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*Committee.*

S. M. BROOKFIELD, CHAIRMAN,	Rev. FOSTER ALMON,
E. D. MEYNELL,	Rev. W. A. CLINE,
Rev'd R. F. BURNS, D. D.,	C. F. FRASER,
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Hon. W. J. STAIRS,	H. P. BURTON,
S. E. WHISTON,	RUFUS J. SWEET,
Rev. JAMES STROTHARD,	WM. ROBERTSON.

*Secretary & Treasurer.*

E. D. MEYNELL.

*Surgeon.*

DR. LINDSAY.

*Superintendent.*

MR. ROBT. NORMAN.

*Matron.*

MRS. NORMAN.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Owing to various causes we did not have our annual meeting for the year 1887; so that this report embraces the work of two years,—1887 & 1888.

Our work of training boys to be good and industrious, as our name indicates, has steadily gone forward, and on the whole has been satisfactory. Some have left us and gone out into the world; others have been admitted. Several could not be taken on account of not having the necessary funds at our disposal. Having the interests of this old and useful Institution at heart, and desiring to see it become more so, we ask the public for larger subscriptions to enable us to take at least fifty boys; to put our buildings in good repair, and add a few comforts.

We have only to inform you that our subscriptions have fallen off the last few years to about half of what they formerly were, so that at present we are not able to make both ends meet.

We feel sure that when you are made acquainted with our wants you will respond to the appeal at once.

We ask for \$2000 (two thousand dollars) a year. This would mean,—

20 subscribers of \$25 each.....	\$500
30 " " 20 " .....	600
50 " " 10 " .....	500
80 " " 5 " .....	400

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\$2000

Not too much to expect from a city noted for its charities. We still carry on the kindling wood department. Our shoe-shop was idle some five months after Mr. Taylor gave it up, which gave the board much anxiety. Failing to get anyone in the trade to employ our boys, we felt much relieved when Mr. Meynell, our energetic Secretary and oldest

Director, generously took this responsibility on his own shoulders, in which he has been ably assisted by the Superintendent.

Our boys are now learning a trade, and their manufacture is meeting with a ready sale. All goods being stamped with the name of the school upon them.

Two of our Directors have been removed from us by death, T. A. Brown, who took a warm interest in the school, gave liberally towards its support, and in disposing of his wealth, left us a legacy of \$400.00; and of our lamented Chairman J. S. Maclean, the minutes bear the following record:

“The Directors of the Halifax Protestant Industrial School wish especially to record in their minutes the great loss they have—as well as the school—sustained in the demise of their much loved brother and friend, John S. Maclean, who was an earnest worker on behalf of every object connected with the Institution since its foundation; and for the last seven years as its chairman, a position which he filled with marked ability, knew every boy by name, and as they passed out into the world, gave them the parting advice best calculated for their good, and his kindness will be forever stamped upon their memories.”

A copy of the foregoing Resolution was ordered to be sent to Mrs. Maclean, signed on behalf of the Industrial School Board.

By acting chairman,  
SAMUEL BROOKFIELD.

We are also pleased to inform you that our superintendent and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, still remain with us, have our full confidence, and fill their arduous positions with credit. We desire to thank Dr. Lindsay, for his gratuitous services, also all our friends who have contributed to the welfare of the school.

SAMUEL BROOKFIELD,  
Chairman.

## SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT.

*To the President and Board of Directors.*

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting my report of the work accomplished during the past two years, 1887-1888, there is of necessity very much similarity in the different reports of the Industrial School.

The events of each succeeding year are, with slight variations, but repetitions of the incidents of the year that preceded. Boys enter the school, complete their term and leave it to begin their own individual battle of life; while others again, from the city's needy ones are sent to take their places. The report of one year with some alterations of figures, might almost serve as the report of any other year. But, although there is much sameness when our work comes to be reported on, it is not necessarily uninteresting in its daily routine. To an occasional visitor, it might seem so, for I have heard it remarked by some people that "nothing seems more cheerless and dreary than the regular routine and the systematic arrangement, together with the 'white-washed walls, and nicely sanded floors' of a Public Charitable Institution." We, however, who are in the work, never think of its monotony, if such there be.

There are always incidents enough to break any monotony which might otherwise exist. The fact is, that in our institution the greater part of our energy is constantly directed towards a suppression, or rather a prevention, of such incidents as would otherwise by their character and frequency, give the school a reputation for vigorous activity that would not be wholly desirable.

But wherever there is an Industrial School filled with healthy lads who "feel their life in every limb," such must in the very nature of things be the case,

In the year 1887, of which I have not made any formal report as yet, we commenced with twenty-four boys on the roll. Eleven entered during the year, and six left, their time having expired, one died of consumption, leaving at the close of the year thirty-one boys in the school. Twelve boys are now employed in the shoe factory, eleven cut and make kindling wood, one has charge of engine, two boys are in charge of the express waggon, two are on the farm, three assist in doing the house work.

I am glad to report that since the first of the present year our shoe factory has been in active operation; thanks to our esteemed friend and director, Mr. E. D. Meynell, who has taken upon himself the responsibility of running it. New machinery has been imported from Boston and Montreal.

The kindling wood sales have been steadily increasing from year to year. In 1888, 121,365 bundles were sold. these were made by twelve boys, and during the months of April, May and June, these same lads shook a large number of carpets and helped in other kinds of work on the farm, especially during the season of hay-making. It will be readily seen that the boys of the Protestant Industrial School are not kept in idleness.

Every Sabbath, weather permitting, the boys with the Superintendent attend Divine Service twice a day, at one of the Protestant Churches. Sabbath School is held every Sunday afternoon conducted by the Superintendent.

I am glad to state that the general conduct of the boys during the year has been very satisfactory, their conduct also at the different churches has been very highly spoken of.

We endeavour to keep up a correspondence with the boys who leave us, and it is very gratifying, from time to time, to receive letters from them, and to find that they are doing well.

I desire to thank the Board for their kindness in giving the boys a day's outing in the summer, which is highly appreciated by them. The boys also look forward to their Annual Christmas Dinner with pleasurable anticipation.

On these festive seasons, many gifts are sent to the Home by kind friends, and as in former years, the Board of Directors and their friends attend and assist in every way, to make the day a joyous and happy one.

In conclusion, I desire to express my high appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered to myself and Mrs. Norman; of the many acts of kindness shown to the boys at all times by our teacher Mr. Kennedy; also to Dr. Lindsay for his gratuitous service which he has always rendered whenever required.

Gentlemen, I beg to remain  
Your obed't servant,

R. NORMAN,  
*Supt.*

## TEACHER'S REPORT.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL:

*Gentlemen,*—Among the one hundred and twelve teachers of the city, I occupy a rather unique and happy position, in being allowed to report on my own work. If any one should expect an unfavourable report, his knowledge of human nature must be limited. It is said that the world will estimate us as we estimate ourselves; therefore acting on this hint, I regard the Industrial School as a good average school. But, speaking seriously, I think for the number of hours a week we are in session we accomplish about as much as could be reasonably expected of us. Only this month a lad leaves the school who knew absolutely nothing when taken into it, and he leaves with a sound moral training, a good trade, and an education sufficient to enable him to conduct correspondence, keep accounts, and enjoy the pleasures of ordinary literature. And he is but one of many, although occasionally we meet with an incorrigible case not at all responsive to our solicitous pedagogical efforts. At the late public examination of the class, we had the pleasure of having, among others, five school commissioners, the Secretary of the Board, and two Directors of the School, and all seemed to be satisfied that we were making progress.

My connection for the past six years with the largest boys school in the city has convinced me of the value and impressed me with an appreciation of our City Compulsory Educational Act, and of such an institution as the Industrial School. The more rigidly the law is enforced, and the more liberally the school is supported, the more truly will the interests of Halifax be conserved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KENNEDY.

SUBSCRIPTIONS  
SURGEON'S REPORT.

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## THE COMMITTEE PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL :

*Gentlemen,*—Since my last Report, two years ago, the general health of the School has continued uniformly good. Comparatively few cases have required medical advice, and nearly all of these have been of such a nature that they were able to attend for relief at my surgery. During the two years two deaths have occurred in connection with the School.

The School has now for several years fortunately escaped invasion from any form of infectious disease, even measles, which was so extensively epidemic during the past year, failed to gain an entrance.

The good health of the boys in the institution, while no doubt due largely to the healthy surroundings in which they are placed, also owes much to the watchful and almost parental care of Mr. and Mrs. Norman, who continue to manage the boys with tact and firmness, as well as kindness.

A. W. H. LINDSAY,

*Surg. to Prov. Ind. School.*

## SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Lieut.-Governor.....	\$10 00	Fraser, W. J.....	\$ 3 00
Archibold, E. P.....	4 00	Gibson, John.....	10 00
Adams, E. D.....	2 00	Gray, B. G.....	10 00
Austen Bros.....	1 00	Greer, G. M.....	1 00
Aikins, Thos. B.....	20 00	Gunn, A. & Co.....	5 00
Blackadar, Mrs. C. C.....	5 00	Goudge, H.....	1 00
Blackadar, C. C.....	5 00	Grant, A.....	2 00
B. & B.....	4 00	Halifax Carpet Co.....	2 00
Boak, G. E. & Co.....	5 00	Hart, Levi.....	2 00
Brown, Thos. A.....	20 00	Hart, R. I.....	20 00
Brown, Thos.....	2 00	Hyde, W. S.....	1 00
Brookfield, W. H.....	5 00	Hesslein, H. & Sons.....	10 00
Burns, Adam.....	10 00	Jones, Hon. A. G.....	5 00
Burns, Rev. Dr.....	5 00	Keith, Donald.....	2 00
Bell, A. J.....	2 00	Kaizer, A. G.....	1 00
Bell, A. M.....	20 00	Lawson, Harrington & Co.....	8 00
Bell, H. H.....	2 00	Longard Bros.....	5 00
Black, Miss C. H.....	5 00	Menger, J.....	2 00
Black, S. H.....	2 00	Morse, J. E.....	1 00
Black, M. P.....	25 00	Morrow, M. R.....	2 00
Brookfield, S. M.....	20 00	Mott, J. P. & Co.....	10 00
Chipman, J. A.....	2 00	Morrison, E.....	5 00
Coleman, W. J.....	2 00	Morrow, Jas.....	10 00
Cornelius, J.....	1 00	Mahon Bros.....	5 00
Cogswell, Rev. W. H.....	20 00	Mathers, I. H.....	1 00
Cogswell, Miss E. J., } England.....	40 00	Mackintosh, J. C.....	5 00
Cook, H.....	2 00	Motton, Robt.....	1 00
Crear, John.....	5 00	Moir, W. C., Son & Co.....	10 00
Creighton, C. E. & Co.....	4 00	Maclean, J. S.....	20 00
Doull & Miller.....	10 00	Musgrave & Morrison.....	2 00
Duffield, A.....	4 00	Oland, S., Son & Co.....	5 00
Dun, Wiman & Co.....	5 00	Payne, T. J.....	1 00
DeWolfe, J. E.....	1 00	Parker, Hon. D. McN.....	10 00
Farquharson, J.....	2 00	Parker, F. G.....	2 00
Faulkner, G. E.....	2 00	Payzant, J. Y.....	2 00
Forrest, James.....	5 00	Pickford & Black.....	20 00
Fordham, A.....	2 00	Read, Dr. H. H.....	3 00
Fraser, S.....	2 00	Rent, G.....	3 00
Franklyn, G. E.....	5 00	Ritchie, Thos. A.....	30 00
Friend.....	2 00	Ritchie, T.....	5 00
".....	9 74	Robertson, W.....	5 00
".....	1 00	Sarre, W. C.....	1 00
		Sheraton, A. B.....	2 00

Silver, W. C. ....	\$10 00	Thomson, James .....	40 00
Silver, J. & Co .....	2 00	Thomson, G. ....	5 00
Smith, E. G. ....	5 00	Thorne, E. L. ....	3 00
Smith, J. Wesley .....	5 00	Taylor, Robt. ....	5 00
Schwartz, W. H. & Son. . . . .	2 00	Temple, H. L. ....	1 00
Scott, James. ....	5 00	Uniacke, Robie .....	4 00
Sterling, Mrs. W. S. ....	5 00	White, S. A. ....	10 00
Stairs, Hon. W. J. ....	30 00	Wilmot, Mrs. L. A. ....	5 00
Sweet, R. J. ....	4 00	Wilmot, Mrs. L. A., 2nd donation .....	30 00
Starr, John. ....	5 00	Wilson, J. E. ....	3 00
Thanksgiving, Chalmers' Church . . . . .	15 00	Woodbury, F. ....	2 00
do. per J. Burgoyne. . . . .	10 00		
Thanksgiving, Park St. Church. ....	\$23 70		

**Legacy 1887-88.**

Mrs. Northup.....	\$200 00
“ E. Binney.....	500 00
“ L. A. Wilmot.....	250 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
Estate of the late G. H. Starr.....	1
Late A. K. Doull's Legacy.....	2
City of Halifax.....	21
T. A. Ritchie.....	1
Estate of the late Mrs. Jer'h. Northup.....	1
Rev. J. McArthur, Quebec.....	1
W. E. Mitchell.....	1
Association for relief of Poor.....	1

**Guarantee Paid 1888.**

St. Andrew's Sabbath School.....	\$ 40 00
St. Matthew's Church S. S.....	00 00
G. H. Starr, Estate.....	40 00
St. Paul's S. School.....	40 00
Ritchie, T. A.....	40 00
City of Halifax.....	1125 00
Mrs. Tierney.....	100 00
Alex. Dow.....	30 00
Rev. J. McArthur.....	60 00
Mrs. Fraser.....	30 00
W. E. Mitchell.....	30 00
Association for relief of Poor.....	60 00

**Gifts for 1887-88.**

- Hon. Mr. Archibald—10 chaldron coal each year.  
 Methodist Book Room, per Mr. Heustis—"Wesleyan," weekly.  
 Mr. Fraser—"Critic," weekly.  
 J. C. Mackintosh—2 geese, 1887, and 2 turkeys, 1888.  
 Rev. Dr. Burns—2 geese, 1887, and 1 turkey, 1888.  
 Longard Bros.—2 turkeys, 1817, and 2 turkeys, 1888.  
 Brooks & Co.—1 ham, 1887, and 1 turkey, 1888.  
 Rev. Mr. Strothard—Oranges, candies, etc.  
 R. W. Fraser—Basket doughnuts, 1887. Do. 1888.  
 E. G. Smith—1 parcel candies, 1887. Do. 1888.  
 Moir & Son—1 box biscuit, 1887. Do. 1888, and 1 for pic-nic.  
 J. S. Maclean—1 box biscuit, 1887. Do. 1888.  
 Brown & Webb—6 bottles syrup, 1887. Do. 1888, and 1 gal. for pic-nic.  
 Mrs. Hesslien—3 geese, 1887. Do. 1888.  
 Alderman Pickering—1 parcel clothing, 1888.  
 Alderman Cooke—1 parcel games, 1887. Do. 1888.  
 Mr. S. E. Whiston—1 book for library, 1887. Do. 1888.  
 James Bowes & Sons—250 copies Report, '87.

## Financial Statement of the Halifax Protestant Industrial School.

1887.	DR.	CR.
Dec. 31.	To balance .....	By Shoe Department.....
1838.	.....\$ 607 76	" Kindling Wood.....
Dec. 31.	" Clothing acct.....	" Carpet Department.....
	" Diet.....	" Guarantees.....
	" Fuel and Oil.....	" City.....
	" Insurance.....	" Donations.....
	" Wages and Salary.....	" Special for debt.....
	" Labor on Farm.....	" Proceeds "At Home".....
	" Farm Expenses.....	"    " Concert.....
	" Repairs.....	" Thanksgivings.....
	" Furniture.....	" Interest.....
	" Sundries.....	" Withdrawn from Savings Bk.....
	" Slabs, &c.....	" Rent of Cottage.....
	" Water rate.....	" Use of Steam, R. Taylor.....
	" Funeral Expense.....	" Hire of boy.....
	" Paid on acct. of New Engine.....	" Sale of farm produce.....
	" Purchase of Cow.....	" Balance.....
	" Balance with Supt.....	
	\$5107 25	\$5107 25
1839.	To balance .....	
Jan. 1.	.....\$ 625 37	
May 22nd, 1839.		
Examined and found correct.		

S. E. WHISTON.

Halifax, 31st Dec., 1838.  
E. D. MEYSELL.