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In presenting the Report of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home at the close of another year, the Managing Committee are gratified in being able to report to the friends of the Institution the continued success of the movement on behalf of that neglected class of the community which their liberal support has so far efficiently sustained.

The experience of another year abundantly confirms the need of such a charity, and proves 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 neither calculated to develop industrious habits, nor to lead to any fit training for after life. It is also more and more apparent, that a Lodging to which recently arrived emigrant youths, or other friendless or deserted boys can resort, with the assurance of finding shelter, friendly council and aid, is fitted to be the means of rescuing many such from temptation, and starting them on a course of industry at the most critical period of life.

I. LODGERS IN THE HOME.

The inmates during the past year have included,
(1) friendless and deserted boys from 10 to 17 years of

age, wholly dependent on their own earnings for support ; (2) children of criminal or dissipated parents,—in some cases in gaol,—whose only recognition of them, is the claim on their little earnings as a means of indulging in excesses, in which they are invited to share. It is indeed a melancholy experience, to which the history of this Institution has already rendered its Managers familiar, to find a child of 10 or 12 years of age, looking forward with apprehension to the time when his mother or father will get out of gaol.

In the first class may be included juvenile emigrants, some of whom are now directly commended to the good services of the Home on their arrival in Canada, while others resort to it on the failure of their first temporary employment, and are sheltered, and aided in finding situations in town or country.

Another class whose case is deserving of consideration is that of the children of industrious widows, who by means of the shelter and oversight thus secured for their boys, are enabled to go into service, or accept remunerative employment from which they would otherwise be excluded.

II. ENCOURAGEMENTS TO INDUSTRY.

The aim of the Newsboys' Home so far differs from that of kindred Institutions, that it seeks to exclude so far as possible, everything having the appearance of charitable aid to its inmates. The object is to develop, from the first, ideas as well as habits of independence and self-reliance. The Lodging is open to any boy, at the discretion of the Superintendent, however vicious, dirty or ragged he may be, so long as he engages to conform to the rules. These include personal cleanliness,—for which a well-furnished bath-room is provided ;—the prohibition of all profane or unseemly language, and

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attendance on the instructions of the Superintendent and visitors each week-day evening, and on the Sunday instructions in the Home. It is the duty of the Superintendent to exert himself, with the aid of the Committee, to start every new entrant in some industrious occupation. In several instances during the past year, homeless vagrants, who otherwise would have been lodged in the police office, and taken before the magistrate, have been brought by the police to the Home, and at once placed in a way of honest industry. For boys confirmed in habits of vagrancy, it is vain to aim immediately at regular work; and in such cases accordingly, selling newspapers, shoe-blackening, snow-cleaning, &c., are encouraged. But this is only regarded as a temporary expedient. The whole influences of the Home are directed to induce habits of settled industry, with a view to place the boys, at the earliest opportunity, in permanent situations, if possible, in the country.

By its Charter of Incorporation, the Managers of the Home have now full powers to bind, and apprentice the boys to any trade or occupation. This has proved of great value in carrying out the purposes of the Institution.

IV. HABITS OF INDEPENDENCE.

The principle on which the Newsboys' Lodging is conducted is strictly that of an Industrial Home for working boys. Hence none are admitted without payment. The charge is 10 cents daily, for which the boy receives three tickets, entitling him to supper, bed and breakfast. A daily dinner is also provided, at an additional charge of 8 cents, for such as choose to avail themselves of it. This latter feature is found beneficial in diminishing the temptations incident to street-life, and helping to develop that home-feeling to which the

majority of the boys have hitherto been total strangers. The money thus contributed by the boy's daily payments, the fruits of their own earnings, has amounted during the past year to \$656.46.

V. SITUATIONS PROVIDED.

During the past year one hundred and twenty boys have lodged in the Home; and fifty-six of those have been sent to situations. The most onerous work now devolving on the Secretary and others of the Committee is the constant correspondence, by means of which an oversight is kept over those who have gone to situations in the country; as without this, they are apt to leave them, and return to the Home, or resume their vagrant habits. Of boys sent out from England, and specially commended to the care of the Committee, seven are now steadily settled in good situations, and doing well; three others are still on trial, under the care of the Home. The Chairman, the Hon. G. W. Allan, has now deposited for the boys that have from time to time been sent out from England, various sums forwarded for their behoof, amounting in all, with the additions made by some of the boys of their own savings, to \$108. Others however, have yet to learn such prudent thrift, and have drawn from time to time on their little deposit, till it is nearly exhausted. Such claims, however, afford useful opportunities for bringing admonition and good example to bear on them, in reference to the future.

VI. MORAL TRAINING.

(1.) THE SAVINGS BANK.—The Savings Bank, for the spare earnings of the boys, continues in operation with very satisfactory results. There have been twenty seven depositors during the year, amounting in all to

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\$193.28 much of which would have been squandered for useless, if not vicious purposes, but for the motives and habits thus encouraged. No other check is placed on each depositor to withdrawing his money at pleasure, than such advice as the Superintendent may see fit to offer. Much of it is drawn out at the approach of winter to provide clothing, and requisite means of industry, such as shoe brushes, snow-shovels, etc. Frequently also the funds for the night's lodging have to be drawn from the bank after an unprosperous day; especially on Saturday night, when the unproductive day of rest is to be provided for.

The confidence reposed in the "Bank" has been shown by lodgers, after they have gone to situations, returning to leave their earnings in charge of the Superintendent. The feeling of trust and mutual confidence thus created is in itself a valuable moral lesson, and is in striking contrast to the suspicious distrust of many of the inmates on their first entrance. The chief difficulty as with older economists, is to make a beginning in the saving fund. To encourage this a premium is given to the depositors, according to the amount at their credit at the end of each quarter. The following examples show a few of the highest, and of the lowest sums, including the various deposits made by each boy during the past year :

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(2.) MUTUAL AID FUND.—It is indispensable, as a means for maintaining the idea of independent self-reliance, so important in their moral influence on the street boy, to admit none as lodgers without payment.

But the boys have been encouraged to establish, from their own voluntary contributions, a *Mutual Aid Fund*, occasionally supplimented by their friends; and when the requisite amount is accumulated, they are allowed to vote the admission of any houseless wanderer, after satisfying themselves as to his merits. The cross-questioning to which a stranger is subjected by these experienced wanderers of the streets, as to the reasons for his vagrancy and destitution, is at times both amusing and instructive.

During the past year *thirty-one* boys who were without the means of paying for shelter, sometimes on some of the bitterest winter nights, were admitted in this way. Some of them have since paid back their loan to the fund. In one case also the boys showed their sympathy for a poor woman on the death of a son, by voting a dollar to her out of their little fund; and more than one ragged boy has been helped to warmer clothing in the same way, by his more successful companions. Occasionally, also, a boy whose funds have run out, applied to the Mutual Aid Fund for "a start" as it is styled, *i. e.*, a small sum to provide his stock of newspapers, or the like, for the day. All this, though done under the eye of the Superintendent is purely voluntary and unprompted; and its moral influence is undoubtedly good. The use to which the little advance is turned is watched with strict jealousy; and if not approved of, any fresh appeal is resolutely refused. In case of success the borrower generally refunds the "start;" but this is not imperative.

(3.) ADVANCE FUND.—A small fund placed at the disposal of the matron last year has been so carefully husbanded that it still continues available, and has been turned to excellent account in starting destituted entrants with their first stock of newspapers, or other means of providing for their next night's lodging. The same fund is also made available for older inmates who have

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been unsuccessful in their industrial operations. All such advances are made as loans, repayment being received in sums of one or two cents at a time. In this way the matron has made two hundred and thirty-four loans during the past year, in sums generally of five and ten cents; all of which have been repaid, with the exception of fourteen cents advanced to two strange boys who did not return to the lodgings. The moral influence of this can scarcely be exaggerated. The boys are encouraged to confide their cares and troubles to the matron, and she is thereby enabled to exercise a kind, motherly influence over them, with results of which the most satisfactory evidence may be found in the fact that with the exception of the two untried strangers, no case has occurred during the past year of any inmate of the house betraying the confidence thus reposed in him. When it is considered what is the class of boys on whom this experiment has been thus successfully tried, nothing need be added, except to record the high sense which the Board of Management entertain of the services of their excellent matron, Mrs. Beattie, in this as well as other departments.

VII. 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. During the past year a few ladies have kindly undertaken to conduct an evening Sunday school and the pleasure with which they are welcomed, and the anxiety expressed for their return, have amply confirmed the hopes expressed in last year's report, of the benefi-

cial results anticipated from the services of lady visitors. The further co-operation of ladies in this part of the work is earnestly invited. Most of the boys also attend a Sunday school in connection with the place of worship where they go; and the afternoon is spent in the house under the care of gentlemen visitors who report favourably of the conduct and progress of the boys. But, while the managers esteem their moral and religious training one of the most essential elements of success; 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.

VIII. DAILY WORK IN THE HOME.

Experience has led to some modification in the working of the Home; and a more systematic plan of visititing and instructions has been introduced with very satisfactory results. Each Monday evening is devoted to music; and Mr. Harcourt has continued his kind services during the past year in teaching the boys to sing. Innocent, national, and other songs, as well as hymns and other sacred music are taught them. The evening is thus rendered pleasant to the boys; and the interest both of Sunday and week day gatherings is greatly increased.

Wednesday and Friday evenings are now systematically devoted to the teaching of reading and writing, under the care of the Superintendent, and Mr. Beattie reports satisfactory results. Several boys who, when they came to the Home could neither read nor write, are now able to do both.

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Tuesday and Thursday evenings are reserved for the visitors, two of whom, in turn, undertake the duty. The object kept decidedly in view is to make the evening pleasant as well as profitable; so that the vagrant boy shall learn to anticipate the pleasure of an evening at home, rather than merely to remain there under coercion. The development of the home feeling among boys, many of whom have never known what a home really is, is of itself a lesson of the highest value; and the thanks of the managers are specially due to the ladies and gentlemen who have contributed their services as visitors and instructors with a view to this result. Saturday evening is devoted to the practical uses of the bath room.

IX. THE LIBRARY.

The generous gift of \$100 from Jno. Macdonald, Esq., towards the formation of a library has greatly aided both the Superintendent and visitors in their work. Acknowledgements are also due to S. H. Blake, Esq., Jas. Campbell, Esq., and other friends for contributions of books; and the eagerness of the boys to read them, and of those who cannot yet read, to acquire the requisite knowledge, in order to obtain access to the attractive volumes, has largely added to the interest of the evenings at home. Donations of suitable books for the library will be gratefully received.

X. FESTIVALS OF THE YEAR.

The Committee have again to thank their kind friends Mr. and Mrs. James Lesslie for their annual festival at The Willows, on Dominion Day; and also Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mackenzie for another happy holiday enjoyed by the boys, at Castle Frank, on the Queen's Birth Day. An entertainment suited to the season was provided at the Home on Christmas Day; and on the fol-

lowing Monday evening the boys were all kindly invited to the St. James's Sunday-school festival, when a Christmas tree, Dissolving views, and other attractions contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beattie continue to fulfill the duties of Superintendent and Matron; and without their co-operation, all the efforts of the Committee and visitors would be vain. The Committee of ladies have continued their valuable services during the past year; and, in co-operation with the Matron, have secured the maintenance of that cleanliness, order, and propriety of conduct in all the domestic arrangements, so indispensable for the success of the Institution. They report their continued satisfaction with Mrs. Beattie's unwearied patience and assiduity in all the duties specially devolving upon her.

The Committee have also to renew their thanks to Dr. Oldright for his gratuitous services as Medical Officer.

XII. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

The Treasurer's statement, appended hereto, will show the receipts and expenditure during the past year. The remaining debt of \$1,400 on the building, now in the form of a mortgage to W. Cawthra, Esq., stands, as in last report, the Committee having thought it wise to delay any further appeal to the friends whose kind liberality had already enabled them to accomplish so much. But this debt must be cleared off, before the Institution can be placed in a satisfactory condition.

Although the Institution can never be rendered self-supporting, yet it is a gratifying evidence of success in the efforts thus far made to rescue the neglected and de-

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serted children of our streets, and put them in the fair way of becoming useful and industrious members of the community, that the Treasurer is able to state among the sources of income of the Newsboys' Home, the daily payments of the boys, amounting in all, for the year, to \$656.46.

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

To the Managing Committee of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home:

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting my annual report, I would beg leave to state that, owing to the peculiar character of the institution, the duties of the medical attendant are comparatively light. I have visited the Home from time to time, and have always found its condition satisfactory in a sanitary point of view. There has been very little sickness among the inmates during the past three years. There have only been two cases of protracted illness: one, a case of Typhoid fever, the other of acute Rheumatism. Both were sent to the Hospital. A few of the other boys have been confined to the Home for short periods. There have been a few accidents, the most serious of which was that of William Taylor, one of whose fingers I was obliged to amputate, as the indirect result of a ride upon a locomotive engine.

I feel that we have cause for renewed gratitude to the all-wise Ruler of the universe in view of the small amount of sickness with which we have been visited. In this connection it is my painful duty to record the death from Hypertrophy of the heart, and valvular disease,—(the result of Rheumatism),—of little John Lamb, in whose case we all felt so interested last winter; and also the death, by drowning, of an immigrant lad, John Bull, who had been in the city only a few hours.

I cannot allow this occasion to pass without referring to the faithfulness with which any instructions I have required to give, have been carried out by the Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Beattie.

I would suggest to you the advisability of making vaccination compulsory on all inmates of the Home who have not been successfully vaccinated within the last seven years. This is only a step in furtherance of the compulsory law at present lying in abeyance, and of the contemplated action of our civic authorities. It is the move necessary in an institution like ours, constantly receiving accessions by immigration from distant, and sometimes infected localities.

Trusting that, through Divine goodness, our next annual meeting may still find us increasingly prosperous.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obdt. servant,

WM. OLDWRIGHT, M.A., M.D.

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DONATIONS IN GOODS.

Mrs. Perkins, clothing; Mr. Wm. Myles, 2 tons of coal; Mr. Stanton, clothing; Mrs. Draper, clothing; T. Thompson and Son, clothing; Miss White (Hazeldene), 8 new shirts; Mrs. Howatt, clothing; Mr. James Leslie, 1 barrel of apples; Messrs. James Campbell & Son, school stationery; Messrs. James Campbell & Sons, paper required for the covers for the Annual Report; Messrs. Buntin Brothers, paper required for the Annual Report; Mr. Robert Wilkes, gifts to boys; Alderman Hallam, some meat.

BOOK FUND.

Amount presented by John Macdonald, Esq.,..... \$100 00

EXPENDED.

Messrs. James Campbell & Sons.....	\$17 50	
Tract and Book Society.....	6 55	\$24 05
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Balance on hand.....	\$75 95	

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT,

From April 1st, 1871, to March 30th, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

	\$	c.
Balance from last year	90	92
Sundry Subscriptions and Donations	742	00
Amount received from Boys for Board and Lodging	656	46
Proceeds of Lecture by Lieut. Col. Denison	11	20
" by Mr. Carr	11	25
Amount of Grant from City Council	200	00
" County Council	50	00
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Total	1761	83

EXPENDITURE.

	\$	c.
House Expenses	966	36
Superintendent and Matron's Salary	300	00
Rent, Fuel, and Water	177	60
Insurance	12	50
Repairs to Drains, &c	41	25
R. Walker & Sons, Towelling, &c	10	00
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	53	34
W. Cawthra, Esq., Interest on Mortgage	112	00
G. Ringham, Contract	67	00
Collector's Commission	11	83
Cash on hand	9	95
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Total	1761	83

GEORGE L. BEARDMORE,

Treasurer.

Toronto, April 8th, 1872.

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Allan, Hon. G. W.....	\$10 00	Finch, W. J.....	\$ 2 00
Alcorn, Mrs.....	4 00	Friend, per A. Fuller.	25 00
Buchan, D.....	5 00	Fitzgerald, E.....	2 00
Bryce, McMurrich & Co	10 00	Fulton, A. T.....	5 00
Beardmore, G. L.....	5 00	Friend.....	2 00
Blaikie & Alexander .	5 00	Foster, Jas.....	1 00
Baldwin, Rev. E.....	10 00	Forbes & King.....	2 00
Bronsdon & Patton ..	10 00	Fisken, John.....	1 00
Boulton, Mrs. (Grange)	10 00	Friend, per Dr. Wilson	1 00
Bain, Jas.....	50	Fensom, John.....	5 00
Blain, Mrs.....	10 00	Gunther, E. & J.....	1 00
Boustead, J. B.....	2 00	Gurney, E. & C.....	15 00
Brown Bros.....	10 00	Givens, Mrs.....	2 00
Beaven, Mrs.....	5 00	Gooderham & Worts .	5 00
Brown, Hon. George .	25 00	Grasett, Dean.....	5 00
County Council.....	50 00	Gale, J W.....	2 00
Crombie, E.....	10 00	Graham, H.....	1 00
Cawthra, Jas.....	2 00	Grand & Son.....	1 00
Casey, Geo. E.....	8 00	Gzowski, C. S.....	50 00
Campbell, C. J.....	5 00	Gamble, Clarke.....	2 00
Cassells, W. G.....	5 00	Gillespie, John & Co.	10 00
Cattanach, A. F.....	1 00	Harrison, Osler & Moss	5 00
Cayley, Hon. W.....	5 00	Hodgins, J. G., Esq ..	2 00
Cockburn, G. R. R....	4 00	Hodgins, Thomas....	2 00
Crawford, Mrs. D.....	5 00	Hall, Dr. John.....	2 00
Cawthra, Wm.....	14 00	Hay, R. & Co.....	10 00
City of Toronto.....	200 00	Hagarty, Chief Justice	25 00
Dixon, B. Homer.....	25 00	Hamilton, W. B.....	1 00
Dixon, Mrs. (Grange).	10 00	Haldan, B.....	2 00
Duggan, E.....	5 00	Hessin, Wm.....	2 00
Davis, R.....	1 00	Howard, A. McLean..	2 00
Draper, Chief Justice .	10 00	Howland, Lieut.-Gov.	20 00
Davidson, Jos.....	1 00	Jarvis, Sheriff.....	9 00
Duggan, John.....	3 00	Jacobi, P.....	1 00
Davis, A. A. (York)..	1 00	Jarvis, E. J.....	2 00
Eastwood, J.....	1 00	Jones, Rev. Septimus.	2 00
Elliott, R. W.....	2 00	Kingstone, F. W.....	5 00

Kerr, John	\$ 8 00	Rogers, Jas. H	\$ 2 00
Knapp, F. A	1 00	Ryan, J. B	1 00
Lamb, P. R	25 00	Rowell, H	5 00
Lesslie, Jas	10 00	Ridout, G P	2 00
Do. Building Fund	10 00	Rutherford, E. H	4 00
Lewis, Rice & Son ...	14 00	Reid, Rev. W	2 00
Lee, W. S	2 00	Robinson, Hon. W. B.	5 00
McMaster, A. R. & Bro	10 00	Schreiber, W. J	1 00
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McLean & Craig	5 00	Sutherland, W. W ...	1 00
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MacKenzie, W.	1 00	Smith, A. W	2 00
McMaster, Hon. Wm.	10 00	Thomson & Burns ...	5 00
Mathers, Mrs	5 00	Taylor, W.	2 00
Manley, Rev. J. G	1 00	Tyner, E	50
Mead, Jos. H	3 00	Todd, A. Thornton ...	2 00
Michie, James	10 00	Wilson, Wm	10 00
Morrison, M	2 00	Wilson, Dr	5 00
Mulholland, Mrs	2 00	Woodcock, J	50
Oldright, Dr	2 00	Wilkie, Thos. J	2 00
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