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meriduity with which by undertook-the supervision At the close of the seventh year of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home of Toronto, the Managing Committee are gratified in being able to report its continued success, notwithstanding unwonted difficulties which have beset them during the past year. has been sometoned esti and other seems to faint

In spite of every exertion which may be made by a com-

mittee of management, experience in conducting Institutions of this class proves that much of their success must depend on securing the services of an efficient resident manager. In the case of the Newsboys' Lodging the difficulty is greatly increased from the necessity of selecting a married couple for the offices of Superintendent and Matron. In more than one case, the managers have had to accept the zeal and efficiency of the one as in some degree atoning for deficiencies in the other. It was therefore with feelings of keen regret that they had to record in their last report, the loss, in the late Mr. and Mrs. Wells, of a Superintendent and Matron, each of whom satisfied the managers in their faithful performance of the duties devolving on them. Considerable anxiety has been experienced in the effort to supply their places. Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Richards, the present Superintendent and Matron, produced highly satisfactory testimonials in proof of their

experience in somewhat analogous duties in the Old Country;

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and although longer time is required fully to test their fitness for the responsible trust devolving on them, the Committee have, thus far, reason to hope that a successful choice has been made. The Ladies' Committee report their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the duties of the Matron have, so far, been fulfilled; and the managers confidently trust that further experience will confirm their present anticipations.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE BUILDING.

The proposed enlargement of the building, as recommended in last Report, has been carried out in accordance with the plans previously approved of. To Mr. John McBean his fellow managers have to record their grateful thanks for the assiduity with which he undertook the supervision of the plans, the preparing of estimates, and the entire oversight of the work. In this, in addition to his own liberal pecuniary aid, he devoted much time and care to the services of the Institution; and its managers and friends owe him a deep debt of gratitude for the economical and highly satisfactory manner in which the building has been in all respects, adapted to the more efficient carrying out of the purposes of the Institution.

IMPROVMENTS.

A large new dormitory and Superintendent's room, and dining room have been added to the house. The old dining room in the basement has been fitted up with lockers for the boys; and the small ante-room formerly used for this propose has been added to the school-room. The kitchen has also been enlarged in a similar way: and the building is now in all respects better fitted for the purposes to which it is applied. In furnishing the new dormitory, the Committee have carried out a plan which they had already partially tried; and have had all the bedsteads made double, on the plan of an upper and lower berth, so as to furnish the largest amount of accommodation with their limited space. With a view to this, special attention has been directed to ventilation; and

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experience so far leads to the belief that the arrangement will fully realise anticipations. Additional dormitory has already, for the first time, enabled the Superintendent to classify the inmates, and so to separate new entrants from those who have been for some time under the beneficial training of the Home.

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The entire cost of the improvements, including the requisite furnishings, has involved an outlay of \$2962.74. Towards this the managers appropriated a legacy of the late Mr. John Worthington, of \$500, and another of the late Mrs. Wheeler, of \$343.74. In addition, they have to acknowledge special subscriptions for this object, amounting in all to \$1557.00, of which a detailed return is furnished in the Treasurer's Report. From this it will be seen that there is still a deficency of \$122.00 on this special account.

THE PAST WINTER.

Owing to the unusually mild character of the past winter, the claims on the shelter of the Home, by transitory vagrants have been less than was anticipated. Neverthless the number of lodgers, amounting in all to 175, shows an increase of 56 on that of last year; and the results in other respects furnish gratifying evidence of the beneficial operations of the Institution.

THE LOAN FUND.

Among the boys admitted during the past year into the Home, there have been repeated cases of absolute destitution. To meet such cases, the Superintendent has a Loan Fund at his disposal, for aiding such boys as he believes to be worthy of trust, in starting on a course of industry. From this fund 705 advances have been made to 57 boys, amounting in all to \$100.17. Of these borrowers 49 have repaid their loans, and the whole deficiency in the Loan Fund for the year amounts at present to \$4.76. But the Superintendent supplements his statement with this note: "some, at least, of this will, I am sure, be repaid."

The money thus advanced is expended in providing a stock of papers for sale, or in otherwise furnishing some means of

entering on a course of self-sustaining industry; and as, along with the loan, credit has to be given in such cases for the daily board; the repayments recorded above, are in addition to the payment of arrears of board; and illustrate an important branch of moral training in the working of this Institution. The object aimed at is to appeal to the sense of honor of the boys, and to encourage in them a spirit of independence, as a necessary step towards weaning them from habits of vagrancy, and engaging them in some settled employment. During the past year 44 boys have been placed in situations of various kinds, in town and country, on the whole with very satisfactory results.

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The next step is to encourage habits of Providence. Each inmate of the Home pays 10 cents daily for supper, bed, and breakfast, or 15 cents, where his earnings amount to \$3.50 per week. A free dinner is given on Sunday to all who comply with the rules of the Home, including attendance on public worship in the morning, and on the Home Sunday School. Under certain circumstances it has been found advisable to provide dinner in the House, on week-days, and for this an extra charge is made of 10 cents per day. The entire sum thus contributed by the boys towards their own maintenance during the past year has amounted to \$1176.25.

There have been thirty-five depositors in the Savings Bank during the past year. The money thus deposited is drawn upon from time to time, to pay their lodging, or to supply themselves with newspapers, and other resources of industry in less prosperous times; and much of it is withdrawn in winter for clothing. The savings of the boys, thus deposited in the Home Savings' Bank during the past year, have amounted in all to \$555.44.

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Most of the money thus saved and turned to useful account would undoubtedly have been squandered, or spent on vicious purposes; but for the encouragement thus held out to the boys to save their spare earnings. It is the recognised habit of the street vagrant to expend the whole of his day's earnings. In the low lodging houses to which, in the absence of such a Home as is now provided for them, such boys have to resort, experience teaches them that such savings, as well as spare clothing, or other property, only expose them to the cupidity of their older companions, and so they habitually rid themselves of them as an encumbrance.

LOCKERS.

The locker and key with which each inmate of the Home is provided, at the nearly nominal charge of one cent per week, is another valuable encouragement to provident habits. Until provided with such means of securing their spare clothing, many of the boys had scarcely realised the possibility of retaining an extra garment, or providing for any change of underclothing; and they have been in the habit of "trading," or selling whatever spare clothing they acquired.

EVENINGS AT THE HOME.

The evenings at the Home continue to be successfully carried on by the Superintendent and the Weekly Visitors. The hours pass pleasantly in reading, singing, or at times in innocent games. Two evenings in the week are appropriated for teaching, reading and writing. The lady visitors continue to be welcomed with special favour; and a body of lady visitors take the entire charge of the Sunday evenings' work, with great acceptability and success:

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A VAGRANT EXPEDITION !

The habits of the class of boys with which this Institution specially deals have had a curious illustration during the present season. It is an invariable practice among our city arabs to transfer their industrial pursuits to the scene of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, annually held in the chief cities of the provinces and the devices resorted to to accomplish the needful journey without drawing on their slender funds are often highly characteristic.

This season the rumours of the forthcoming Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia excited the same vagrant longings; until three of the most adventurous among the inmates of the Home, aged respectively 16, 14; and 12, drew out their savings from the Bank and started for Philadelphia. made their way to New York, overcoming the impediments of so long a journey by means familiar to this class of boys. There they parted; two of them pursuing their way to Philadelphia, from whence they have since returned somewhat naively reporting that "they found there were plenty of boys there already; and they did not like their chaff!" They made their way on foot back to New York; obtained temporary lodging in a Newboys' Home there; but once more found themselves out of their element among the Arabs of that great city. A charitable gentleman provided them with passes to Albany; and they contrived to make out the remainder of their journey by processes known to such young adventurers. They are once more in the Home; with a lesson of experience which it is hoped may induce them to apply such youthful energy to more satisfactory results.

THE LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The valuable services of the Ladies' Committee have been called into special requisition during the past year, in conse-

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set by many difficulties if deprived of such co-operation.

In further aid of the requisite furnishings for the new dormitory the managers have to acknowledge the following

gratefully acknowledge that a large amount of the success of

the institution is due to their kind and efficient exertions in a department where the managers would find themselves be-

liberal gifts:

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FRIENDS OF THE HOME.

The Committee have again to acknowledge their obligations to Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, for the festival on Dominion Day, when a happy holiday was enjoyed at Castle Frank; and to the Ladies' Committee and other friends who liberally provided for the fitting enjoyment of Christmas and New Years' Day at the Home.

The managers have to express their grateful acknowledgements for a grant by the Provincial Parliament, of \$240, and of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City, of \$300. Samuel

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his liberality, by a gift of \$50.

To the kind friends, whose donations towards the Building Fund, are recorded in the Treasurer's Report, the Managing Committee beg leave to express their special gratitude. It was not until they had committed themselves beyond recall to the pecuniary responsibilities of the building extension, that the prevailing stringency in money matters forced upon them the desirableness of delaying all unavoidable expenditure, they are under great obligations to those who, recognizing the good work which the Newboys' Lodging is accomplishing, responded so ungrudgingly to their appeal for aid; and they trust that the amount still due on this account will be speedily cleared off with like liberality.

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

In conclusion, the managers have to state that they have steadily kept in view in the whole working of the Institution, that the moral and religious training of the boys is the most essential means towards accomplishing the objects for which it was founded. No boy is permitted to be absent from the Home after supper (6:30 p.m.), unless by special permission

of the Superintendent.

Mountain Same Remarks of Comment Every exertion is made to secure that the evenings shall be pleasantly and profitably passed. Mr. George Harcourt, in addition to other duties of a weekly visitor, kindly undertakes the training in singing; and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. M. Finch, by whom the afternoon Sunday School is conducted, have added to other liberal services, that of furnishing a melodeon for use in their musical exercises. Mr. Kirkland has added to the attractions of the evenings at Home by more than one exhibition of dissolving views; and by reading, and instruction carried on by the Superintendent and the Visitors, intermingled with innocent games suited to the ages of the inmates, the novel idea of Home and its pleasures is found to prove one of the most effectual antidotes to the habits of vagrancy which, with many of the deserted children of the street, had become a second nature. The man and the bus sure of the said to

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Looking back on the work of the past seven years in which the Newsboys' Lodging has been in operation, the managers are able to record that 798 boys have been admitted, including many deserted and orphan children, and homeless boys of drunken parents, or of criminals in the penitentiary or gaol. In other cases vagrant wanderers have been returned to their parents. Of the above number 337 have been sent to situations; some have been apprenticed to trades, and are now in a fair prospect of occupying a respectable social position; and in repeated cases boys that have been sent to the country and lost sight of, have returned, -sometimes only to visit the Home, and report that they are doing well ;-in other cases to ask advice when in difficulties; to claim protection against supposed injustice, as having no other friends to appeal to; or, at times, to place the accumulated savings of their industry in the Home Savings' Bank.

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In those and other ways the managers continue to receive satisfactory proof that the friends of the Institution have not labored in vain; but that, as they confidently believe, the Divine blessing has accompanied their efforts; and acting thus under the guidance of a gracious providence, they indulge the hope that those who have contributed the means for founding this Home for the neglected children of the street will find their abundant reward in learning hereafter of many who have, by their aid, been rescued from vagrancy and incipient crime, and introduced to a career of virtuous industry.

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NEWSBOYS' LODGING.

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