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OF THE

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Protestant Industrial School,

1873.

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REPORT.

SUCH lengthy reports have been submitted during the past eight years concerning the Industrial School that the public generally know or are in a position to know all about it, its history, aims, failures, and successes. The policy of taking the public into our confidence has been justified by the results. Almost every one has a good word, and no one has a bad word now for the institution. Parents in town and country who can do nothing with their own sons are willing to pay, as far as their means permit, to get them within its shelter and improving influences. The City Council has adopted it, and instead of a small dole that had to be annually petitioned for, now votes of its own accord \$60 a year for every boy sentenced by the Stipendiary Magistrate. And men who give grudgingly to other charitable undertakings and suspect them of doing as much harm as good, exempt the Industrial School from their destructive criticism. That, they admit, is doing some good.

For all this friendly feeling and for the success which has led to it, the Committee is profoundly grateful. They have never made any secret of the fact that they had a peculiarly difficult problem to solve, and that a partial success would be as much as could be expected. Large institutions for foundlings, for orphans, for the destitute, for those who are physically or morally weak or diseased, look imposing, but they have to be carefully watched and ruled or they are likely to become great pest-houses. With all such unfortunate classes the true policy is to scatter the individuals as widely as possible, to bring them under the influences of the divine institution of the family, and when they are gathered in institutions, to make those as much like the family as possible. But the Committee had to deal primarily with juvenile criminals, and these could not be scattered abroad. To

scatter them would be to spread contagion. Families could not be asked to take them until they were reformed. Then again, not content with taking in young vagrants and criminals between the ages of 8 and 14, whose natures are plastic and who could be sent to the country with little risk after a few months or a year's stay in the home, we threw our doors open for youths between 14 and 18 also, the age that is most difficult to manage, and that submits most impatiently to control. To do anything with this latter class, trades had to be taught, and more expense has been incurred in connection with this than with any other department. In these days, machinery and expensive tools are used to a great extent in connection with every trade. A large outlay has to be made, and the returns are variable and uncertain. Besides, it has been found everywhere else that institutions whose chief object is the reform of their inmates, cannot compete with establishments conducted purely on economic or business principles.

The difficulties that the Committee and the Superintendent have had to contend with, can thus be partly understood. Eighteen months ago, in order to ensure greater promptness in getting Masters, and to give more freedom, authority and responsibility to the Superintendent, the Committee handed over to him the management of the business done by the institution, reserving to themselves both inspection and control. The Committee meets every Tuesday to receive the Superintendent's report, to admit or discharge boys, and to take whatever action may be found necessary to further the interests of the School. A visiting sub-Committee of two is appointed every month, whose duty is to visit thoroughly every room and department at least once a week, and report as regularly. Quarterly returns are made to the Committee by the Superintendent of his liabilities and assets, so that whenever the new arrangement is found to be attended with loss it can be changed.

At present the annual amount the Committee has to raise to carry on the institution may be set down as at least \$4000; that is \$3000 for maintenance, \$500 for interest on debt, insurance, &c., and from \$500 to \$1000, according to

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our ability, for repairs and improvements. As we receive about \$1800 in the shape of guarantees, this leaves a sum of from \$2000 to \$3000 to be met by yearly subscriptions. Our subscription list has never amounted to this sum, but the deficit has always been met by special donations. During the past year we paid our way, and reduced the balance against us from \$1119 to \$303. The people of Halifax have hitherto supported the School nobly, but the Committee would be in a more satisfactory condition, if there was a more certain income in the shape of yearly subscriptions to depend upon. Of course it would be still more satisfactory if there was some endowment, such as that provided by the late William Murdoch for the Blind Asylum and other institutions, and the possession of which saves the managers much trouble and anxiety, and also assures the permanence of the institutions. Is it too much to look for this? We appeal to those whom God has blessed with wealth to consider if a fair proportion of it could be put to a better purpose than the rescue from sin and utter destruction of poor erring lads—the children of their own fellow citizens? If it is too much to expect it now, we would respectfully hint that the Industrial School should not be forgotten in the last will and testament.

To carry on the trades and the kindling wood department satisfactorily, the Superintendent found it necessary to add a steam engine and improved tools at an expense of about \$3000. Subscriptions were given for the purpose to the amount of over \$500, and the members of Committee gave \$600 more, they having promised that amount two years previously, as so much had been saved by the contract for the workshops taken by the Superintendent. No money being available for machinery out of the contributions of the public, the Committee gave the \$600, for which there was a moral obligation, out of their own pockets. With the exception of this \$1100, the Superintendent had to get the engine, tools, &c., on his own credit.

In mentioning this contribution for machinery by the Committee, it is just as well to state that the general rule in the history of this institution has been for the members

of Committee to give not only their individual annual contributions but also the money needed for prizes, Christmas dinner, special improvements, and such like purposes. Last year the special contributions of the Committee amounted to between \$1000 and \$1100. It should be known that the honor of a seat at the Committee's table costs an average of nearly \$100 a year in addition to time and pains and anxiety. This is not right; but it is inevitable unless the real friends of the School increase their subscriptions or increase in number.

NUMBER OF BOYS, &c.

On the 1st. Jany. 1873, we had 47 boys on the roll; 15 were admitted and 10 left during the year, leaving the present number 52. Of the 15 admitted, 5 were sentenced to us from the police office; 7 are guaranteed \$40 each, and 3 are on the free list. Of the 10 who left, 4 were taken by their parents, 2 of these being reformed, 4 left regularly and are now doing well, 1 ran away, and 1 was committed to prison for theft. This is a smaller return than usual. The preceding year 17 were admitted, and 21 left the School. And this year on which we have entered, a larger number will leave because their time has expired, and they are fit to go out into the world to earn their own living.

A pleasing feature connected with the working of the institution is that four, who formerly were boys in it, are now employed as assistant masters, one as a tailor, and three in the shoe shop. Their names are Neal, Bazen, McPherson, and Scott, and they are all reliable young men.

In no previous year has so much good work been done by the institution, and in none have the boys progressed so rapidly in their respective trades. The steam-engine seems to have imparted new life into them. It keeps them active however lazily inclined they may be. There is an intelligence and quickness of movement about them such as we never saw before. When the past history and character of the boys are considered, the necessity for some such stimulus is clearly seen. They are sent to us simply because they are "ne'er do weels," irreclaimable, or positively preying

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on the community. Their power for evil is enormous. For they are not mere boys. Of the 52 in the School, half the number are over 15 years of age; 10 or 12 of them are over 17. Ought not the community to be thankful that these powder magazines are looked after? Allowed their own way, they would damage the city from \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth every year while they ruined themselves. A reformatory is the only place for such boys. And as the State has not established one, Christian people have taken it in hand.

In concluding this Report, the Committee desire to thank Dr. Slayter, and Dr. A. C. Cogswell for professional services given gratuitously as usual; and Alderman H. A. Taylor for acting as agent gratuitously, city orders for the School being always left at his store on Barrington St.

THE following persons guarantee the payment of \$40 each per ann., for the Board of 33 Boys.

D. H. M. Starr, & C. H. M. Black.....	1
P. C. Hill.....	1
Rev. G. M. Grant, & R. C. Harris.....	1
Mrs. Wm. Cunard.....	1
St. Matthew's Sabbath School.....	2
" & Mrs. Esson.....	1
St. Paul's Sabbath School.....	2
Orphan's Home.....	1
Jubilee Sewing Circle.....	3
Edward Binney, Esq.....	1
Lord Bishop Nova Scotia.....	1
William Cunard, Esq.....	1
Brunswick Street Sabbath School.....	1
James Farquhar, Esq.....	1
Miss Cogswell.....	3
St. Andrew's Sabbath School.....	1
Chalmer's Church Sabbath School.....	1
G. H. Starr, Esq.....	1
Grafton Street Sabbath School.....	1
Mrs. Wallace.....	1
Mrs. Joseph Belcher.....	1
Late A. K. Doull's Legacy.....	3
Sheriff Lawrence.....	1
G. V. Rand, Esq.....	1
North British Society.....	1
Free List.....	3
City of Halifax, paying \$60 each.....	16
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SUBSCRIBERS.

Almon, M. B.	\$2.00	Coll. Annual Meeting at the	
Albro, Ed	20.00	Home	27.50
Almon, T. R.	5.00	Cash found per Leonard	
Avery, Dr.	20.00	Symonds	19.50
Anderson, Billing & Co.	10.00	Coll. North Baptist Church	
Anon	75	per Rev. Mr. Saunders ..	10.00
Almon, Dr.	5.00	Coll. Dartmouth Ropeworks	
Anderson, Alexr	20.00	congregation, per J. F.	
Annand, Hon. W.	10.00	Stairs	26.00
Archbold, E. P.	20.00	Duffus & Co.	20.00
Armstrong, Jas	1.00	DeWolf, C. F.	2.00
Brown, Thos. A	20.00	Dunbar, W	2.00
Burns, A.	20.00	Donaldson, James	40.00
Black, S. H.	10.00	Duffus, Mrs.	6.00
Black, W. L	20.00	Doull & Miller	20.00
Black, M. P	20.00	Elliott, J. B.	1.00
Black, Bros.	20.00	Esson, Mrs.	10.00
Beak, R., Jr	10.00	Farquharson, J.	2.00
Bremner, Jas. J.	5.00	Friend	1.00
Bland, Mrs.	50.00	Frith, G. R.	3.00
Buist, George	4.00	F. & H.	2.00
Bayne, Thos	20.00	Fletcher, Chas	2.00
Bland, J. B.	50.00	Fraser, Geo.	1.00
Belcher, Jos. S.	5.00	Friend—per Mrs. Bland ..	2.00
Binney, Ed	100.00	Fraser, R. W.	10.00
Brown, Thos.	4.00	Farquhar & Forrest.	10.00
Bayne, J.	5.00	Frecker, J. P.	20.00
Belcher, Jos. S. (2d don) ..	1.50	Friend—per A. M. Bell ...	4.00
Binney, Mrs	10.00	Grant, Peter	4.00
Brookfield, S. M.	50.00	Gibson, John	10.00
Brown, Mark.	1.00	Grant, Dr. M. P., Ottawa ..	5.00
Cunard, Wm.	100.00	Graham, Chas.	10.00
Cornelius, J.	1.00	Grant, A.	10.00
Creighton, Jas. G. A.	4.00	Gordon, Jas.	5.00
Creighton, C. A	2.00	Greenwood, E. G. W	10.00
Clemen Bros	1.00	Do. (2d don.) ..	10.00
Chipman Bros.	4.00	Grierson, J.	20.00
Coleman, W. J.	1.00	Gray, Oliver	50
Clarke, N	5.00	Harrington, W. D	4.00
Campbell, Rev. J. F.	10.00	Harrington, W. M	5.00
Coll. St. Matthew's Church		Haliburton, J. C.	10.00
Evangelical All. Meet.	41.25	Hart, Jairus	4.00

Hamilton, R. C.	5.00	Northup, Hon. J.	20.00
Harris Bros.	1.00	Outram, & Co.	2.00
Hesslein, H.	40.00	Payzant, L. S.	1.00
Hartshorne, H.	5.00	Parker, John.	1.00
His Worship The Mayor,		Parker, Dr. McN.	10.00
Jas. Duggan.	10.00	Pickford, Robert.	5.00
His Worship the Mayor,		Ritchie, T. A.	20.00
J. A. Sinclair.	40.00	Ritchie, J. N.	5.00
Hill, P. C.	20.00	Ritchie, Thos.	5.00
Hunter, John.	4.00	Robertson, W.	2.50
Jennings & Clay.	3.00	Rand, C. H.	4.00
Jack, Peter.	5.00	Rosborough, Jas.	3 00
Jones, A. G.	20.00	Roche, W., Jr.	2.00
Jost, Ed.	10.00	Smith, Edward.	10.00
Jennett, J. R.	20.00	Stirling, W. S.	20.00
Johnson, S.	1.00	Sircon & Marshall.	2.00
Johnson, J. H.	5.00	Sutherland, D.	2.00
Kaizer, C. & Son.	2.00	Silver, J. & Co.	10.00
Keating, W. H.	2.00	Symonds, W. S.	5.00
Keith, Alex.	5.00	Scott, Jas.	20.00
Keith, D. G.	1.00	Stairs, John.	20.00
Kinnear, T. C.	25.00	Stairs, W. J.	20.00
Kandick, W.	10.00	Starr, D. & Sons.	12.00
Lawson, Harrington & Co.	10.00	Smith, B.	5.00
Lowell, W. L.	4.00	Skimmings, R. H.	5.00
Longard, E. J.	3.00	Silver, W. C.	10.00
Lordly & Stimpson.	10.00	Stayner, E. G. & C.	8 00
Laurie, Colonel J. W.	25.00	Starr, Geo. H.	20.00
Leahy, M.	50	Stevens, J.	50
Lane, W.	1.00	Sandford, Geo.	1.00
Maclean, J. S.	20.00	Thomson, Geo.	5.00
McNutt, W. B.	5.00	Tully, H. C.	1.00
Morrow, Jas. B.	10.00	Thomson, C.	5.00
Moir & Co.	2.00	Taylor, R.	8.00
McLeod, A.	20.00	Tully, W. H.	1.00
Muir, A. F.	1.00	Thomson, Mrs., Senr.	2.00
More, W. S.	2.00	Thompson, Philip.	4.00
Moren, J. A.	20.00	Thomson, Jas., Custos.	100.00
Marling, J. W.	5.00	Townsend, Silas.	5.00
Mitchell, G. P.	10.00	Vaux, C. C.	1.00
McKinlay, A. K.	20.00	Vail, Hon. W. B.	5.00
Mott, J. P.	10.00	White, S. A.	10.00
McAllister, W.	5.00	Woodgate, A.	10.00
Menzies, W. C.	5.00	West, W. P.	20.00
Mathers, J. H.	5.00	Woolrich, T. V. & J. C.	1.00
Mates, W.	50	Wheelock, Mr., New York.	4.00
Morris, John.	50	Wilson, J. E.	2.00
McGinnis, John.	50	Young, Sir W.	40.00

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SPECIAL DONATIONS.

I.—For Steam Engine.

J. S. McLean.....	\$50.00
Rev. Mr. Hill.....	50.00
T. A. Brown.....	50.00
T. A. Ritchie.....	50.00
E. D. Meynell.....	20.00
Rev. Mr. Grant.....	50.00
Jas. Thomson, Custos	50.00
W. H. Neal.....	50.00
Hon. J. Northup.....	50.00
S. M. Brookfield	98.62

II.—For Roadway and Fence.

T. A. Ritchie.....	\$250.00
P. C. Hill	100.00
Hon. J. Northup.....	100.00
J. S. McLean.....	50.00
W. H. Neal.....	30.00

Jesse Hoyt—1 Car load of Coals.
 Hon. T. D. Archibald—10 Chaldrons Coals.
 Bowes & Sons—250 Reports 1871-72.

Donations towards Xmas Dinner.

Edward Binney, Esq.,—2 Boxes Raisins, 6 Boxes Figs, 2 Barrels Apples.
 Moir & Co.,—1 Box Mixed Biscuits.
 Mr. Hesslien—3 Geese.
 W. H. Neal, Esq.,—1 Pudding.
 R. Currie—Beef.
 Members of Committee—\$25.85

HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Dr. *Cr.*
Profit and Loss Account, Decr. 31, 1873.

<p>1872. Dec. 31. Balance per last Statement \$1119.62</p> <p>1873. Dec. 31. Improvements 7.58 Expenses 464.58 Maintenance 3095.00 Insurance 151.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>\$4887.73</u></p>	<p>1873. Dec. 31. Donations and Subscriptions . . . \$2681.89 Guarantees 1839.26 Hefernan's Estate, Dividend . . . 13.56 Balance 303.02</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>\$4837.73</u></p>
<p>1873. Dec. 31. Balance Profit and Loss at this date \$303.02</p>	