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The Managers of the News-boys' Lodging have much pleasure in being able to report the close of another year of successful work among the neglected children of the street ; and in doing so they have, once more, to make grateful acknowledgement of the valuable co-operation so heartily and efficiently rendered by the Ladies' Committee, who undertake the entire oversight and charge of all domestic arrangements of the Home.

There are two classes of boys under the care of this Institution : 1st. Casual wanderers who, after obtaining shelter for a few nights,—generally in the most inclement winter season,—are lost sight of ; or drift back again to the Home, after fruitless efforts at self-maintenance, or a renewed trial of mendicancy and such wretched shelter as drunken or criminal parents will give. The 2nd are permanent lodgers, to whom the News-boys' Lodging is their only home ; and who continue to regard it as such, and to visit it from time to time, for years after they have ceased to be its inmates.

One or two examples of those admitted during the past year will best illustrate the class for whom such a home is required.

T. P., aged 10. His father, an old pensioner, is an habitual drunkard : his step-mother sent him out to beg, and beat him when he failed to bring home a sufficient amount.

W. W., aged 10. Father dead, mother a disgraceful drunkard. The boy habitually trained to beg : and living on the street ; often afraid to go home for days.

W. O., aged 9. Mother dead, father in the Kingston Penitentiary, elder brother in Penetanguishene Reformatory ; was living with a sister who is leading a dissolute life ; and required him to earn his daily board by begging.

The condition of those, as of other boys who reach the home, looking as if they had come down the chimney, is explained by the fact that the poor little houseless vagrants had found shelter the night before, in the coal sheds of the city gas works.

With these, as with other boys of the same class, the first difficulty is to cure them of acquired habits, and especially to impress them with the meanness and degradation of begging. The above named boys are now fairly started as news-boys, paying their way as lodgers in the Home ; and in a fair way, it is hoped, for acquiring ideas of honest industry.

From year to year the Managers are encouraged by gratifying evidence of permanent good accomplished by the Institution. The News-boys' Lodging has now been in existence for ten years ; and several of its earliest inmates, now grown to manhood, have visited it during the past year, to express their gratitude for the opportunity which it afforded them to win their way to an honest independence. A lady, in recently sending her subscription for the N. B. L. by a youth who had formerly been one of the inmates, stated that, though residing in her service, he had always seemed to look upon, and to speak of the Lodging as his home ; but now he has become a member of a Christian church ; and has his leisure occupied in Sunday School work.

JUVENILE CRIMINAL LAW.

The Managers have still to deplore the mischievous operation of our unsatisfactory Criminal Law. From time to time, boys of tender years are arrested on some trifling charge, detained sometimes for days, on remand ; or committed for brief

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terms to gaol, from whence they return, after associating with young thieves and desperadoes, with the reformatory work of months undone by a system wholly evil in its results. During the present year three boys, E. B., aged 13; J. D., aged 14; and W. C., aged 15; were, on the mere charge of trespass, convicted by the Police Magistrate, each fined \$2, with the addition of \$3 of expenses; and in default of payment, were committed to gaol for ten days.

The Managers have, in former years, invited the attention of the legislature to this subject, and urged the substitution of summary corporal punishment in all cases of juvenile crime under 15 or 16 years of age. They can only renew their protest against a system which admits of a proceeding so monstrous as the committing of a child at the age of thirteen to the gaol provided for the incarceration of the most dissolute class of our criminal population.

RESULTS.

The following is a brief summary of results. There have been 139 boys resident in the lodging during the past year, of whom 86 were admitted for the first time. Work of some kind or other has been provided for all; and they have shared in the training and instruction of the Superintendent and Visitors. For those who are untrained in any special work, the newsboys' occupation, and in summer that of the shoe-black, are available; and when necessary the Superintendent aids them in starting, with money as well as advice.

During the past year \$16.70 have been advanced from the loan-fund to provide destitute boys with their first stock of newspapers, or otherwise to enable them to make their first efforts towards industrious occupation and self-support; and of this only 60 cents remains to be repaid. But in all cases the selling of papers is regarded as only a temporary occupation, to serve as the first incentive towards steady habits and ideas of independence. The final object always kept in view, is to put them on the way of permanent employment, or to get them

trained in some trade or occupation which may lead to their future success in life. During the past year 25 boys have been sent to situations, or otherwise provided with regular employment.

SAVINGS BANK.

The Savings Bank continues in successful operation : and in spite of hard times, has maintained its credit as a most useful branch of the work. The first deposit of the newly reclaimed vagrant is an important step, involving entirely novel motives and aims ; and in not a few cases has proved to be the beginning of habits of honest industry and thrift. The deposits are in many cases temporary ; the small accumulations being withdrawn from time to time, for supplies of papers, clothing, or to pay their daily 10 cents, when they have been unsuccessful in their precarious trade as news-venders. But the laying by for the future is in itself an important lesson ; and even the learning to know that they can deposit their savings with the Superintendent, and reclaim them when needed, is the beginning of entirely new ideas ; as is often seen in the contrast between the jealous suspicions of a strange boy when first admitted into the Lodging, and the confidence inspired in the older occupants as the result of their experience.

During the past year there have been 45 depositors in the bank, of sums varying from the lowest of 34 cents, to the highest of \$76 ; and amounting in all to \$504.57. The depositors are encouraged by a quarterly addition of 5 per cent. on their deposits. Banking operations on such a scale may tempt grave financiers to smile. But experience proves that their indirect results are in many cases of great and permanent value, as incentives to frugality and industry.

HOME FINANCES.

The payments of the boys for board and lodging, including an extra charge for dinners on week-days (specially provided for those in regular employment,) for washing, and for their

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lockers, has amounted during the past year to \$619.97. In addition to this they have contributed from their own savings to pay the first night's board of 23 destitute boys, a sum of \$2.30; and there has been collected from teachers and boys, in the Sunday Mission School, a sum of \$30, towards the purchase of a melodeon.

The free Sunday dinner continues to prove an effective encouragement to good conduct; and to maintain pleasant home associations in the minds of the boys.

VISITORS.

The work of Sunday and Weekly Visitors is now organized with more-systematic regularity than in earlier years; and the Managers have to record their grateful thanks for the kind and assiduous labours of the ladies and gentlemen by whom this is faithfully carried out. Four nights in the week are now devoted to reading, writing and arithmetic; books, slates, and maps have been provided; and thus the evenings pass away profitably as well as pleasantly for the boys.

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Mission Sunday School has been continued under the superintendence of Mr. W. D. M. Finch, with the efficient aid of the ladies and gentlemen who kindly act as teachers. In addition to the inmates of the Home, former lodgers and boys of the same class are encouraged to attend. The average attendance has amounted to nearly 40. The time is from 3 to 4.30 p. m., and the services of additional teachers will be gratefully welcomed.

By a more convenient re-arrangement of the rooms, the former dining-room is now set apart for the Sunday-school and the Home Lodge of Good Templars; and the Managing Committee have much gratification in stating that the room has been nicely furnished at a cost of \$32.10, the joint contribution of the Toronto Sabbath-schools, in token of their kindly sympathy for the poor news-boys.

TREASURER.

Owing to the serious illness of the Treasurer, Mr. G. L. Beardmore, which ultimately necessitated his going home to Europe, the duty of collecting funds, and otherwise superintending the finances, has occasioned some anxiety to the Managing Committee. The Treasurer's report shows the receipts and expenditure of the year, including the sum of \$619.97 derived from the boys' own payments.

The Managers have to acknowledge a bequest of \$100 left by the will of the late John McBean, Esq., by whose death the Institution was deprived of the services of one of its most faithful and efficient friends. The sum has been invested in the Building and Loan Association, yielding 6 per cent.

They have also again to record grateful acknowledgements for a grant of \$240 by the Provincial Parliament, and of \$400 by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City. They have also to renew their acknowledgements to other kind friends and subscribers to whose liberality they are indebted for the means of carrying on the Home. To such, they are assured, that the most acceptable return will be found in the assurance that, with the blessing of God on the means thus contributed, a home and friends have been found for those who but for this must, in all human probability, have grown up members of the criminal class, the pests of society, and the costly inmates of our gaols.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davey continue to fulfil their duties as Superintendent and Matron to the satisfaction of the Managing Committee. The Ladies' Committee report that they find the domestic arrangements are carried out carefully and economically; and that the management of the work specially devolving on the Matron merits their high commendation. The increasing interest manifested by the weekly visitors, and the more systematic instruction now carried on by them, have markedly increased the efficiency of the Home training. The Managers cordially invite all who are interested in such work to visit the Lodging on any evening, and judge for themselves of the success of this attempt to bring our rough little street Arabs under the kindly influence of Christian training.

Allan, H.
Ardagh, I.
Alcorn, M.
Allan, A.
Brown, F.
Blake, K.
Blain, M.
Bryce, M.
Beardmore,
Baldwin,
Blaikie, J.
Brown B.
Brock, W.
Brayley,
Buchan, I.
Clark, W.
Chapman,
Close, P.
Carpmail,
Carrie, F.
Dixon, E.
Delaport,
Dobbie,
Elliott &
Friend, A.
Friend, A.
Friend, A.
Fulton, A.
Gooderh,
Gillespie,
Gillespie,
Goulding,
Gzowski,
Gilmor,
Gzowski,
Howland

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1878-9.

Allan, Hon. G. W.....	\$ 5 00	Hagarty, Chief Justice....	\$ 20 00
Ardagh, Mrs.....	4 00	Hamilton, W. B.....	5 00
Alcorn, Mrs.....	5 00	Howland, O. A.....	5 00
Allan, A. A.....	3 00	Hamilton, A.....	5 00
Brown, Hon. George.....	25 00	Haldane, B.....	5 00
Blake, Kerr, Boyd & Cassels	20 00	Hallam, John.....	2 50
Blain, Mrs.....	10 00	Hoskin, John, Q.C.,.....	10 00
Bryce, McMurrich & Co....	10 00	Hodgson & Boyd.....	2 00
Beardmore, Geo. L.....	10 00	Hessin, John.....	2 00
Baldwin, Robert.....	5 00	Kay, John.....	5 00
Blaikie, J. L.....	5 00	Lesslie, James.....	30 00
Brown Bros.....	5 00	Livingston, Johnston & Co..	5 00
Brock, W. R. & Bro.....	5 00	Lumley, Mrs.....	5 00
Brayley, James & Co.....	4 00	Lailey, Thos. & Co.....	2 00
Buchan, Lawrence.....	2 00	Macdonald, John.....	50 00
Clark, W. M.....	4 00	May, Thos. & Co.....	10 00
Chapman, W.....	5 00	Morrison, Angus.....	10 00
Close, P. G. & Co.....	5 00	Michie, James.....	25 00
Carpmail, Mrs.....	2 00	Miller, Adam & Co.....	10 00
Carrie, R.....	2 00	Morrison, John.....	5 00
Dixon, B. Homer, K.N.L..	25 00	Moore, Chas. & Co.....	5 00
Delaporte, A. V.....	5 00	Munro, Mrs.....	5 00
Dobbie, J. A.....	2 00	Macpherson, Hon. D. L..	25 00
Elliott & Co.....	5 00	McMaster, A. R. & Bro....	10 00
Friend, A, per W.B.B.S...	15 00	McMaster, Hon. Wm.....	10 00
Friend, A.....	15 00	McGaw & Winnett.....	5 00
Friend, A.....	1 00	McMaster, W. J., McClung	
Fulton, A. T.....	5 00	& Co.....	5 00
Gooderham & Worts.....	10 00	McGee, D.....	5 00
Gillespie, John.....	5 00	McPherson, Mrs.....	5 00
Gillespie, Mead & Co.....	5 00	McCord, A. T.....	4 00
Goulding, Geo. & Sons....	5 00	Nelson, H. A. & Sons....	3 00
Gzowski & Morse.....	2 00	Northop & Lyman.....	5 00
Gilmor, Mrs..	2 00	Ogilvy & Co.....	5 00
Gzowski, Lieut.-Col.....	50 00	O'Brien, Henry.....	5 00
Howland, Hon. W. P.....	20 00	Oldright, Dr.....	2 00

Perkins, Ince & Co.....\$	5 00	1 roast beef; Mrs. D. Wilson, turkey;
Perkins, F.....	5 00	Mrs. G. Gooderham, two geese;
Pay, John.....	1 00	Miss Green, one turkey and cake;
Pollard, Mrs.....	10 00	Mrs. Hugh McDonald, one goose;
Quetton, St. George & Co..	1 00	Mrs. Blain, one goose and one tur-
Robertson, John, Son & Co	5 00	key; Mrs. Gillmore, buns and tarts;
Rose, Geo. M.....	5 00	Mrs. Beard, fruit for pudding; Miss
Rowell, H.....	5 00	Vandersmissen, cakes and apples;
Roaf, Mrs.....	5 00	Mr. Leslie, 1 barrel apples; Miss
Rice, Lewis & Son.....	5 00	Jennings, 2 ducks, and oranges;
Reid, Rev. Dr.....	1 50	Miss Jones, parcel sweets; Mrs.
Ryerson, C. Egerton.....	1 00	Grant, 1 goose; Mrs. Coleman,
Stayner, Sutherland.....	25 00	cake; Mrs. Carpmail, 1 turkey;
Samson, Kennedy & Gemmel	20 00	Miss Givin, 1 goose; Mrs. Geo.
Simpson, W. B. B.....	10 00	Brown, ½ sheep; Mr. Cromp-
Smith, J. E. Berkeley.....	5 00	ton, cake; W. J. Shaw, 10 loaves
Smith, Hon. Frank.....	5 00	bread; Mrs. Kirkland, mince pies;
Sessions, Cooper & Smith..	5 00	Mr. Pritchard, some cake; Mr.
Smith & Keighley.....	5 00	Stinson, large shell dish; Mrs. Mac-
Simpson, R.....	5 00	pherson, 1 turkey and ½ sheep;
Smith, G. B. & Henderson.	4 00	Mrs. H. Thompson, 2 shoulders
Taylor, S.....	5 00	lamb; Swan Bros., 7 geese; W.
Thomson, Wm.....	5 00	B. Hamilton, boots, \$5; C. Morse
Unknown, per D. W.....	5 00	& Co., 8 lbs. tea, \$5; Mr. Lee, 1
Vickers, John J.....	5 00	box strawberries; Mr. Leslie, 2
Wilson, Daniel.....	10 00	barrels apples; Mr. Inglis, 1 par-
Wilkes, Robert... ..	10 00	cel clothes, also one or two parcels

Christmas, and other gifts.

Mrs. H. Gooderham, one goose;
Mrs. J. Duggan, one turkey, one
tub butter; Mrs. C. C. Hooper,
1 ham; Mrs. Gzowski, 1 turkey,

1 roast beef; Mrs. D. Wilson, turkey;
Mrs. G. Gooderham, two geese;
Miss Green, one turkey and cake;
Mrs. Hugh McDonald, one goose;
Mrs. Blain, one goose and one tur-
key; Mrs. Gillmore, buns and tarts;
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Miss Jones, parcel sweets; Mrs.
Grant, 1 goose; Mrs. Coleman,
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Miss Givin, 1 goose; Mrs. Geo.
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& Co., 8 lbs. tea, \$5; Mr. Lee, 1
box strawberries; Mr. Leslie, 2
barrels apples; Mr. Inglis, 1 par-
cel clothes, also one or two parcels
of cast off clothes; Mr. Kingston,
clothes; Mrs. Boyd, 1 large parcel
clothes; Mr. Dawes, 1 doz. second
school books, and 5 Sunday-school
papers for the year; Mr. Irvine,
Sunday-school papers for year.



NEWSBOYS' LODGING.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1879.

DR.		CR.
Balance on hand, 1st April, 1878.....	\$ 85 75	
Legacy, J. McBean, Esq.....	100 00	Legacy of J. McBean, Esq., invested in Building & Loan Association.....
Province of Ontario grant, 1877.....	240 00	Superintendent's salary.....
“ “ “ 1878.....	240 00	House-keeping Expenses.....
City of Toronto, corporation grant.....	400 00	Printing and Stationery.....
General Subscriptions.....	739 00	Insurance.....
Subscription for Christmas Dinner.....	3 00	Boys' Savings Bank, interest and shortage....
Cash received from boys.....	619 97	Balance in Treasurer's hands.....
	\$2427 72	
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Audited and found correct.

GEO. HARCOURT,
J. J. WOODHOUSE, } *Auditors.*