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 Managers of Cabinet Makers' Department, M. BETHUNE

REPORT.

THE year just closed has been in many respects an important one for the Institution over which the Committee presides. A large amount of work has been done ;—many boys have left the school and many others have been admitted. As perfection is to be found nowhere in this world, it must not be looked for either in the lads who are being trained in the home, in the directors and officers of the Institution, or in the practical working of this Industrial Establishment. The element with which all those in authority has to deal is not that which is the most malleable and pliable in the moral kingdom, nor are all the means and appliances for reducing it to form as yet in the possession of those in control ; hence, we do find occasionally that our best schemes are frustrated and our brightest hopes are disappointed. Our judgment may now and then be in fault and that which we thought would be for the best has sometimes turned out differently to our anticipations. But while we acknowledge that the Institution has not yet reached a state of perfection, we present our yearly report with much satisfaction and with deep gratitude to God for the work which he has enabled us to perform during the past twelve months.

Let us take a brief review of the year—we will begin with the state of the Roll from the 1st of January 1872, to the thirty-first of December 1872. On the first day of the year there were fifty-one boys under care and instruction within the building and seventeen were admitted during the twelve months following, making the whole number sixty-eight. Of these twenty-one have left the school, so that there are now resident in the House a total of fifty-seven.

Now let us see for what reasons these boys left the school, and on what ground the others were admitted. First, then, of the twenty-one who went away eleven entered upon work at their several trades learned in our school, and it is a great

gratification to the Committee to be able to state that all these are doing well in their respective places, except one, who not being equal to his work very wisely returned in order to learn more of it. One was restored to his father; one was exchanged for a brother who more required the discipline and training of the school than he; one was sent to the country under the guardianship of a respectable farmer to work on his farm; five were injudiciously taken by their parents without the approval of the Committee, (but of these two have voluntarily returned to finish learning their trade); and, finally, two wickedly advised by pretended friends ran away from the school and managed to get out of the Province. This briefly accounts for the departure of the number already named, and on the whole is very gratifying, since but two out of the twenty-one who left actually sought by flight freedom from the restraint imposed upon them, and only three really were permanently kept by their unwise parents from receiving the benefit of the instruction offered by the institution.

We must now turn to those who were received into the House. The whole number is seventeen, of these seven were admitted under sentence passed upon them by the Stipendiary Magistrate; one took the place of his brother; six were handed over by their friends; three orphan lads were readmitted;—two of them having returned from places in the country with which they were, for various reasons, dissatisfied, and one of them, as already mentioned, finding himself deficient in knowledge of his trade begged permission to return for the purpose of improving himself. We have reason to hope that these fifty seven boys are, as a rule, doing well and becoming fitted for various kinds of work in the town and country—and this leads us to speak of the different industries in which they were engaged during the year.

We will begin with the first established trade,—that of shoemaking. The amount of work done in this department has not been so large as in some former years;—and this has arisen from a general depression in the trade during the summer and autumn. Mr. Robt. Taylor gave us work from the beginning of April until about the beginning of October;

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but at this time he did not find it convenient to employ us, but we have good hope he will soon do so again. We did, however, obtain a limited number of orders from Mr. Yates, which we were able to fill, and, thus, we have in a measure kept our thirteen young shoemakers at work a good proportion of the time—though, of course, we have not derived so large a revenue as we hoped from this source towards the support of the Establishment.

Next comes the cabinet-makers' shop. Here eight of the elder boys are employed, and we are pleased in being in a position to say that this Department has been in a very satisfactory state throughout the year. It has not only paid itself, but there will be by the spring an amount of stock in hand, to the value of \$800, to dispose of. To give some idea of what has been done in this branch, and that our patrons and friends may really have facts before them to shew the result of their efforts to foster the Institution, we would state that three hundred and fifty-two tables have been made, six side boards, thirty-five packing boxes, seventy-eight wash stands, two book cases, five bureaus, six clothes horses, four benches, six wardrobes,—and forty chairs repaired. But this is not all—on the premises have been erected a large fowl house, and an engine house, (to be presently spoken of) all the carpenter work of which was done by those boys who are learning their trade under Mr. Grierson in the cabinet maker's shop. We cannot help thinking that this is a large result from this department of labor, and as we are pleased with it ourselves feel that our supporters will also be.

We now come to the tailor's shop. In this seven boys have been employed. No great amount of work has been done; but all of our own tailoring has been accomplished by these few lads and, as a proof that they really know a good deal of their trade, twenty coats which were simply cut out by the Master Tailor, who some time previously had resigned his place, were completely finished without any oversight or assistance from him and were pronounced by him to be of really excellent workmanship. We ought to inform the public interested in our proceedings that Mr. McDonald, the Master alluded to, left us in the spring to set up business on

his own account, and that we have not as yet been successful in filling up his berth with a suitable person.

The last division of systematic labor now comes in order before us, that of the kindling wood. The number of bundles made and sold during the year was seventy-seven thousand and ninety-five. Now all of these were made in the kindling wood shop by an average of twelve of the smaller boys of the House, and produced as a return nearly one thousand dollars;—out of this the price of the material has, of course, to be deducted. But this is a great work to be accomplished when we consider the crude machinery by means of which it was done—the whole power for driving the circular saw being the muscles of eight little pairs of arms.

These four departments account for the employment of forty boys. The remaining seven were engaged as follows; four take care of and drive the horses and carts,—two going with each,—and three take turn in domestic work within the house, attending to the dining room, school room and halls, or assisting in the kitchen.

There was beside this regular and organised work a great deal accomplished in other ways. For instance, the garden was reduced to order and the rough, rocky land brought into such a state that not only were all the vegetables for summer use raised, but all the beets, turnips, carrots, cabbages, necessary for the winter's consumption, and a good supply of potatoes. Through the summer and early in autumn two horses and two cows were pastured, and sufficient hay was cut and housed to feed the cows until the spring. The road from the back entrance of the House to the second gate was made, and a considerable share of ornamental finishing in front of the House was accomplished, as may be seen in the circular road, the green sward Terrace, and the grading of the Flower Garden.

We now come to the additions to the premises, and the improvements made in the House and in the workshops devoted to the Industrial branches. Of these we note, *first*, the successful experiment of lighting the building with an underground gas machine, costing \$600 when actually com-

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Unable to supply the great demand for kindling wood with the weak force of which we were possessed, we found it necessary to supply more power, and it was finally decided to purchase a steam engine. By a certain arrangement entered into when the workshop was building a sum of \$600 was available for this purpose. This together with the generous offer of \$300 from Miss Cogswell, \$100 from Mr. Collins, \$50 from Mr. Stirling, \$50 from Mr. Bland and other sums led to procuring a very fine engine from New Glasgow which, when at work,—as it probably will be when this report is printed,—will have cost about \$1600. It has been placed in an addition erected at the back of and adjoining the main workshop. Over the steam engine is a drying room of good dimensions, and in this is a steam box for steaming wood for the cabinet makers shop. From the drying room there is a “shoot” down which the dried wood will slide into the kindling department. We shall soon hear, we trust, the stirring whirr of the circular saw, the jig saws and the laths, as the powerful steam engine drives the wheels, and see the little fellows whose strength was spent in turning a huge crank, utilized in labor more suited to their size and years. We fully expect that this new strength gained by the introduction of the steam engine will aid us materially in our future operations.

The health of the boys during the year has been remarkably good. We have had no serious sickness nor accident. The school is regularly taught by a most efficient master, Mr. Wilson, and a reasonable amount of progress is made by some of the lads. The boys, as hitherto, attended S. Paul's Church, where they have seats assigned them, and on Sunday afternoons they attend School for religious instruction under a band of teachers headed by Miss Cogswell, for whose unwearied labor of love the Committee ever feel most grateful. On the whole we return our hearty thanks to God for all His blessing on our efforts to sustain and improve the institution with the charge of which he has honored us.

Some difficulties in such a work will occasionally arise ; and the public will criticise. But we do not object to close watching and sharp scrutiny ; we rather try to improve by them. Mr. Hyeres, who so long had the shoe shop under his charge, having learned his trade with us, has set up business for himself, and the Committee wish him much success. Mr. Grierson, our able and indefatigable superintendent, still is blessed by God with good bodily health and mental vigor, devoting himself to the various and complicated duties of his office with his customary zeal and peculiar ability. We trust that the day is not far distant when all his brightest hopes for the Industrial School will be realized, and that many boys may learn under him, not alone their trades, but the way of everlasting life.

Mrs. Grierson and Miss Parrot still unite their zealous and well-directed efforts with those of the superintendent in the management of the internal economy of the School, and it may truly be said that the boys have a mother's kind care and watchfulness.

Before we close our report we desire to express our grateful thanks to Dr. Slayter for his professional attendance whenever required, as also to Mr. H. A. Taylor, for his generously acting without remuneration as agent, in receiving all orders for any kind of work to be done at the Establishment ; to Dr. Dodge for his valuable services in several cases, and finally to Dr. Cogswell for also gratuitously attending to those who needed his skill.

The financial statement in detail will be found in another page, to which we turn the attention of our friends, reminding them of the help which God has graciously placed in their power to give. God has moved them to help us in the past, may He move them to help us in the future.

PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION.

We showed in our Report for last year that we were in debt to the extent of \$1800.00 from various causes, chiefly because we had never received the amount required to build

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and equip the new Home, workshops, &c. At the outset we had informed the public that \$13,000.00 would be needed for the new premises. We received less than \$12,000.— Besides we had to make improvements on the grounds, pay interest, meet the increased expenses of living, &c. We applied to the Provincial Government for a grant of \$2,100, on the ground that the work was public work, and that \$24,000 had been raised by voluntary effort, but no response in the shape of money was made to the application. We asked collections from all the churches and received promises from all, but performance from only two or three, so that the whole amount from this source amounted to less than \$200.

In these circumstances we borrowed on mortgage, on the lot that we intend to sell, \$3,000, paid the note for \$1,193.90 previously due on it, and with the balance paid our liabilities. Our position on this count then is that we owe \$3,000, and that we intend to sell as much of our land as will pay that amount when the time is most favorable for selling. In order to give more freedom to the Superintendent and to render our liabilities as a committee more definite, we made a new arrangement with Mr. Grierson, beginning with 1st July, 1872, in accordance with which he is to receive \$60.00 per boy, and to pay all the expenses of the Institution, except Insurance, Interest on debt and improvements. That will require us to raise a regular revenue of \$3,000 for fifty boys, and about \$600 additional for other objects. But as we have no such amount now it is absolutely necessary to increase our ordinary subscription list from \$1,000 to double that amount. For the rest of the required sum we can depend on guarantees and occasional donations. When we made the new arrangement with Mr. Grierson, we commenced in midsummer, and the subscriptions for 1872 had been spent; but we anticipated that the February subscriptions for 1873 would put us right. They will only do so however if on a more liberal scale than formerly. On December 31st, 1872, we are in debt \$1,119 62, less guarantees outstanding \$360.00, and this amount should be raised specially if the subscriptions of 1873 are to carry us to the

end of the year. We have frankly stated that our revenue has been insufficient. No one would tolerate us if we made it sufficient by reducing the number of the boys when we have ample accommodation for them, and we have no other alternative than our appeal, which past experience tells us to make confidently for enlarged contributions.



THE following persons guarantee the payment of \$40 each per ann. for the Board of 47 Boys now in the Institution.

D. H. M. Starr, & C. H. M. Black	1
R. C. Harris, & W. Duffus	1
Rev. G. M. Grant, & R. C. Harris.....	1
Mrs. William Cunard.....	1
St. Matthew's Sabbath School	2
" & Mrs Esson	1
St. Paul's Sabbath School	2
Rev. W. H. L Cogswell	2
Jubilee Sewing Circle.....	3
Edward Binney Esq.	1
Lord Bishop Nova Scotia	1
William Cunard Esq	1
Brunswick Street Sabbath School	1
James Farquhar Esq	1
Miss Cogswell	3
St. Andrew's Sabbath School.....	1
Chalmers Church Sabbath School	1
G. H. Starr Esq	1
Grafton St. Sabbath School	1
City of Halifax.....	13
Mrs. Joseph Belcher.....	1
Late A. K. Doull's Legacy.....	3
Sheriff Lawrence	1
Free List.....	3

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Wylde, Hart & Co.....	5.00	M. H. Richey.....	2.50
C. F. Reynolds.....	1.00	W. L. Black.....	10.00
S. A. Sinclair.....	5.00	J. S. Maclean.....	20.00
E. J. Longard.....	3.00	Jer. Northup.....	20.00
Adam Burns.....	10.00	Smith Bros.....	5.00
Robt. Boak, Junr.....	10.00	C. Robson & Co.....	4.00
Geo. Fraser.....	1.00	E. G. Stayner.....	4.00
Jno. Y. Payzant.....	2.00	H. Romans.....	4.00
M. B. Almon.....	8.00	D. Starr & Sons.....	10.00
Moir & Co.....	2.00	A. G. Jones.....	10.00
Clement C. F.....	3.00	Anderson, Billing & Co	10.00
R. M. Constant.....	1.00	Wm. Duffus.....	20.00
C. H. M. Black.....	10.00	Young man, per J.	
John Whitman.....	1.00	Belcher.....	3.00
Friend.....	2.00	J. B. Gray.....	1.00
J. N. Chipman.....	5.00	Hy. Hesslein.....	8.00
K. Jennings.....	3.00		
J. B. Elliott.....	1.50	His Honor Sir Hastings	
Thos. M. Braine.....	2.00	Doyle.....	20.00
Wm. Dunbar.....	2.00	W. J. Lewis.....	50.00
A. Woodgate.....	5.00	R. C. Harris, pr. Rev. G	
M. F. Eagar.....	2.00	M. Grant.....	40.00
C. Fletcher.....	2.00	G. H. Starr.....	20.00
James Donaldson.....	20.00	Rev. G. M. Grant.....	20.00
B. H. Collins.....	20.00	W. C. Menzies.....	10.00
Sir William Young....	20.00	Rev. J. F. Campbell...	10.00
Alex. McLeod.....	5.00	Mr. Hawker.....	10.00
Thos. A. Ritchie.....	15.00	George Thompson.....	5.00
E. C. Twining.....	2.50	Miss Burton.....	2.00
John C. Haliburton ...	10.00	S. Ferguson.....	5.00
R. Parker.....	2.00		
A. Keith.....	5.00		

DONATIONS, LEGACIES, &C.

Received during the year in addition to special list.

Rev. G. M. Grant's Lecture	\$190.00
St. Matthew's Church Collection	103.00
Hon. J. Northup	50 00
James Thomson, Esq.	50.00
Bequest of late Robert Noble	40.00
Miss Cogswell to aid Assts. Salary	40 00
Grafton Street Church Collection	31.00
Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch	20.00
Collection at Annual Meeting	18.72
Chalmers Church Collection	15.00
D. J. Smith, Esq.	12.50
Port William Sabbath School	10.00

In aid of Mr. Bethune's Salary, per S. M. Brookfield.

S. M. Brookfield, Esq.	29.67
John Shireff	2.00
James Rosbourough	2.00
William Burgess	2.00
Nova Scotia Iron Works	10.33
N. Wirell	2.00
Mr. Morrish	1.00
Joseph Davies.	1.00

Bal. in Saving's Bank per P. C. Hill..... 60.45

Jesse Hoyt, Esq, one Car load coals. 6 8 9 6 7
 Hon. T. D. Archibald, C. B., 16 Chaldrons Coal.
 John Doull, & J. & R. B. Seeton, Esqrs.—Coal.
 S. M. Brookfield, Esq., —Gates and plans.
 City of Halifax,—4 lots in Cemetery.
 Mrs. Fenerty, for Christmas Dinner,—3 Cakes.
 Edward Binney, Esq.—2 barrels apples, 2 boxes figs, 1 box raisins.
 Richard Currie, for New year's dinner,—Carcase of mutton & Roast
 Beef.

Contribntions towards Steam Power.

Profit of work shop contract	\$600.00
Miss Cogswell	300.00
B. H. Collins, Esq.	100.00
W. S. Stirling, Esq.	50.00
J. B. Bland, Esq.	50.00
S. M. Brookfield, Esq.	24.00

\$1,124.00

Probable cost of steam power and machinery..... \$2,200.00

HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

D.R. Profit and Loss Account, January 31st, 1873. C.R.

1872.	
<p>June. To Cabinet Shop..... \$ 59.67 " Dietary..... 969.52 " Clothing..... 450.05 " Fuel..... 59.45 " Bedding..... 47.82 " Repairs and improvements... 463.96 " Expenses acct..... 1291.30 " do..... 740.57 " Commission..... 27.05 " Irrecoverable debts..... 83.95 Dec. 31. Maintenance acct..... 1375.00 " Interest..... 181.43 " Insurance..... 126.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>\$ 5825.27</u></p>	<p>By Balance per last statement..... \$ 189.68 Jun. 30 " Shoe Shop..... 79.96 " " Tailor's Shop..... 76.96 " " Kindling Wood..... 339.45 " " Errand Boys..... 101.97 " " Donations and Subscribers... 1972.67 " " Guarantees..... 1944.96 Dec. 31 " Balance..... 1119.62</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>\$5825.27</u></p>
<p>1873. Jan. 1 To Balance..... \$1119.62</p>	