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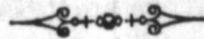
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The Managing Committee of the Newsboys' Home are gratified in being able to report at the close of another year, the continued success of the Institution.

I. LODGERS IN THE HOME.

The experience of the past year has confirmed the need of such a charity, and given renewed proof of the good which may be effected by providing a home for the neglected class of vagrant boys frequenting the streets of Toronto, and earning a precarious subsistence by means little calculated to develop habits of steady industry, or to furnish any fit training for after life.

The Home has also been turned to useful account for the oversight and friendly aid of recently arrived emigrant youths; and the managers have had correspondence during the past year with gentlemen in London, Edinburgh and Birmingham, who are desirous of securing their co-operation for the purpose of receiving and providing situations for carefully selected, friendless boys, who are to be sent out to their care during the present season.

Already much good has resulted from the shelter and oversight extended to this class of boys, not only on their arrival in Canada; but by their resorting to the Home from time to time, on the failure of their first temporary employment. Occasionally also small sums of money are remitted on behalf of such emigrant lads. These have been deposited at interest in the Savings' Bank; and in some cases have been augmented by the earnings of the boys; and thus have proved a stimulus to provident industry, instead of being squandered and lost. The feeling that such otherwise friendless lads have a Home to which they can resort; and friends to appeal to in case of injustice; as well as advisers whose good opinion they are encouraged to deserve by giving satisfaction to their employers: has already been productive of much good. By their Charter, the Managers have now full powers to apprentice the boys to any trade or occupation, and to require both masters and boys to fulfil the engagements thus entered into. This has already proved an important aid in carrying out the purposes of the Institution.

II. ENCOURAGEMENT TO INDUSTRY.

The Newsboys' Lodging is, strictly speaking, an Industrial Home for working boys. The aim of the institution differs from other schemes of benevolence, in seeking to exclude, as far as possible, every appearance of charitable aid to its inmates. The object aimed at is to develop ideas, as well as habits of independent self-reliance. The Home is open to any friendless boy, however vicious, dirty or ragged, so long as he engages to conform to the rules. These include personal cleanliness,—for which a well-furnished bath-room provides abundant resources:—the prohibition of all profane language; attendance on the instructions of the Superintendent and visitors each evening, and on the Sunday instructions in the Home.

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It is the duty of the Superintendent, with the aid of the Committee, to endeavour to start every new boy in some industrious occupation. Many of them, however, on entering the Home, prove to be confirmed vagrants, who it would be vain to place immediately at any steady employment. They are accordingly encouraged to sell newspapers; and to resort to snow-cleaning, shoe-blackening, or other temporary employment; and are aided with small loans, so as to make their first start in honest industry. But such desultory employment is regarded as a mere beginning; and the whole influences of the Home are directed to train the inmates in steady, settled habits, with a view to placing them in permanent situations.

All ideas of the Home as a charitable institution are accordingly excluded as far as possible. The boys are taught to regard begging as mean and contemptible. Underclothing, and supplies of clothes, made by the Ladies' Committee, or contributed by friends, are sold to them at low prices, at the discretion of the Matron and Superintendent; or given to those who are most needy, on promise of payment from future earnings. A charge of 10 cents is made daily to each boy, for which he receives three tickets, entitling him to supper, bed, and breakfast. But the Superintendent has a small fund at his discretion for aiding destitute boys in the form of loans; and under the judicious application of this system, no applicant has been rejected during the past year owing to want of means.

III. EVENING OCCUPATIONS.

The time for visiting the Home is in the evening. The boys set out after an early breakfast; and in the majority of cases, do not return till about 6 p.m. Immedi-

ately after an early supper, the Weekly Visitor or the Superintendent, engages the inmates in reading, writing, or other occupation. Each alternate Monday evening is devoted to music, under the kind oversight of Mr. Harcourt. Catches, national songs, and other innocent secular, as well sacred music, are taught; and in this and other ways the boys learn the novel pleasure of a happy evening at home.

The library has been augmented during the past year, and proper book-shelving provided, through the liberality of John Macdonald, Esq., Mrs. Blain and other friends; and the attractions which the books afford, have furnished an incentive to boys who are unable to read, to turn to account the evening lessons; while they greatly contribute to the pleasure and profit of the boys' leisure hours.

IV. RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

Every inducement is offered to the boys to prevent them from neglecting the observance of the Christian Sabbath. A free dinner is given to all who by good conduct, including the required attendance on public worship in the morning, are considered by the Superintendent to merit it; and the influence of this has proved highly satisfactory. The Superintendent devotes the afternoon of Sunday to religious instruction; and a body of lady visitors, to whom the Managers are under great obligations, have continued to conduct an evening Sabbath School with the most gratifying results. The pleasure with which they are welcomed, and the anxiety expressed for their return, have abundantly confirmed the beneficial results anticipated from their services. As a rule, it is found that the gentle, kindly influences of a lady can control the rudest boys, when gentlemen have found it difficult to command their attention.

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While the Managers have thus aimed at providing religious instruction and moral training, as elements, without which, all hope of success would be vain; and the reading of the Scriptures with prayer, morning and evening, form part of the daily work of the Home; everything of a proselytising character is avoided. Any special denominational connexions are respected, in so far as an assured attendance on religious worship can be secured; and in the case of Roman Catholic children they attend their own church.

V. RESULTS.

The following summary of results during the past year will best illustrate the good which has been accomplished since last report.

1. During the year, one hundred and thirty boys have lodged in the home; and during the inclemency of the past severe winter, the Superintendent has repeatedly had to turn away applicants for admission, owing to the Lodging being full. Besides temporary occupation provided for the boys, sixty-two of them have been sent to situations; and of those, the majority are conducting themselves satisfactorily, with every prospect of becoming useful members of society.

2. The Mutual Aid Fund continues to prove a very satisfactory feature in the working of the Home. From the voluntary contributions of the boys, supplemented by friends of the Institution, two friendless boys have been maintained during protracted sickness. Another, who was brought to the Home on a bitter winter night in utter destitution and rags, has been furnished with clothing; and is now repaying the loan by which he was enabled to start in a fair way of industry for self-support.

3. The Savings' Bank for the spare earnings of the boys continues in satisfactory operation, and proves to be the most efficient test of the improvement effected on inmates of the Home. So soon as a boy begins to lay by his spare earnings, new motives and habits come into force, and supply the best antidote to vagrancy. Ideas of providence and steady industry are developed; and, though the Managers have from time to time to acknowledge with sorrow the disappointment of hopes thus engendered; yet in many cases this proves the beginning of a reformation, fitting the boy to desire and retain permanent employment.

There have been thirty-seven depositors in the Savings' Bank during the past year, in sums amounting in all to \$237.24. During the same period, the daily payments of the boys for board have amounted in all to \$523.24.

No more conclusive evidence of the success so far attending this effort to rescue the neglected children of our streets from vagrancy and crime, and to put them in a fair way of becoming industrious members of Society, could be produced, than this practical result of \$760.48, saved from the street boys' own earnings, and expended in boarding, clothing and starting them in life. It frequently happens that, after a boy is apprenticed, or provided with permanent employment in town, he could not retain his situation and lodge himself, with the moderate wages necessarily given at starting, without the shelter and oversight of the Home. Boys sent to the country, have also repeatedly shown their appreciation of the Home, by sending their little savings to the care of the Superintendent; and by taking advantage of a holiday to visit it, as the only place where they felt that they could meet those who had a friendly interest in them. The difficulties arising from

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the tendency to throw up the situations provided for them on slight provocation, will always be a source of trouble in dealing with this class of boys. But the interposition of the Superintendent or Managers is often beneficially employed in preventing this; while cases do occur where their interference is required to protect the boys from injustice.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON.

During the past year, the Committee accepted the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Beattie, the late Superintendent and Matron; and after much careful enquiry, they selected from a number of applicants, Mr. and Mrs. William Wells, who have now been in charge of the Home for upwards of five months. The experience of the Managers so far, gives them every assurance that a judicious choice has been made; and that under the careful and zealous care of Mr. and Mrs. Wells, they may be able to report still more satisfactory results at the close of another year.

VII. LADY MANAGERS AND VISITORS.

To the Committee of ladies, the Managers are under the greatest obligations for their valuable services, in superintending the matron, and exercising an efficient oversight over the whole domestic arrangements.

To the lady visitors who have undertaken the Sunday evening class, the Managers also tender their special thanks. The results of their kind services have been so satisfactory; and the influence of the kindly and gentle training of Christian ladies on the rough young vagrants,—for the most part strangers till now, to all gentleness and kindly sympathy,—has been so beneficial; and has

made the Home on Sunday evenings so attractive to the boys, that the Committee will gratefully welcome the further co-operation of lady visitors in the general work of the Home.

VIII. WEEKLY VISITORS AND MEDICAL OFFICER.

Thanks are also due to the gentlemen who have kindly undertaken the work of weekly visitors during the past year, and to Mr. Harcourt, who has continued to render his valuable services in teaching the boys to sing. By this means the evenings at the Home are rendered more attractive; and the interest both of the Sunday and week-day gatherings is greatly increased.

Special thanks are also due to Dr. Oldright, for his continued gratuitous services as Medical Officer.

IX. FESTIVALS OF THE YEAR.

The Managers have to renew their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James Leslie for the festival enjoyed by the boys at the Willows, on Dominion Day; and to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mackenzie, for another happy holiday at Castle Frank; on the Queen's Birth Day. A number of the boys habitually attend the Sunday School of St. James' Cathedral; and this year the invitation to the Christmas entertainment was kindly extended to all the inmates of the Home. In addition to the addresses and singing, a Christmas Tree, dissolving views, and other attractions contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

X. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

The statement of the Treasurer, shows the receipts and expenditure during the past year. There still remains a debt of \$1,400 on the building. Were the In-

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stitution free from this encumbrance, the addition of another story to the building, would render the accommodation amply sufficient for such demands for admission as, during the past severe winter, have had to be refused in cases which it was painful to be compelled to reject.

No more gratifying evidence of the success which has thus far attended the efforts made on behalf of the neglected children of our streets could be produced than this, that the Treasurer is able to state among the sources of income of the Institution, daily payments made from their own earnings by the boys,—many of whom entered the Home penniless and in rags,—amounting for the year to \$523.24. To this may fairly be added their savings, desposited with the Superintendent, and expended chiefly on winter clothing, amounting to \$237.24. Much, if not all of this would have been squandered, or even expended for vicious purposes, but for the influences thus brought to bear.

The Managers desire to record their special thanks to the Mayor and Aldermen of Toronto, for a grant of \$200, and to the County Council for a grant of \$50, during the past year. For these contributions they believe that an ample return has been made in the number of youths rescued from vagrancy, and added to the working industry of the community. The cost of only one or two juvenile criminals, would of itself greatly exceed the whole sums which have thus been expended by the managers in extending aid to friendless and destitute children at the most critical period of life; bringing many of them for the first time under the influences of moral and religious training, and the kindly motives of Christian sympathy; and training them to habits of providence and settled industry.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

To April 1st, 1873.

Brown, Hon. George. \$	10 00	Gzowski, C. S..... \$	50 00
Ballantyne, R.....	1 00	Hagarty, Chief Justice.	25 00
Bugg, Alderman.....	20 00	Henderson, Jas. Jr.....	2 00
Blain, Mrs.....	10 00	Hamilton, W. B.....	3 00
Bryce McMurrich, &		Harris, Miss M. A.....	1 00
Co.....	10 00	Harding, Geo.....	1 00
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Boyd, G. J.....	5 00	per W. Thomson....	6 66
Brown, Bros.....	5 00	Jarvis, Sheriff.....	5 00
Carnegie, Chas.....	2 00	Juvenile, A.....	3 00
Cawthra, John.....	3 00	Juvenile, Another....	5 00
Clark, W. M.....	5 00	Kingstone, F. W.....	5 00
Crawford, Mrs. D.....	5 00	Lesslie, J. Building	
County Council Grant.	50 00	Fund.....	10 00
Carrie, R.....	5 00	Lesslie, J.....	10 00
Cox, G. & J. W.....	2 00	Lee, Thos. H.....	2 00
Cockburn, G. R. R....	5 00	McBean, John.....	5 00
Canada Co. part of Vol-		McCord, H.....	4 00
unteer fund returned.	100 00	Morse, G. D.....	2 00
Campbell, Jas. & Son..	10 00	McPhail, R.....	2 00
Church of Redeemer		Miller, Hugh.....	2 00
S. School.....	5 50	McDonald, John.....	20 00
City of Toronto, grant.	200 00	Macpherson, Hon. D. L.	25 00
Dixon B. Homer.....	25 00	McMaster, A. R. & Bro.	10 00
Dixon, Mrs. (Grange)..	10 00	Michie, Jas.....	10 00
Draper, Chief Justice..	5 00	McMaster, Hon. W....	10 00
Davis, A. A.....	1 00	Moss, Mrs. T.....	3 00
Davidson, Josh.....	2 00	McCarter, James.....	25 00
Easter Ball, proceeds		McKenzie, Walter.....	2 00
of, per Capt. Curtis..	103 26	Mulholland, Mrs.....	2 00
Evans, G. M.....	2 00	Mather, Mrs.....	5 00
Friend, per Jno Beattie	10 00	Moffat, Bros. & Co....	10 00
Fulton, A. T.....	10 00	Odell & Trout, per R.	
Friend, left at the Home	1 50	Wilkes.....	10 00
Gurney, E. & C.....	10 00	Osborne, J. B. from sale	
Graham, Hy.....	2 00	of books.....	5 00
Gordon & McKay.....	10 00	Osborne, J. B.....	4 00
Gwynne, Judge.....	10 00	Plum, I. per Mr. Gzowski	5 00

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Rowsell, H.....	5 00	Walton, Benj.....	4 00
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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT,
For Year ending 31st March, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

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To Balance on hand, April 1st., 1872.....	9	95
Sundry Subscriptions and Donations.....	561	80
Amount received from the Boys for Board and Lodging.....	523	24
Amount received from Capt. Curtis, A.D.C., being proceeds of Easter Ball.....	103	26
Amount of Grant from County Council.....	50	00
Amount received from the Jaffrey Testimonial Fund....	6	66
Amount received from the Church of the Redeemer Sunday School.....	5	50
Amount of Grant from City of Toronto Corporation....	200	00
Amount received from the Canada Co., being part of their Subscription to the Volunteer Fund returned to them.....	100	00
Amount received from Robt. Wilkes, Esq., M.P., being amount tendered him for addressing the Pupils of Odell & Trout's Commercial College.....	10	00
Proceeds of Sale of 14 dozen "Bible Lessons" presented by J. B. Osborne, Esq., Beamsville.....	5	04
Amount due Treasurer.....	13	53
Total.....	1588	98

EXPENDITURE.

	\$	c.
By House Expenses for the year.....	885	29
Superintendent and Matron's Salary.....	300	00
Fuel and Water.....	183	19
Insurance.....	20	00
W. Cawthra, Esq., Interest on Mortgage.....	1	20
Printing, Advertising and Stationery.....	38	16
Sundry Repairs.....	25	76
Bed-linen and Blankets.....	24	58
Total.....	1588	98

GEORGE L. BEARDMORE,

Treasurer.

Toronto, March 31st, 1873.

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