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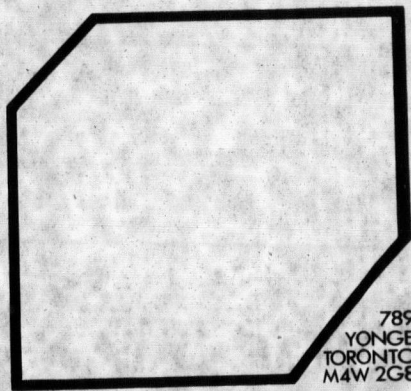
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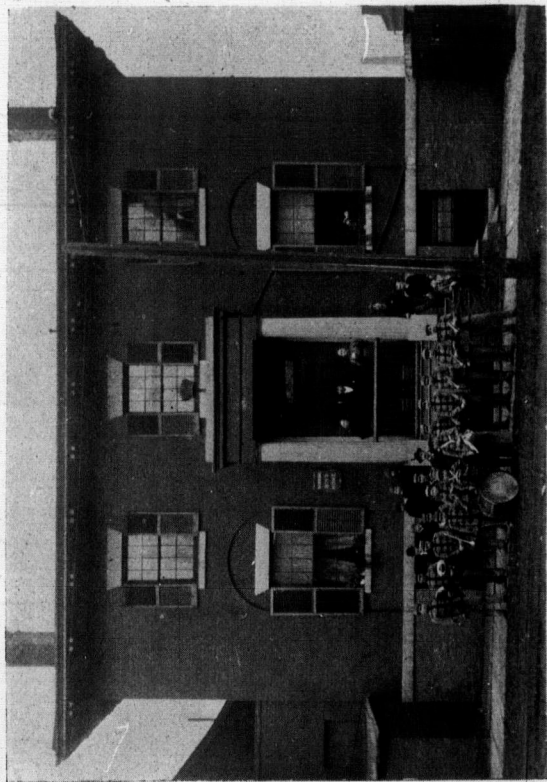
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THE WORKING BOYS' HOME (Showing Boys' Band)

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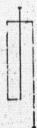
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" J. D. KING

Superintendent:

MR. S. G. SMITH



DINING ROOM

The Working Boys' Home: Its Object, Work, etc.

Its object is to provide a real home (not institution) for all homeless lads, a home that will, as far as possible, be to them all that a home ought to be, where they will be surrounded by kind Christian influences, and receive every encouragement to do right.

It is not to provide them with food and lodgings chiefly; this is of secondary importance, because in a city like Toronto boys who are not particular how they live can get that in some way without help, though the methods adopted often lead them to jail and to prison. It aims to make them feel that someone cares for them, and to win them from lives of idleness and vice to lives of thrift and honesty; in fact, to make them in time well able to support themselves, and occupy honorable positions in life. This means that they must, in many cases, be weaned from the old life which gave them perfect liberty to run wild and do as they liked, and be induced to settle down to steady habits.

The only condition of admission is that the applicant needs a home; not that he has absolutely no place where he will be allowed to exist, but that he has no real home where he is treated as a boy ought to be treated. He is required to satisfy the Superintendent that he is really needy and homeless, and, that done, he is at once admitted, and becomes a member of the family.

The Home is practically open as a shelter for needy boys, night and day, as a homeless lad is admitted at any time. Applicants often come long after midnight, and are sometimes so cold and famished that they can scarcely speak to tell their names and relate their troubles. The initiation consists usually in a good hot bath, and in being clothed with clean clothes. There is frequently need of hair cutting before everything is satisfactory, and, after all this is attended to, the new boy is assigned his place at table, his clothes, cupboard, bed, etc.

Sometimes it happens in the case of new boys that there is immediate need of medical treatment, and, through the kindness of the Home staff of physicians, this is promptly and generously given. It is even found necessary sometimes to have new boys placed in the hospital for a time to be treated for some disease contracted during their term of knocking about before coming to the Home.



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THE MORNING SCRUB

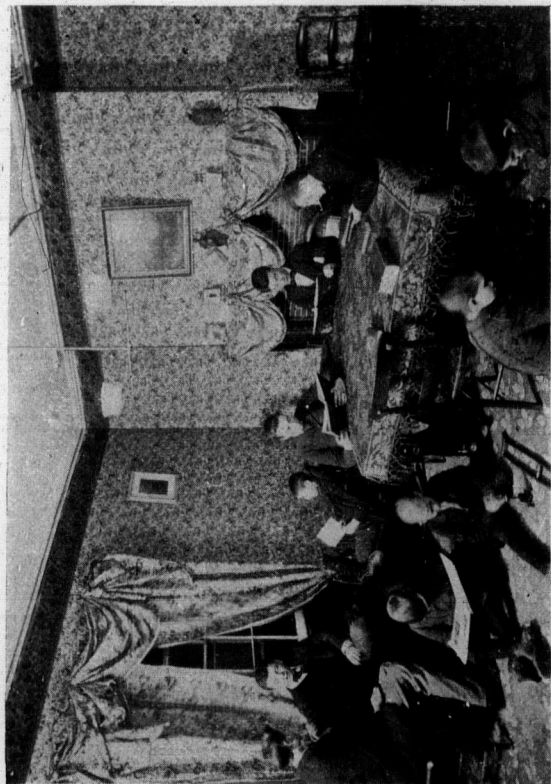
When a boy becomes a regular member of the family, he is invited to join the brass band, and also to attend the night school held in the Home. The Superintendent and his good wife (the boy's new father and mother) begin to make a study of the lad, to note his disposition, traits of character, etc., so that they may be guided in their treatment of him and in choosing for him some suitable employment. Meanwhile, he is given some work about the Home, which serves to test his ability and willingness. When opportunity affords he is placed in a regular situation, in which he earns from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per week, and of this he is expected to pay a little more than half toward his support in the Home, and invest all that he can spare of the balance in the Home Savings Bank, which is so arranged that when he has saved a few dollars by its aid he then opens account with some regular savings company.

Great care is taken to avoid making paupers of the boys, and to inculcate a spirit of independence. They are obliged, as soon as they are able, to pay, at least, a trifle for all the clothes they get from the Home. The sum is a trivial one, but sufficient to make the transaction a matter of business, and not of receiving alms. The boys come to the Home having various abilities and dispositions, and in divers stages of education, so that they fill a variety of positions when they start out in regular employment.

Some boys are, of course, not to be trusted at first, and in sending boys to situations care is always taken by the Superintendent to send trustworthy boys only to places involving responsibility.

Our boys now have various employments, as cash boys, errand boys of every kind, in factories, foundries, machine shops, at printing, painting, blacksmithing, etc., and as liveried servants in several capacities. The boys are encouraged to take regular work, and settle at it, so that they may become able to support themselves as soon as possible, and when that stage is reached they are reluctantly parted with to enter some respectable boarding-house, and sometimes to join the Y.M.C.A., which is then in a position to continue the good work begun in them.

The whole work, from beginning to end, is everybody's work, and all should have an opportunity of aiding it. Unfortunately, it is very little known or understood by the public, and, therefore, is not as well supported as it ought to be. The Home is dependent upon the generosity of those who have a care for others less fortunate than themselves. The Treasurer, Mr. Walter Gillespie, Jr., 13 Toronto Street, would be glad at any time to receive subscriptions or donations in aid of the work.



AN EVENING AT HOME

Testimonials

Quite a number of manufacturers and others have found the boys from the Home so satisfactory, and the convenience of being able to telephone at any time for any kind of a boy so great, that they secure all their boys there, and express themselves generally well satisfied.

The following testimonials speak for themselves. The number could be indefinitely multiplied :

"We have found the boys from the Working Boys' Home who have been with us to be intelligent, and quick, and well able to repay in full any effort made in their behalf."

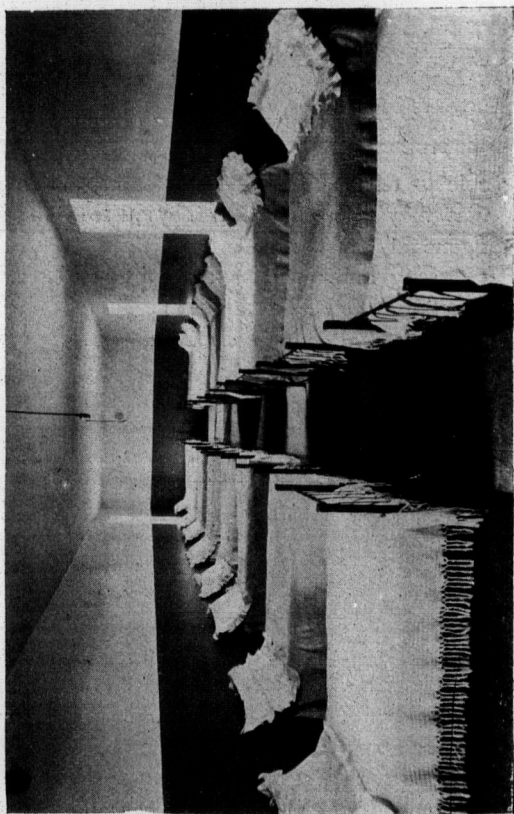
(Signed) THE SHIPE WOOD RIM CO.
66 Esplanade St. West.

"I am pleased to say that the boy from your Home in my employ is giving splendid satisfaction."

(Signed) W. B. WELLWOOD, Fruiterer, etc.
Yonge Street.

If manufacturers and others employing boys would, at least, try the Home boys they would certainly help the work, and would probably find the boys thoroughly satisfactory and the Home a great convenience.

All that is necessary at any time to get a good boy is to ring up the Superintendent, and state what kind of boy is needed, and he will be sent at once. Many of these lads can furnish excellent testimonials from former employers. The telephone number is 1634.



A BED ROOM

Report of Board of Management for 1895.

During the past year the Board of Management has found it expedient to change the name of the building from that of "The Newsboys' Home" to "The Working Boys' Home." This does not mean that the work has greatly changed in character, or that this is not a home for newsboys. Probably three-fourths of our boys are selling papers when they come to us. But we aim to get them into some steady occupation as soon as possible; and usually a boy has not remained here a week before he is, if old enough, learning a trade, or, at any rate, working regularly by the week. It is not desirable to allow a boy to remain a newsboy a day longer than is absolutely necessary. This is not because selling papers is necessarily disreputable, but only because it is a very precarious way of earning a living. As a matter of fact, a very large number of respectable boys in Toronto, who live at home and go to school, now sell papers before and after school hours; and this has made the trade of the professional newsboy even more precarious. The name, "Working Boys' Home," indicates exactly what we wish our boys to be.

During the year ending October 30th, nearly two hundred individual boys have been lodged in the Home. The greatest

number of boys that we can conveniently lodge at one time is thirty-five, and at that date there were thirty-five in the Home. Our resources have sometimes been overstrained, and this building is becoming sadly inadequate to our needs. As yet, however, we see no prospect of being able to build in the near future.

We have the best means of knowing that many of the boys who are now receiving wholesome Christian instruction here would have been under degrading influences had we not done something for them. Many have shown marked improvement in character since coming to the Home, and much of this is due to the personal influence of the Superintendent and Mrs. Smith. Their efforts to reach and help the boys have been unsparing. To ensure steady teaching a night school has been established in the Home, and it has been found that the boys are willing and eager to attend it. The brass band, too, has proved an unfailing means of amusement and instruction. The members of the band have now a neat uniform, which greatly adds to their appearance, and it is pleasing to note that this uniform has been paid for by the earnings of the band in giving public entertainments.

The thanks of the Board are due to the ladies' committee, who have given invaluable co-operation; to Mr. McKim for his many works for the Home, and especially in collecting money; to Dr. Greig and Dr. H. H. Oldright for medical attendance; to Dr. Greig and Mr. Woodhouse for their services as auditors; to Mr. J. Scott for his work in training the band, and to Mr. W. Scott for music composed by him; to

the Ontario Government for the grant of \$147.34 ; and to the many donors of money, good cheer, and clothing. In this, as in former years, we have to thank the Council of the City of Toronto for the annual grant of \$400.00, paid to us in December, 1894. Our collections this year from the charitable public have been \$200.00 in excess of those of last year ; yet we should have closed the year with a deficit of \$700.00 had it not been for the receipt of \$800.00 on account of a legacy, and, of course, this is not likely to occur again next year. We thus have to face a probable deficit for a considerable amount, certainly a serious situation. Strenuous efforts must be made during this year to secure a larger number of individual subscribers, or our work will be greatly crippled.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. ALLAN, *Chairman.*



Working Boys' Home

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT—YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1895.

Receipts

Balance on hand, October 1st, 1894.....	\$ 6 75
City of Toronto, grant.....	400 00
Province of Ontario, grant.....	147 34
General subscriptions.....	774 30
Received from boys, inmates.....	706 07
Interest on bequests and deposits.....	67 82
Part bequest, late Joseph Keterson.....	800 00
	<u>\$2,902 28</u>

Disbursements

Salaries and wages.....	\$ 873 17
House expenses.....	1,834 40
Printing, advertising, stationery, and postage.....	31 32
Fire insurance premium.....	13 30
Sundries.....	56 65
Balance on hand, October 1st, 1895.....	93 44
	<u>\$2,602 28</u>

Capital Account

J. Keterson bequest, invested temporarily.....	\$1,400 90
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W. GILLESPIE, JR., *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

J. J. WOODHOUSE, } *Auditors.*
W. J. GREIG, }

Toronto, October 31st, 1895.

Newsboys' Lodging and Working Boys' Home

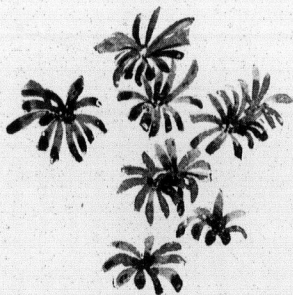
LIST OF DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1895

Allan, Hon. Geo. W.	\$ 17 00	Flavelle, J. W.	\$ 10 00
Allan, A. A., & Co.	5 00	Gillespie, Ansley & Dixon.	5 00
Ardagh, Mrs. (Orillia)....	4 00	Gillespie, W., Jr.	2 00
Baird, R. S.	5 00	Globe Printing Co.	10 00
Baldwin, Rev. A. H.	5 00	Gooderham, Geo.	20 00
Beardmore & Co.	5 00	Gooderham, Mrs. Hy.	5 00
Beatty, W. H.	5 00	Gooderham, A.	10 00
Blaikie, John L.	10 00	Goulding, Geo., & Sons.	5 00
Blake, Lash & Cassels.	20 00	Gowans, John.	10 00
Brock, W. R., & Co.	10 00	Grasett, Dr. F. Le M.	2 00
Brown Bros.	5 00	Greenshields, Miss.	5 00
Canada Printing Ink Co.	5 00	Gregg, Rev. Wm.	2 00
Canada Paper Co.	5 00	Greig, Edward R.	5 00
Canadian Rubber Co.	5 00	Greig, Dr. W. J.	2 00
Campbell, A. H.	20 00	Greig, Mrs. Dr.	1 00
Christie, Brown & Co.	25 00	Grindlay, Wm.	2 00
Clark, Chas. H.	10 00	Gurney Foundry Co.	5 00
Clarke, Mrs. H. E.	5 00	Gzowski, Col. Sir C. S.	25 00
Cockshutt, Chas., & Co.	10 00	Hagarty, Hon. J. H.	10 00
Cox, George A.	40 00	Harman, S. Bruce.	1 30
Davies, Wm.	10 00	Helliwell, T.	5 00
Davis, A. A. (Cayuga).	5 00	Henderson, Mrs. Jas.	2 00
Delaporte, A. V.	5 00	Heward, Mrs. S.	5 00
Dick, D. B.	5 00	Hobson, Ed. J.	10 00
Dixon, B. Homer.	10 00	Hooper, Edward	10 00
Donough & Oliver.	5 00	Hooper, Mrs. C. E.	2 00
DuMoulin, Rev. P.	5 00	Hoskin, John.	2 00
Eckardt, H. P., & Co.	5 00	Howland, O. A.	5 00
Elliott & Co.	5 00	Hoyles, N. W.	5 00
Ellis, P. W., & Co.	5 00	Hutchison, Dignum & Nisbet.	5 00
"Evening Star"	5 00	"Jack Frost" ..	1 00

Jones, Mackenzie & Leonard.....	\$ 10 00	Rowell & Hutchison.....	\$ 5 00
Johnston, W. R., & Co.....	5 00	Sampson, Kennedy & Co.....	10 00
Kemp, John C.....	2 00	Samuel, Benjamin & Co.....	5 00
Kerr, J. K.....	5 00	Simpson, W. B. Bridgeman.....	25 00
Kilgour Bros.....	10 00	Stark, John.....	5 00
Lee, Walter S.....	5 00	Stayner, Sutherland.....	5 00
Lyman Bros. & Co.....	5 00	Swan Bros.....	25 00
Mail Printing Co.....	5 00	Thompson, Judge (Louisville, Ky.)	1 00
Mason, J. Herbert.....	5 00	Thomson, Henderson & Bell.....	10 00
Matthews, W. D.....	5 00	Toronto Type Foundry Co.....	5 00
Miller, S. P.....	15 00	"T.G." (Georgetown).....	10 00
McCabe, Wm.....	5 00	Walker, B. E.....	5 00
McCall, D., & Co.....	5 00	Warren Bros. & Boomer.....	5 00
Macdonald, John, & Co.....	2 00	Warwick Bros. & Rutter.....	5 00
Macdonald, Mrs. Hugh.....	5 00	Webster, G. J.....	1 00
McIntosh, Mrs. P.....	2 00	"Well-Wisher".....	2 00
Northrup & Lyman.....	20 00	Williams, Mr. (Goderich).....	1 00
Osler & Hammond.....	10 00	Wilson, Miss.....	5 00
Patterson, R. L.....	5 00	Wood, S. G.....	5 00
Pearson, W. H.....	5 00	Woodhouse, J. J.....	2 00
Perkins Insurance Co.....	5 00	Wragge, Edmund.....	2 00
Robertson, J. Ross.....	5 00	Wrong, Geo. M.....	2 00
Rogers, Chas., & Sons.....	2 00	Wyll, Grasett & Darling.....	5 00
Rogers, Elias, & Co.....	10 00		
Rolph, Smith & Co.....	5 00		
		Total.....	\$774 30

W. GILLESPIE, JR., *Treasurer.*

September 30th, 1895.



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