 00
		T. A. Brown..... 400 00
1890. Jan. 1.	To Balance.....\$ 701 09	
		Ov'rdr'wn in 1880 and r'fnded. 14 08
		Balance..... 701 09
		\$5859 30

Halifax, 31st Dec., 1889.

E. D. MEYNELL, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,
R. J. SWEET, *Auditor.*