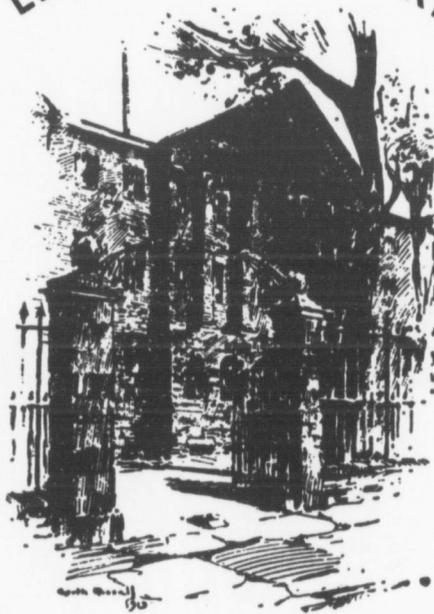


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REPORT.

OUR Report makes its appearance a little later this year than usual, because we have changed our financial year from Sept. 30th to Dec. 31st, and hence we have on this occasion to report for fifteen instead of twelve months. We made the change because we found that we could not know our real financial position until the close of the year when all bills are sent in; and that by issuing our reports in October we were sure to underestimate our liabilities. This was the case last year; and we resolved that both for our own sakes and the sake of the public it should not happen again. It is a pity indeed that we ever have bills coming in against us. We should be in a position to pay as we go. But four or five years ago the Institution became involved, and although since that we have been generously helped from all quarters, yet we have had so many additions and improvements to make, so much to do in instituting new departments and providing them with tools that we have never got entirely out of debt. The money that came in had to go for debt, and so we have had to run bills for present wants. But at length we see land. We know our liabilities to a penny, and we have only to go on doing as well this year as we did last year, to begin 1870 free of debt, and with our yearly income accruing from subscriptions and guarantees to enable us to pay for everything that we get. This is what we aim at, and so confident are we that the Christian men and women who have helped us hitherto will do so still, so sure are we that the work the Industrial School is doing is a right and wise work and that it will be sustained, that we propose to raise money at once to pay off our present debts, and to call upon our friends during the summer to enable us to meet the lump sum that will then be required. It would be strange indeed if we had any fear of failure. We have struggled through early opposition and the failures that always come to test faith. We have gained knowledge by ex-

perience, until the members of committee from being strange to the work now know exactly what is best to be done. Every year we have added to the value of the property, and we believe also that every year the school has gained in the estimation of the public.

We wish now to tell in few words the history of the past year. We began with 37, but before the Report was out, the number had increased to 39 boys. We admitted other 19, making 58 in all. Of those 8 left with the approval of the Superintendent and Committee to go out into the world, and all of these are now working at their trades or in situations, doing well; seven of them having come from different quarters to spend their Christmas at the old Home, and bring reports of their progress, and the eighth being in the States. Another was expelled for insubordination, but we are happy to learn that he is since doing better. Three were taken away by their parents who fancied they could make something out of them, and these poor fellows are now loafing about the streets. To prevent this happening again, we now refuse to take in a boy unless his parents or guardians indenture him to the school for a fixed term of years. Other seven have left during the past year without the approval of the Superintendent, and five of these have either been up before the Police Court or are on the streets. They left because the Arab nature in them was too strong to endure the discipline and order to which they had never been accustomed before, and although some of them had come to us from Rockhead we had no legal hold upon them. To put a stop to this in future, for the ends of justice itself were defeated by it, we applied, with the consent of the Town Council, to the Local Parliament for an Act empowering the Stipendiary Magistrate to sentence juvenile offenders to the Industrial School. This has been obtained, and has been acted on already in the cases of two young thieves, and we hope for the sake of the city's finances as well as for the good of the boys that it will be acted on as often as there is occasion in future; for while it costs the city 30 cents a day to keep a boy at the Rockhead Reformatory, the amount given to us for

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one is less than 11 cents, or about one-third of the sum which the Prison Committee admit it would otherwise cost them.

It thus appears that in all 19 have left during the past fifteen months, and there are still 39 with us. These are working away at the old occupations. The trades of shoe-making, tailoring, and cabinet-making are being taught, and the small boys are employed to split and make up kindling wood, or act as errand boys, news boys, to weed the gardens in summer, or to do the various little jobs that must always be done in so large a household. We have 12 young shoemakers under Mr. Sam. Ayres' instruction; six boy tailors under a master tailor; and six little cabinet-makers taught by Mr. Grierson himself. To give an idea how all the different departments pay, Mr. Grierson kept a careful account of the outlay on and income from each for the past twelve months, and a summary of this will enable every reader to judge for himself both as to what is being done and what prospects we have for the future. Here is the table:—

Expenditure on it during 1868.	Income from it during 1868.
Shoe Shop.....\$1152.29.....	\$2043.87
Cabinet Shop..... 743.45.....	963.70
Tailor Shop..... 310.12.....	443.77
Kindling Wood.... 45.69.....	213.90
Errand boys, news- boys & small jobs	370.71
\$2251.55	\$4035.95
	2251.55

Total profit from the work of all the boys... ..\$1784.40

In the Appendix complete tables will be found showing the kinds of work done in each department and the quantity.

As the total expenditure on the Institution is about \$4000, it follows that the boys themselves make nearly half, and that about \$2200 has to be provided by the public; that is for an average of 40 boys, less than \$60 a year for each, to feed, clothe, educate, teach them trades, and make them as far as man can into good citizens. From the above table it will be seen that the tailoring and cabinet-making departments pay worst. The

reason is that both have been in a transition state, and we hope for better returns from both during the current year. The boys have improved much in tailoring, and if our merchants would give them some of the vests and pants to make which they now import, the shop would pay well. But we do not hold out the prospect of the School ever being self-supporting. Our raw material is too bad for that. And whenever the boys are able to earn a living for themselves and can be trusted, it is our ambition to send them out into the world instead of keeping them for the financial profit of the School.

As far as education is concerned we have gone on steadily. Our volunteer teachers, especially Messrs. Chas. Lindsay, Bell, Bremner, Sutherland, Pender, and the Misses McEwan, have laid us under deep obligation. But we found that it would be a great advantage to have a regular certificated teacher, and as the Commissioners were opening night schools we applied to them in December last to take ours as one and to send us a qualified head master. This they kindly agreed to, and we believe that the progress of the boys ought now to be more rapid. They still keep up their singing, and the public could judge for themselves at our lectures in Temperance Hall a year ago of the excellency of their band. We know that the appearance they made then, connected with their general good conduct, won them many friends.

Dr. Hattie continues to give his medical services gratuitously whenever they are required. Though we have at present one case of serious illness, there has not been a death in the Institution since the present Superintendent entered on his charge. Much of the good health that has always prevailed is due to the care and kindness of Mrs. Grierson, whose labors must necessarily be of the most onerous kind, and done for Christ's sake, and not for man's notice or reward. The boy who is so dangerously ill has always been weakly, and his helplessness has evoked a surprising amount of consideration from all his fellows. Two of them sit up with him every night, and there are always far more volunteers for the work than are needed. This sickness seems in

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many ways to be for the glory of God. It has not only been blessed to the sufferer, but is having a refining and chastening influence on others.

We have little more to add. The Committee meets every Monday at 3 o'clock, and there are several of its members who have not missed half-a-dozen of those weekly meetings during the last three or four years. This is the best guarantee that can be given of a wise and economical management. Every suggestion for the better working of the School will be gladly listened to, and if possible acted on by the Committee. They have been cheered by many things, and have always refused to be discouraged. But to none of their friends have they been so much indebted as to Miss Cogswell and several ladies who work with her and who are never wearied of laboring. To them we look now to relieve us from the debt that still hangs over us, but not to them only, for we believe that there are many Christian friends whose sympathies are with us, and who will esteem it no hardship to give liberally for such a work as the rescuing of bright-eyed boys from degradation and crime; from evil influences and evil habits and evil instincts. Silver and gold are desirable things to have; but to have a part in restoring God's fair image to young souls who were fast losing all trace of it is surely infinitely more desirable to all true men and women; to all especially who have ever experienced the difficulty of training youth in the paths of virtue, even when example, precept, and all surrounding circumstances were favorable. The boys we have laid hold of appealed to our compassion on every ground. They were children of the city. They were growing up in our midst for our good or evil as well as for their own. For their sins others were more to blame than they. We cannot tax the general community to send them to prison. But at any rate we can endeavor to collect Christ's tax on Christians to purify and elevate them.

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D. W. Archibald.....	5.00		
			\$196.59

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Delegates to Y. M. Chris- tian Association.....	\$35.58	Young Men's Early Closing Association	49.00
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Rev. G. M. Grant's Lecture	110.89	St. Matthew's Prayer Meet- ing Class	10.00
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St. Matthew's Church Col- lection	148.00	City of Halifax	100.00
Legacy from ——— Johnston	100.00		
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Rev. G. W. Hill's Lecture.	150.00		
			\$1502.71

APPENDIX.

Industrial School Annual Report of Labor, 1868.

The following are the tables referred to in the Report :

SHOE SHOP.

Making to order 111 pairs at different prices.....	\$357.49
Repairing and half-soleing to order 548 pairs at different prices	220.07
Total Custom.....	\$577.56
Made for sale 1151 pairs different sorts and price.....	1359.81
Half-soleing and repairing for Home 246 pairs different sorts and prices.....	106.50
Shoe Shop Dr. to Sundries.....	1269.74
Less Leather on hand.....	117.45
	2043.87
(Lasts, tools and kit at present value..\$122.05.)	1152.29
Total profit.....	\$891.58

CABINET SHOP.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stock for Sale :</i></p> <p>5 Centre Tables.....</p> <p>49 Leaf ".....</p> <p>114 Wash Stands.....</p> <p>39 Toilet Tables.....</p> <p>13 Kitchen ".....</p> <p>2 Ships' Wheels..... \$173.75</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>To Order :</i></p> <p>1 Walnut Exten. Table</p> <p>1 " Dining "</p> <p>1 " Writing "</p> <p>1 Counter.....</p> <p>1 Boot Jack.....</p> <p>1 Flour Stand.....</p> <p>1 Bureau.....</p> <p>57 Mattresses, &c..... \$593.12</p> <p>Repairing Custom Work. 83.81</p> <p style="border-top: 1px solid black;">Total Custom.....\$676.93</p> <p>Stock..... 173.75</p> <p>Work for Home..... 113.02</p> <p style="border-top: 1px solid black;">\$963.70</p>
<p>Cabinet Shop Dr. to Sundries.....\$815.65</p> <p>Less Lumber, &c., on hand..... 72.20</p> <p style="border-top: 1px solid black;">Total Profits.....\$743.45</p> <p style="border-top: 1px solid black;">\$220.25</p>	

TAILOR'S SHOP.

To Order :

4 Coats	
21 Jackets	
130 Pairs Pants	
292 Shirts	
61 Mattresses	
26 Pillows	
8 Vests	
6 Grafting Blankets	
17 Railway Rugs	
2 Knickerbockers	
94 Jumpers	

 \$1859.05

Custom Repairs 7.25

 Custom New Work \$185.90
 " 7.25

 Total Custom \$198.15
 Home New Work 159.28
 " Repairing 91.34

 Tailor Shop Dr. to Sundries \$355.12
 Less Sewing Machine 45.00

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Total Profit \$133.65

KINDLING WOOD.

Sold 14,081 Bndles	\$213.90
Kindling Wood Dr. to Sundries	\$59.69
Less 8 cords of edging on hand	14.00
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Total Profit \$168.21

N. B.—Hoping greatly to increase the sale, we now sell our Kindling Wood at \$1.00 per one hundred bundles.

ERRAND BOYS AND SMALL JOBS.

Errand Boys	\$234.00
Small Jobs	124.78

All Profit \$358.78

NEWS BOYS.

News Boys—6 weeks	\$11.93
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LIST of persons guaranteeing \$40 each per annum for the maintenance of 20 Boys now in the Institution:

St. Matthew's Sabbath School.....	2
St. Paul's Sabbath School.....	1
Rev. G. W. Hill's Young Men's Bible Class.....	1
The Bishop of Nova Scotia.....	1
Rev. G. M. Grant and R. C. Harris.....	1
Edward Binney.....	1
Universalist Church Sabbath School.....	1
Miss Cogswell.....	2
A. K. Doull.....	1
Rev. W. H. L. Cogswell.....	2
W. Cunard.....	1
Mrs. W. Cunard.....	1
D. H. Starr and C. H. M. Black.....	1
Brunswick St. Wesleyan Church Sabbath School.....	1
Mrs. Bissett and St. John's Church.....	1
Committee of Orphans' Home.....	1
Jubilee Sewing Circle.....	1
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The following have been presented during the year:

Hon. T. D. Archibald, 10 Chaldrons Coal.
 Muir & Blackadar, lot ropeyarns.
 W. H. Neal, Sewing Machine.
 John Humphreys, 10 vols. Books.
 William Sutherland, gratuitous services.
 Thos. Boggs & Co., keg Paint.
 D. H. Starr, keg Paint.
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 Messrs. J. W. Fennerty, E. Binney, R. Currie, D. H. Starr and Mrs.
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