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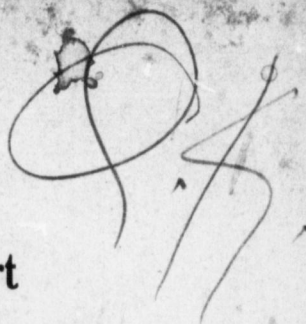


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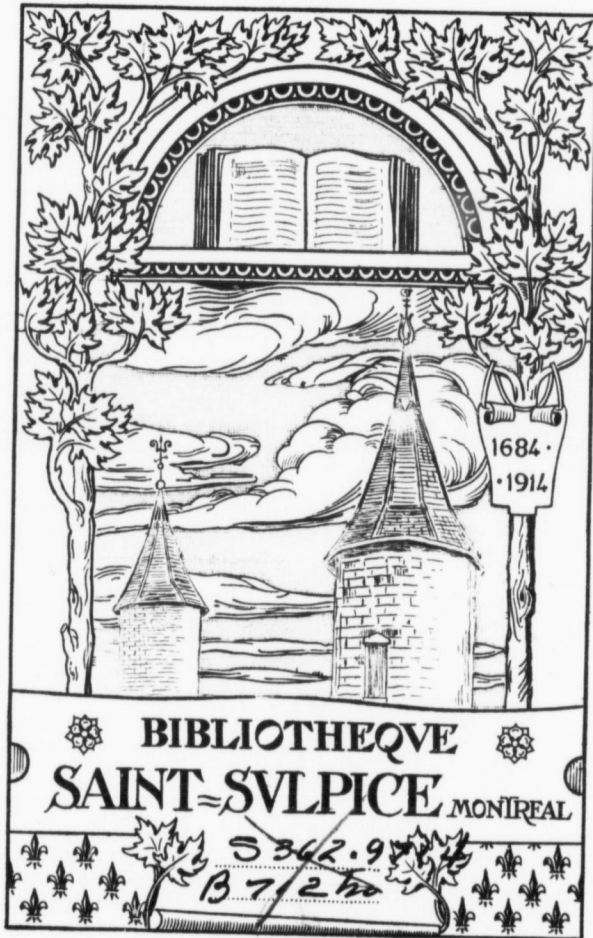
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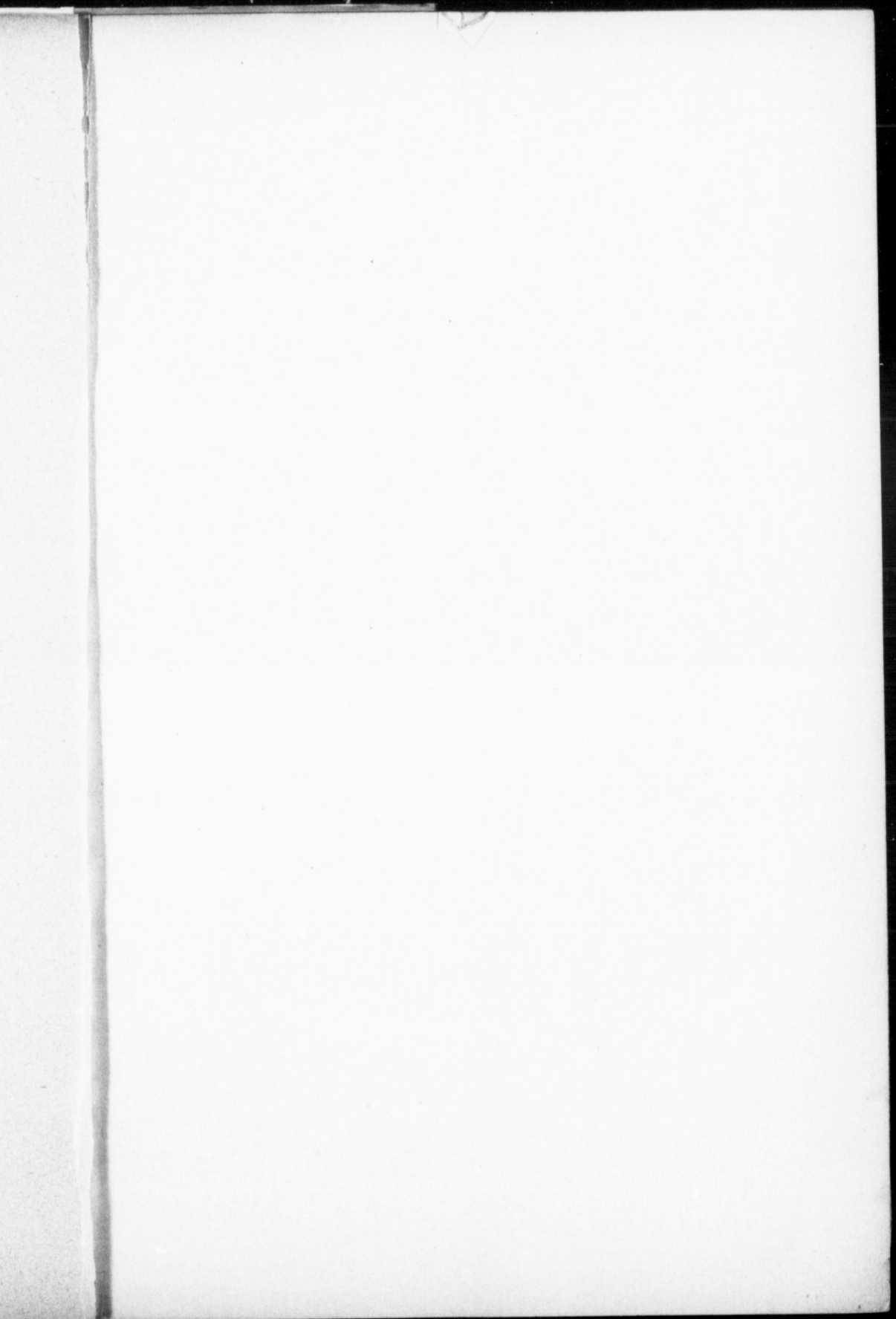
There are those here now, whose father was well to do not long ago, when together the family was happy in the comfortable home "when mother was there." But trials and reverses came through drink and other causes. But now, father is dead or gone, and mother dead or worse.

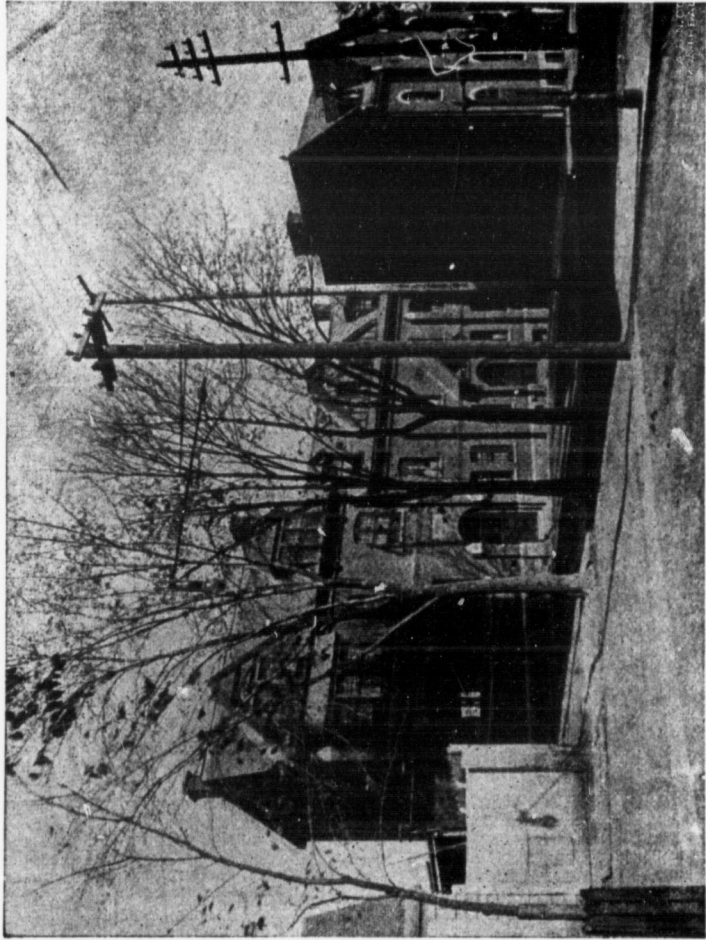
What parent can say, "My boy will never be in a Home, and dependent on other fatherly and motherly care?"

There are sad histories written within the space of one year.

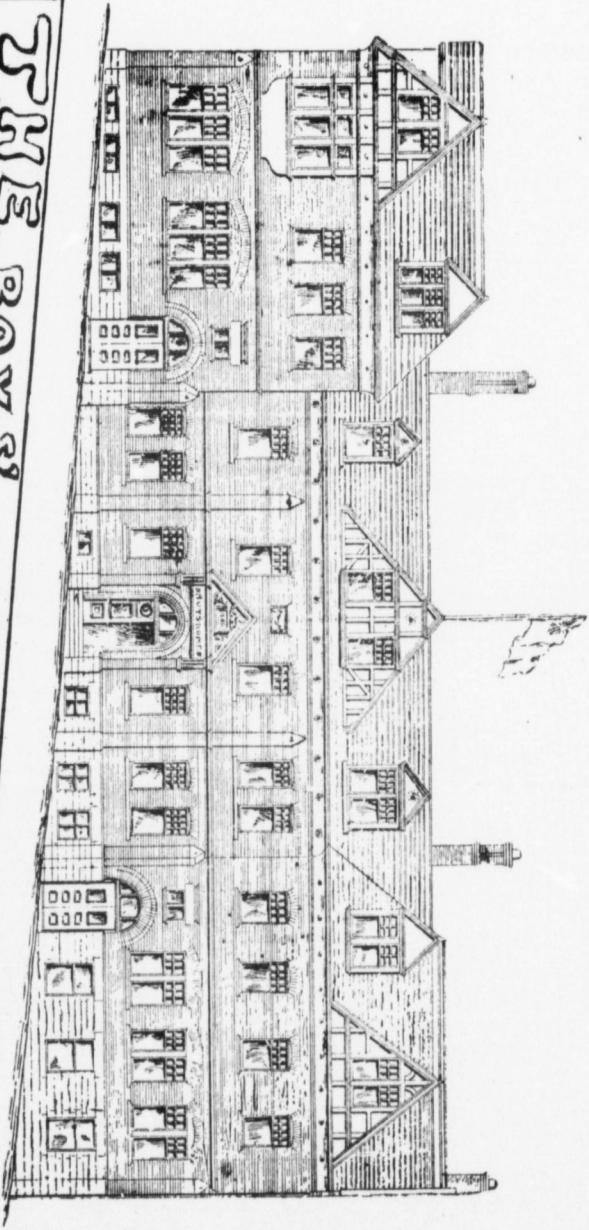
If you will take a destitute boy into your special care, by becoming responsible for his maintenance and education in the Boys' Home, the desire will be from Him who has promised to be the Father of the Fatherless, and thou shalt be His partner in the loving service and thine will be a special joy.







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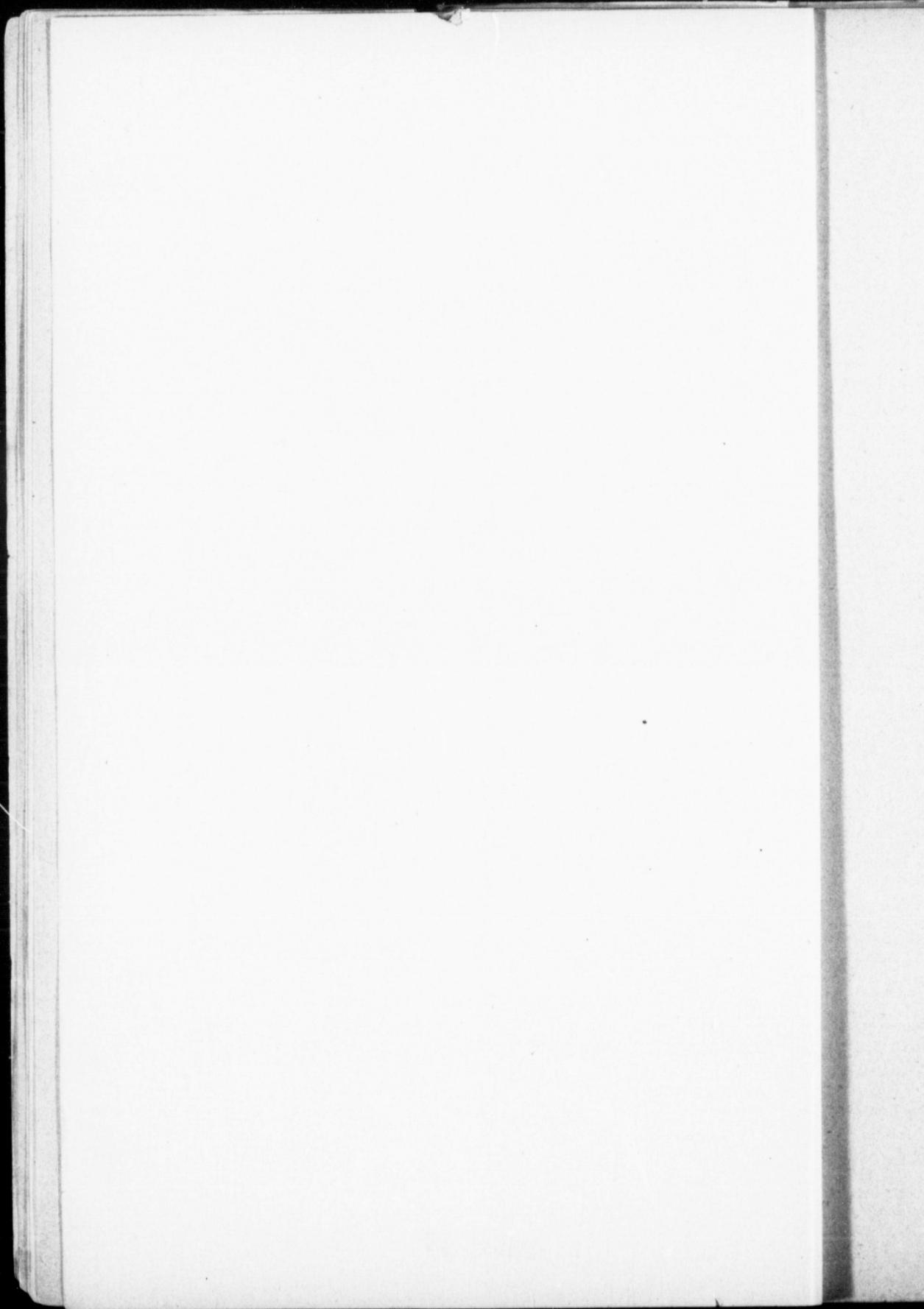
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THE BOYS' HOME.

The Anniversary of the Boys' Home was celebrated in a very appropriate manner last night, and a good number of friends and benefactors spent a most enjoyable evening with the boys.

Mr. J. R. Dougall, Vice-President, occupied the Chair in the absence of the President, Mr. Charles Alexander, who is spending the winter in the Bahamas for the benefit of his health, and who sent the following letter to the Vice-President to be read:—

"As I will be absent from—our annual 'Home Feast,' shall I call it,—our Boys' Home on the 6th of February, will you please excuse me to our friends, and take the responsibility of the meeting.

My physician says, 'Take a rest, as you have been over-doing it, and are not so young as you think you are' (I am in my 84th year).

Might I ask you to say a few words as from your absent friend.

1st. Gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the existence of 'Our Home,' and for its past and present usefulness, taking no mean place among our city benevolent institutions.

2. For the continued blessing of God on the good work done among our boys for their health, and for the healthful religious influences manifested in a few of the lads.

3rd. For God's continued kindness to our Superintendent and his good wife, who have been spared through the year to carry on their self-denying duties with so much faithfulness.

4th. Gratitude to the kind friends who have so graciously helped the Board financially; and our hope is that the time may soon come when we may receive, from the benevolence of the friends of the boys, the means necessary for the much-needed extension of our work."

In his opening remarks the Chairman referred to the rapidity with which the anniversaries recurred, marking the swift flight of time and the approach of maturer years for the lads. On the platform were the Rev. J. R. Webb, Messrs. George Hague, William Drysdale, Samuel Finley, J. S. Buchan, Q.C., Charles R. Black, S. M. Baylis, and C. S. J. Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer. Letters of regret were read from warm supporters of the cause who were unavoidably absent. The proceedings were enlivened, and all delighted, with vocal selection by Miss Marie Hollinshead and Mr. F. W. Fox, while the boys by cheers and songs at frequent intervals kept the meeting from any approach to dullness.

Mr. J. R. Dick, the Superintendent, then read his Annual Report, which is as follows:—

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR
ENDING 1899.

Gentlemen,—In reviewing the work of the past year, I wish first to acknowledge God, our Heavenly Father, as our helper and the source of all our manifold blessings.

The friends have not been unmindful of the boys under our charge, and our supplies have been according to our needs, and, especially at the festive season just past, our hearts have been made glad by the abundance of the gifts. But surely the spiritual side is cause for rejoicing also. Many lads have turned to the Lord and now seek to serve Him and bring others to enjoy the same Salvation.

I cannot speak too highly of the character and conduct of the majority of the boys; it has been a pleasure to serve and guide those striving after the best.

The general health has been good. No sickness of a serious nature has come to the lads. Surely we have been kept, considering that the boys come in contact with so many persons from homes where there is sickness.

Situations have not been plentiful, and the remuneration much less than was necessary in each case, still, all have done their best with what they had, and patiently wait for better days, which to young life is so long in coming. None have gone cold or hungry, but very few, if any, could afford to open a bank account. There has been disappointment in a few from whom we expected better things, they being in a hurry to be rich. The desire to be independent of any restrictions on their behaviour has led others to seek new homes who could ill-afford to be in boarding-houses. Eight of the lads who once called this their Home are now in South Africa or on their way, having responded to the call and duty to serve "Queen and Empire." A few called to say "Good-bye" before leaving, and requested us to remember them in our daily prayers.

There have been four public concerts in the Hall, assisted by outside friends and presided over by Messrs. Phillips, Baylis, and F. E. Dougall. There have also been four Parlor Socials, when Mrs. Dick and Mr. Gawne entertained, and when each lad did his part towards the enjoyment of the whole.

The evening classes, held four nights in each week, have done good work under the tuition of Mr. M. C. Hopkins, B.A., who has been appointed again this year by the Protestant Board of School Commissioners.

We began the year with 49, admitted 101, and closed with 57, showing 93 to have left.

This is a great work in which we are engaged—preparing and starting out in life those who otherwise would have few helpers. To all who have assisted in any way by donations of cash, food, or

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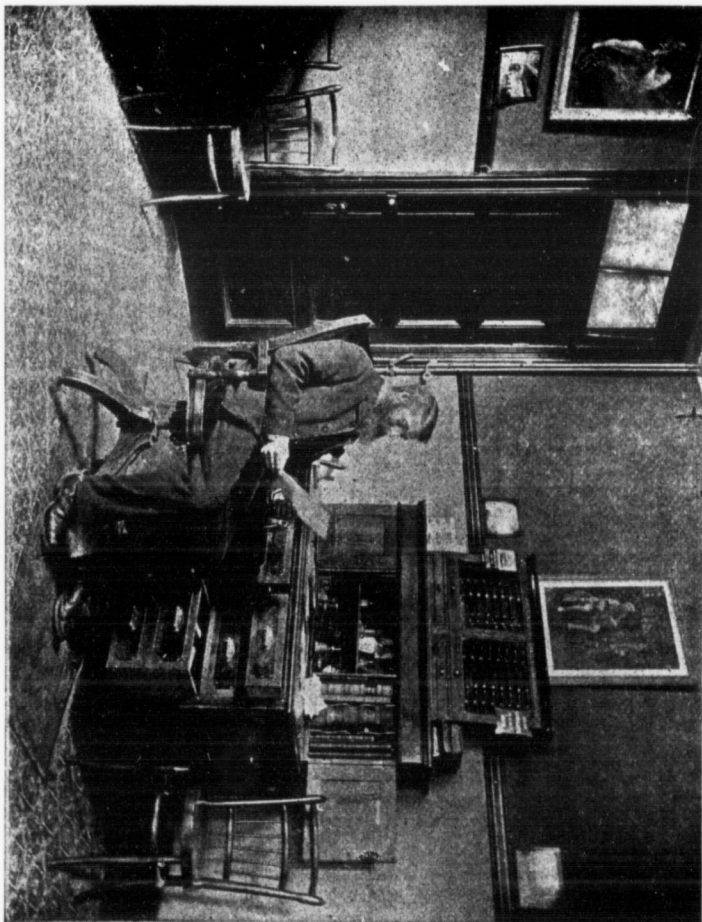
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clothing, we are very grateful. There is still much for us who remain to do, and the passing away of some of our oldest and best friends remind us that the night cometh when we cannot work. We shall miss the kindly smile and loving assistance of our friends Mr. Francis Scholes, Mr. Hugh McLennan, and Mr. W. R. Salter, who were until lately, members of the Advisory Board and Life Governors, but they have been called to their reward. Deeds speak louder than words, so we leave the past, and with increased energy we step into this year for, if possible, a more efficient service for God and the Boys.

The condition of the old building and the unsatisfactory surroundings which have often been brought to your notice become worse and worse every year, and demands attention for health's sake. I am convinced that if we had more facilities for doing our work, with inducements to attract the boys and lads who are now in poor homes and boarding-houses, such as skating rink during the winter, gymnasium and bathing accommodation for all in the Home, we would be able to reach those who are in need of such care and help as we can give. I beg to revive this subject again, being convinced that all the means will be forthcoming as we proceed with the erecting of the New Wing. The old property and furniture cannot be used much longer, and the By-law re Expropriation of Land recently passed by the City Council is favourable for us getting the value of the vacant land in front of the property.

I am, your obedient servant,

JAMES R. DICK.

Mr. George Hague then moved the following resolution, adding some good advice to the boys, who, he hoped, would sustain the good reputation of the Home wherever they went, and by good behaviour and diligence merit the confidence of all who knew them, and attain the highest success in life :—That we have heard the reports of the year's work of the Boys' Home with great interest and a strong realization of the great good it is calculated to do and has been doing in surrounding lads with good influences during the years of greatest temptation, in training them in self-reliance and in those manly qualities which fit them for the battle of life, and in providing them with opportunities of self-improvement and with openings in life. At the close of his remarks he handed Mr. Dick \$20, to be distributed amongst the boys at the end of the year, according as they might deserve. This announcement was received with deafening cheers.

Mr. Charles R. Black seconded the resolution in a few, well-chosen remarks.

Mr. C. S. J. Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer, then read the financial report:—

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 30, 1899.
1898. RECEIPTS.

Dec. 31.

To Balance on Hand from last year \$ 57 92
1899.

Dec. 30.

To Cash from Boys for Board	\$3,848 73	
" Endowment and Building Fund—		
Estate late Jas. Baylis	300 00	
" Loan (Discount) from Mer. Bank of Canada ..	1,000 00	
" Interest, Savings Bank ac., No. 11572	91 94	
" Subscriptions from the Public	1,380 00	
" Rent of Cottage	165 00	
" Interest on Board of Trade Bond	25 00	
		6,810 67
		<u>36,868 59</u>

1899.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 31

By Salaries	\$ 800 00	
" Water Rate, \$88.00; Assessments, 52.80 ..	140 80	
" Fuel	427 96	
General Expense Account—		
Groceries and Provisions	\$2,350 74	
Servants' Wages	659 85	
Furnishings and Repairs	405 05	
Clothing	238 50	
Boats	178 88	
Stationery and Printing, Postage, etc. ..	102 79	
Gas Account	153 76	
Repairs and Alterations to Building ..	38 45	
Sundries	43 80	
Insurance	161 50	
Temporary Loan Repaid	200 00	
Interest	65 75	
"	41 55	
Endowment and Building Fund Account—Am't transferred	300 00	
Paid on Account of (Loan) Mer. Bank of Canada per contra	400 00	
		6,709 56
Balance on Hand		<u>159 03</u>
		\$6,868 59

Audited and found correct.

A. D. MACLEAN.

CHAS S. J. PHILLIPS, Hon. Treasurer.

The Report of the Directors followed:—

The Home has been conducted in the good and efficient way as heretofore by our good Superintendent and his estimable wife. The attendance of boys has been about the average of last year.

Your Executive Board have had seven meetings during the year to transact the business of the Corporation. The house is in good condition with the exception of the old building, and repairs have not been as necessary as last year, the cost of same being only \$38.45 as against \$219.69 for 1898; being \$181.19 less. The House Committee, with Mr. and Mrs. Dick, see that ordinary repairs are attended to, thus saving any great outlay at one time.

Your Board are of the opinion that the strongest reasons exist that an effort should be made to replace the old building by a new and more modern one, feeling that with larger accommodation and better classification, greater and more useful work can be done. The cost of such a building would be about \$20,000.

Through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Scholes, the Home was presented with a fine billiard table for the amusement of the boys.

Your Board have to thank their many friends for their increased subscriptions, but we still need some \$500 per annum to cover general expenses.

Since the Annual Meeting a lady friend, and one who has always taken a lively interest in the Home, sent us the magnificent sum of \$1,000 to use for any purpose we saw fit (this we may say was in addition to \$200 sent us only a few weeks previously). Your Board thought best to use part of this sum to pay off all our liabilities, so that we come before you to-night with a clean sheet.

We still ask you for your hearty support and co-operation.

On behalf of the Board,

CHAS. S. J. PHILLIPS.

Hon. Sec.-Treas.

The following resolution expressing regret at the absence of the President, and hoping that he might regain his wonted health and vigor, was moved by Mr. J. S. Buchan, Q.C.:—That we cannot hold our anniversary almost for the first time in the long history of this institution without the presence of our venerable President, whose extreme activities for the benefit of his fellow-men have, more than the burden of his years, required him to seek rest in a less rigorous climate, without giving expression to our sense of the great service he has rendered to this institution by his early and substantial help, and by his untiring and sympathetic watch and care over it; and that, as we know he is remembering and praying for the Home, we, in return, assure him of our remembrance and our prayers for him,

that he may soon be restored to his wonted vigor, and to his place among the activities that need him so much, and which are so near to his heart.

J. S. Buchan, Q.C., after proposing the resolution, said: "On former occasions, at our Annual Meeting, I have usually addressed any remarks I had to make more particularly to the boys, but this year I wish to say a word to the citizens of Montreal, and that word is, 'Montreal cannot afford to do without the Boys' Home.'

In saying this, I do not wish to be understood as making a comparison between the Boys' Home and any of the other institutions in Montreal which are doing similar work. Unfortunately they are all necessary, for it the fact here, as in any other large city, that there are always many who are unfortunate and need to be helped, and where those who thus need help are children, the importance of helping them cannot be over-estimated.

But what I have to say to-night refers particularly to our own work and its importance, because the occasion call for it, and the importance of the work was never more apparent than it is now at the present time.

Why cannot Montreal do without the Boys' Home ?

1. Because there are many boys without a home. From January, 1873, to January, 1900, 2,250 boys were admitted into the Home—an army of homeless boys, without the safeguards and restraints of a home, and exposed to all kinds of evil influences.

2. Because there is here an enormous amount of good material going to waste. Many of the most honored and most useful citizens of Montreal were boys who have had to fight their own way to the positions they now occupy, and many more might have been equally useful and honored to-day had they received a helping hand when they were first turned out upon the world.

3. Because boys who go astray are a menace to society. This class of homeless boys is a recruiting ground for the criminals who fill our prisons, from whose depredations neither our property nor even our lives are safe, and who are a pest and danger to the community.

4. Because an institution which surrounds homeless boys with good influences, prevents them from going astray, and helps them to become good men and good citizens, is one of the best safeguards which any community can have. Boys who grow up to be good citizens are the hope of our country. Without good citizens—good in their personal character and in all that goes to make a good man—there can be no real or permanent progress or prosperity. It is still true that "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," but the righteousness of a people is exactly measured by the righteousness of the individuals who compose that nation.

It belongs, then, to the citizens of to-day to do their part. in so far

as they may, to make it as easy for these homeless boys to do right, and as hard for them to do wrong as possible, so that when these boys become men, they in their turn may carry on the good work for other homeless boys, for doubtless such will always be with us.

The Boys' Home is doing this work, that is the reason why it has a claim on the citizens of Montreal, and that is why they cannot afford to do without it."

The resolution was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Webb, in an excellent five-minute address.

At this juncture a life-like portrait of the late Mr. Francis Scholes was presented to the Home by Mr. Chas. R. Black, on behalf of Mrs. Scholes. He expressed the highest encomiums regarding the character and work of Mr. Scholes, and held him up as an object-lesson for the boys to study.

Mr. Phillips read two resolutions expressive of thanks to the newspapers, which had supported and given notices of the work of this Home, and to the officers and friends of the Home, who were working so nobly for its welfare.

Mr. Dick presented an order for a suit of clothes to Joe Orme, as a reward for being the best boy in the Home. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the Queen," and the benediction by the Rev. Mr. McKillican. "Three cheers for our boys in Africa" was heartily responded to. While cake and coffee were being handed around the boys sang "Rule Britannia," and other popular selections.

Mr. S. Finley read the following resolution, and spoke strongly in its favor:—

That, while recognizing what has been done for boys in the past, we realize how greatly the work would be advantaged by increased accommodation that would replace the worn out parts of the building, and make better classification possible.

This brought renewed cheers from the boys. The resolution was seconded by Mr. S. M. Baylis, who said it was proposed to call the new building the Alexander wing.

The Physicians' Report was then read:—

To the President of the Boys' Home, Montreal:—

Dear Sir,—We are pleased this year to again tender a favorable report of the health of the Boys' Home. Very little illness has occurred. This we consider largely due to the faithful and intelligent care of the Homes' "Father" and "Mother," and to their able assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. PATTON, B.A., M.D., C.M.

W. GRANT STEWART, B.A., M.D.

Consulting Physicians.

Mr. Hopkins read the Report of the Night School:—

Mr. Chairman and Directors,—I beg to submit the following report of the Night School.

Total number of pupils enrolled during the year, 62; average attendance per night, 19.

At the beginning of the year two classes were formed, as was done the previous year.

One of these classes, consisting of the younger boys, meets on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

The work has been confined to the more elementary subjects of school study, and many of the boys have made good progress.

I have been pleased to note throughout the year the general good conduct and manly character of the boys it has been my duty and pleasure to teach.

My thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Dick for courtesy and kindness shown me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. HOPKINS.

The following resolutions were moved by Mr. C. S. J. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Chas. R. Black:—

That the thanks of the Corporation and of the public are due to Drs. H. M. Patton and W. Grant Stewart, the physicians of the Home, to J. S. Buchan, Q.C., our solicitor, our Auditor, Mr. A. D. McLean, and to the "Witness," "Gazette," "Herald," and "Star," for the many notices and kind words permitted through their columns.

We also desire to express our thanks to Miss Hollinshead for her great and generous kindness in favoring us on many occasions, thus contributing so much to our pleasure with her sweet voice both in song and recitation.

TABLES SHOWING ADMISSIONS AND DISMISSIONS FROM
JANUARY, 1873, TO DECEMBER, 1899.

DATE.	Admitted.	Removed to Boarding House.	Sent to Farms and House Work.	Restored to Friends.	Left of their own accord.	Expelled.	Died.	In Home.	Total Admissions.
Jan. 1873 to June 1883	242	.....	.....	.....	.....	223	.....	19	
June 1883 to Feb. 1884	66	26	6	3	6	6	.....	38	
Feb. 1884 to Feb. 1885	95	22	7	17	30	6	.....	51	
Feb. 1885 to Feb. 1886	75	20	6	1	20	11	.....	54	
Feb. 1886 to Feb. 1887	110	14	19	19	17	1	1	51	
Feb. 1887 to Feb. 1888	199	60	27	36	44	18	.....	65	
Feb. 1888 to Feb. 1889	188	67	36	34	31	8	3	74	
Feb. 1889 to Feb. 1890	134	47	31	29	32	9	.....	60	
Feb. 1890 to Feb. 1891	135	54	22	20	26	2	.....	71	
Feb. 1891 to Feb. 1892	119	72	8	12	20	3	.....	75	
Feb. 1892 to Feb. 1893	132	63	14	19	33	2	1	75	
Feb. 1893 to Feb. 1894	153	40	35	37	45	10	.....	61	
Feb. 1894 to Feb. 1895	160	25	45	33	20	4	1	54	
Feb. 1895 to Feb. 1896	101	17	33	23	27	.....	.....	55	
Feb. 1896 to Dec. 1896	91	18	39	10	24	.....	.....	54	
Jan. 1897 to Dec. 1897	97	25	20	16	30	2	1	57	
Jan. 1898 to Dec. 1898	96	22	19	25	29	1	.....	49	
Jan. 1899 to Dec. 1899	101	27	14	26	25	1	.....	57	2250

NATIONALITY.

DATE.	Canadian.	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	American.	Other Nations.	Total.
June 1883 to Feb. 1884	36	38	3	4	4	.....	85
Feb. 1884 to Feb. 1885	40	40	6	4	3	2	95
Feb. 1885 to Feb. 1886	31	32	5	3	2	2	75
Feb. 1886 to Feb. 1887	38	59	4	7	1	1	110
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Feb. 1889 to Feb. 1890	37	78	6	7	3	3	134
Feb. 1890 to Feb. 1891	65	55	9	3	2	1	135
Feb. 1891 to Feb. 1892	45	59	11	2	2	119
Feb. 1892 to Feb. 1893	38	66	17	4	7	.....	132
Feb. 1893 to Feb. 1894	57	71	15	5	4	1	153
Feb. 1894 to Feb. 1895	48	83	16	6	.....	7	160
Feb. 1895 to Feb. 1896	29	46	14	4	5	2	101
Feb. 1896 to Dec. 1896	30	40	4	1	11	5	91
Jan. 1897 to Dec. 1897	36	42	7	1	7	4	97
Jan. 1898 to Dec. 1898	39	35	13	3	5	1	96
Jan. 1899 to Dec. 1899	43	43	7	3	2	3	101

The late Francis Scholes was a dear friend and helper of the Home for many years past. The Superintendent was always welcome at his office, where his encouraging and sympathetic words did much to invigorate a heart almost failing in the midst of the battle to "Save the Lads." His cheques were always for amounts that could be felt, and his cheery "Come again," gave inspiration to go at it still and never faint.

When looking forward to his departure from a long, useful life on earth, to the land of imperishable plenty, he remembered our need for the future, and left us a portion from what he had gathered from an honest business life.



THE LATE FRANCIS SCHOLES.

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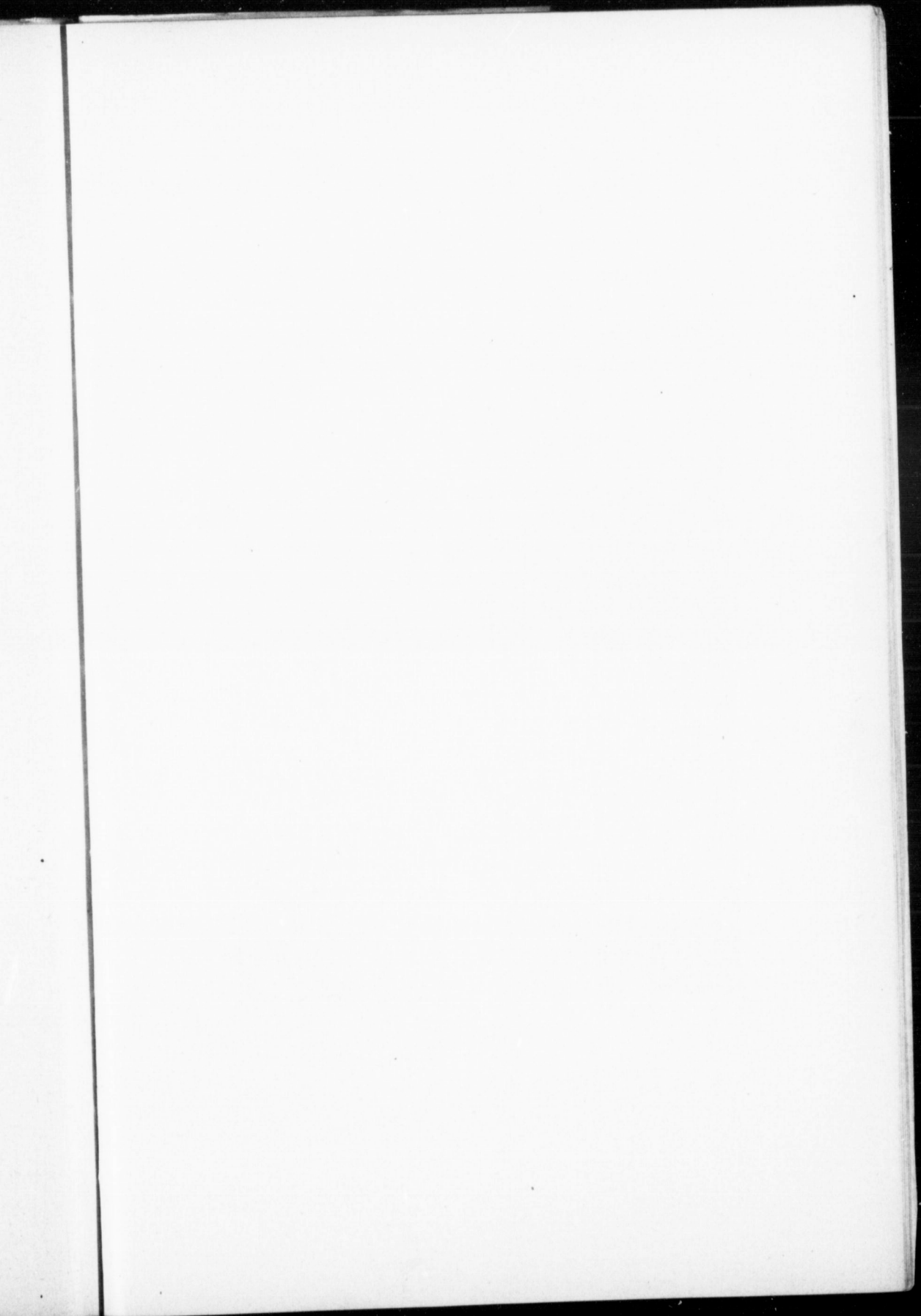
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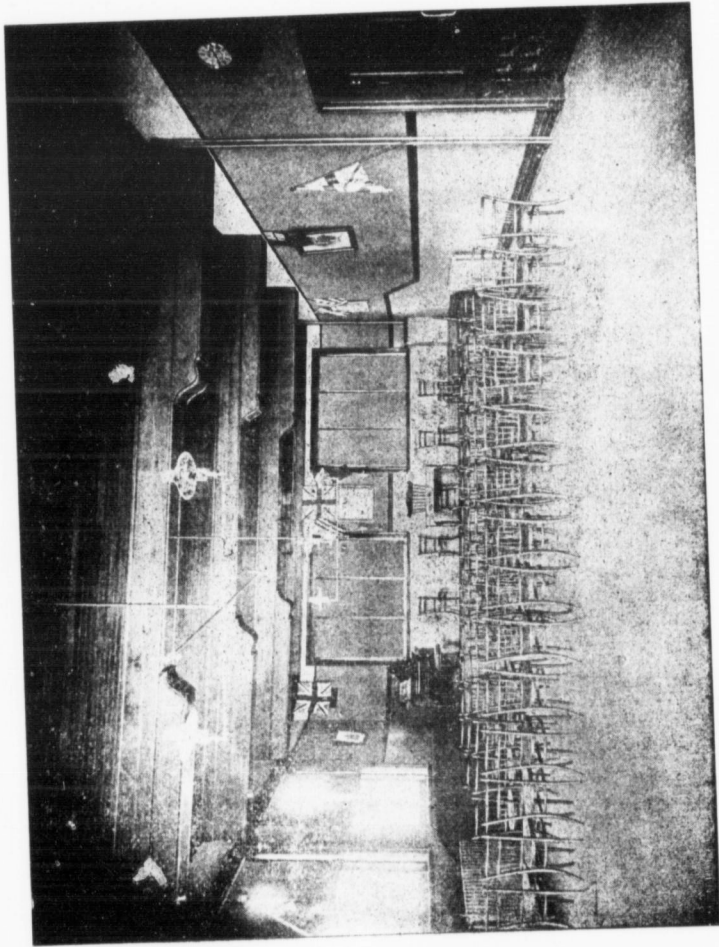
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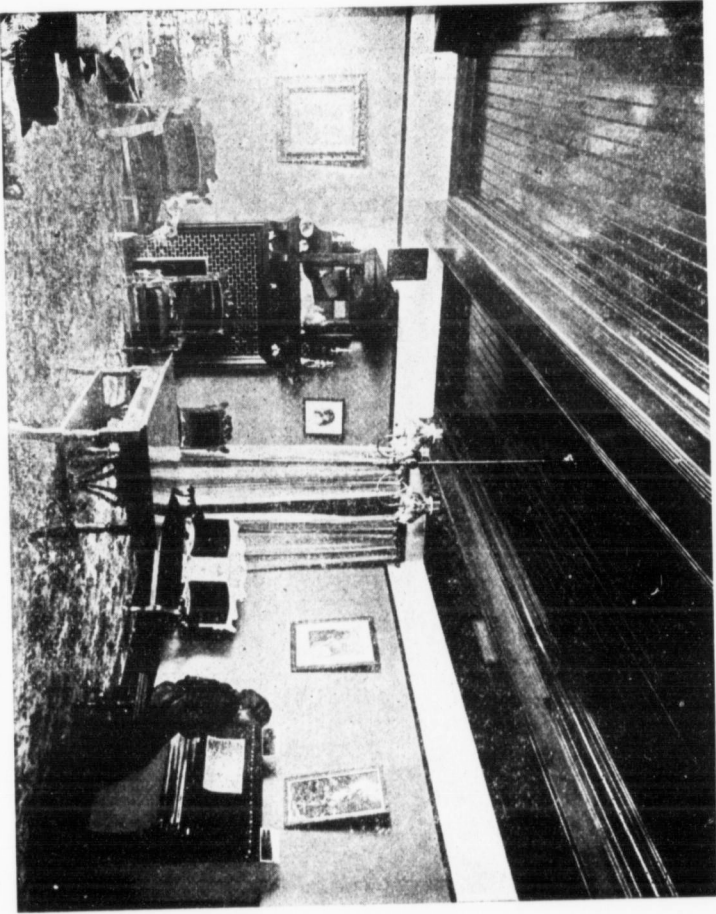




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The Boys' Home.

A FLOURISHING INSTITUTION IN MONTREAL.

Probably there are numbers of people in Montreal who could say they had heard of a Boys' Home in this city, but had no idea where it was, how it was managed, or what sort of boys lived there.

One day the editor of the Boys' Page took down the Montreal directory, looked up the address of the Home, telephoned to the superintendent to ask if a visitor could call on him, and, receiving an affirmative answer, straightway set out for the lower end of Mountain street.

Crossing St. Antoine street, one soon comes to an open and quiet spot on Mountain street. The appearance of openness is greatly due to the fact that a large, comfortable-looking building of red brick stands well back from the road, allowing room for a grass plot and several fine trees. A church on the opposite side of the road most happily prevents small and mean dwellings possibly taking up a neighboring position. The large red-brick building has two front entrances, over one of which are the words 'Boys' Home.'

Ringing the bell at this entrance, I was ushered into a neat office, the walls of which were hung with pictures of boys of all ages. Here the superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Dick, who have been in charge of the institution some sixteen years, and therefore ought to know something about it, answered in their kindly Scotch tones all my numerous questions.

In the first place, the Home is a corporate body, self-supporting, and receiving no help from the government or the City Council. While it offers a home 'to all boys who need a home,' it requires in return that they shall pay what they can for that benefit and protection. It strongly sets its face against any form of pauperizing. A boy pays according to what he earns, and according to the sleeping accommodation he agrees to have in the home. The average payment might be set down at about \$2 a week. But, large or small payment, all the boys share equally in the advantages offered by the home in the shape of free medical attendance, education, entertainment, etc.

The signification of the term 'boys who need a home' is allowed to be a wide one. For instance, it includes orphans, boys without parents in the city, such as boys from farms who have come to learn a trade or to set about earning their own living; boys from ill-managed or unworthy homes; in a few cases even—and at the parents' earnest solicitation—unmanageable boys.

There are 60 or 70 boys at present in the home, and their ages vary from about ten up to seventeen or eighteen. As my visit was made during the morning hours there was not a boy to be seen in the place, since they were all at their various occupations in the city.

A competent master attends the home four evenings a week for the purpose of holding night school, and every boy is expected to attend at least twice a week. All the housework is done by paid servants, the boys not being called upon at all. Meals are served at the times best suited for working boys—thus breakfast at 6.30, lunch at 12 (a lunch being put up for boys who cannot return in the middle of the day), and dinner in the



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evening. The Bible is read morning and evening.

On Sundays, Sunday-school is held. From time to time the boys give concerts and other entertainments, and there are rooms set apart for their gymnastic exercises and games. A playground adjoins the house. Boys arriving at the home in dirty and ragged clothes are provided with new ones, which are henceforth washed and mended weekly.

The break in my flow of questions at this point must have been very welcome to Mrs. Dick. We then proceeded to inspect the various rooms of the establishment. With a personal knowledge of the meagre arrangements for comfort at many high-priced English boarding-schools, I could only exclaim at the attention paid to the boys' comfort in this institution.

The staircase, lobbies, and floors of the rooms were all painted brown, the walls being tinted variously. The first room we entered was a very large one containing about fifteen white coverletted beds, standing in three rows. This room was for some of the smaller boys. But the larger number of rooms contained only two beds. A strip of carpet would be laid from the door along by the beds. A bureau and chairs, and generally one or two trunks completed the furniture, while the walls often testified to the owners' taste, being decorated with pictures, almanacs and flags—the Union Jack, of course, having a conspicuous place. The rooms were invariably lofty, with ventilators over the doors, and heated by hot water pipes. Canvas was placed up half the height of the walls—a very necessary protection when boys, with their unaccountable tastes, set to work to pummel each other. There was not a speck of dust to be seen anywhere as floors and stairs are swept and washed regularly. There is a good bathroom and lavatory, supplied with hot and cold water, and here the boys perform all their ablutions.

On the first flat most of the older boys sleep—'our young men,' as Mrs. Dick calls them. On this flat also is

the reading-room, a pleasant carpeted apartment.

On the second flat are another lot of rooms, with two beds, and also a large one with seven or eight beds. Here also are several suitably furnished schoolrooms, one containing a museum which boasts of some Indian articles amongst other curiosities.

Downstairs there is a tastefully furnished parlor. The boys have a pleasant dining-room, and I was shown a smaller room adjoining it, where the older boys are privileged to have their evening meal by themselves. In the basement are the play rooms, gymnasium and carpenter's shop. On the ground floor there is a fine hall, where prayers are held daily, and where concerts and entertainments are given. On the walls hang portraits of some of the founders and patrons of the home, such as those of Charles Alexander, the late John Dougall, the late James Baylis, the late Thos. Workman, and others.

After going through a home like this one could not but be struck with the immense advantage a resident enjoys over the boy who chooses to live in a boarding-house. The excellent sanitation and cleanliness of the home, the regular and substantial meals, the opportunities for education and the provision for profitable recreation all would otherwise be above the means of working boys.

Mr. Dick emphasizes the importance of parents in the country knowing of such a home as this when they think of sending their boys into the city to work or learn a trade. They can hardly estimate the temptations and miseries a boy must undergo who has to find a dwelling in the cheaper houses of the city.

It was interesting to learn that eight former residents of this home are now in South Africa fighting for the Queen.

HOW THE HOME STARTED.

Some of the older residents of Montreal are pleased to tell you of the time when old Zion Congregational Church on

Beaver Hall Hill had, with its pastor, the Rev. Henry Wilkes, such an influence for good in the city.

In the rooms of a mission Sunday-school of that church some members of the congregation, amongst whom were Mr. John Ritchie, Mr. John Dougall, Mr. William McDougall, Mr. Charles Alexander, started a day infant school and secured a charter for it. This was about thirty-two years ago. When the day of school commissioners dawned, the teaching done at this school passed into their hands. Relieved from this the promoters found that the charter originally granted them was comprehensive enough to admit of a Newsboys' Home being started. The selling of the 'Daily Witness' on the streets of Montreal gave employment to a large number of news-

boys, many of whom seemed to be much neglected. For the benefit of these the Boys' Home was erected with the name of 'Shaftesbury Hall.' Mr. Chas. Alexander gave the money for the building. Shaftesbury Hall gave accommodation also to the Sunday-school and mission which in time developed into Calvary Church. The present Boys' Home was put up some seventeen years ago and the upper wing some ten years later.

The committee of the Boys' Home has now in contemplation the erection of a new wing. They will begin work as soon as the means—about ten thousand dollars—can be obtained for the purpose. The proposed addition will be known under the name of the 'Alexander wing,' and a swimming bath is designed to be one of its chief attractions.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Subscriptions to General Expense or Building Fund solicited and may be sent to the President, Charles Alexander, Esq.; Treasurer, Chas. S. J. Phillips, Esq.; or to the Superintendent, at the Home, 119 Mountain Street.

Let any person finding a boy or lad in the city in need of assistance, or a home, "send him along," when his case will be considered, and, if found really willing to do the best he can for himself, he will be assisted to a situation. "*Do not give him money,*" and thus encourage a lazy life, as no boy requires to be without the comforts of a home and the means of lifting himself up to a condition of independence if he is willing to come under authority and help himself.

Our rule is: If a boy will not work, neither shall he eat.

Those are wisest who are their own executors, and distribute their money in their own lifetime, *thus saving to the Home a deduction of 10 per cent. legal duty.* But if this cannot be accomplished, friends should at least make their Wills, and see that they are plainly drawn up and properly executed.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath the sum of Dollars,
to be paid out of that part of my personal estate which may by law
be given with effect for charitable purposes, to be paid to the Treas-
urer for the time being of the Boys' Home, Montreal, Canada,
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