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Gentlemen's Committee.

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| Hon. P. C. HILL, <i>Chairman.</i> | Hon. W. J. STAIRS, |
| J. S. MACLEAN, <i>Vice-Chairman.</i> | E. D. MEYNELL, |
| S. M. BROOKFIELD, | T. A. RITCHIE, |
| Rev. GEO. W. HILL, | Hon. JER. NORTHUP |
| T. A. BROWN, | J. M. DEWOLFE, |
| W. H. NEAL, | Rev. W. H. HEARTZ |
| Rev. THOS. DUNCAN. | |

Ladies' Committee.

MISS PURVIS, MRS. R. TREMAIN
Assisted by other Ladies.

Treasurer.

W. S. STIRLING.

Secretary.

E. D. MEYNELL.

Surgeon.

DR. SLAYTER.

Dentist.

C. E. PUTTNER.

Superintendent:

MR. ABNER HART

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALIFAX PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FOR 1877:—

In presenting their 13th Annual Report, the Committee of the Halifax Protestant Industrial School, desire to express their gratitude to Almighty God for the mercies of another year, and for that measure of success he has been graciously pleased to vouchsafe to them.

In the Institution they represent, they have not been required to propound any new theories. The solution of one of the great problems of society, has been sought in the use of old fashioned methods, and God-honored means. In this report, as in the first Annual Report, it may be claimed that the design of our work is to rescue the worst of boys from a "life of vagrancy and crime," to educate them in the fear of God, and by giving them an opportunity of learning some useful trade, to inculcate in them principles of cleanliness, honesty and industry, and by bringing them under the shelter and protecting power of human love; to raise, through the agency of God's Spirit, their thoughts and feelings upward to him, who is the source of all love."

The operations of the year passed have justified the wisdom of the selection of Mr. Hart as Superintendent. He has been indefatigable in his labors and pains-taking and considerate in conserving the interests committed to his care. The general conduct of the boys has been excellent, and there has been a pleasing recognition on their part of obedience to the rules enacted from time to time for their guidance. During the year, and with the consent of the Committee, seven boys have left the school. These all are evidencing that their stay there has been of considerable service to them. Jas. Farquhar, Esq., who had paid for three years for one of them, had the satisfaction of being called upon by the boy, who spoke in terms most appreciative of his benefactor's generosity, and

also referred to the advantages derived from his stay at the Institution. Two boys left the School during the year without the Committee's consent, influenced, we have reason to believe, by the unwise counsels of an interested relative. In 1877 eleven boys were received. At the close of the year twenty-nine boys were in the Institution.

The Committee have further to report, that in the management of the School, all matters affecting its secular and spiritual interests are submitted to them week by week, and their Tuesday meetings secure an intimate and constant oversight of all its affairs. The Boot and Shoe Department is still under the direction of Mr. Bliss. In his department fourteen boys are employed, and the work is so satisfactorily done that it is stated that the Industrial School boots are in demand everywhere they are known. Besides paying committee for the services rendered by these boys, Mr. Bliss holds out to each employee a moneyed consideration, as an inducement for proficiency and as a reward for general good behaviour. The Carpet Cleaning Department has been in operation at the proper seasons, and has given, we believe, general satisfaction. In the Kindling Wood Department the patronage received has not been as extensive as we could have desired, and the capabilities of production are in excess of the demand. We trust that a generous public will discriminate in our favour, and whilst the competition is keen, yet remembering that the Institution furnishes as cheaply, if not cheaper, than any other source, will send their orders direct to Mr. Hart, or leave them at Mr. Taylor's Drug Store, Barrington St., when they will receive prompt attention.

On the evenings of the week special consideration is given to the mental improvement of the boys. On Sabbaths—morning and evening—they attend Church, and in the afternoon become organized as a Sunday School under the direction of the Superintendent and J. M. DeWolfe, Esq. The health of the School is excellent, and the Committee, whenever they have visited it—and especially at Christmas, when the boys received their annual treat—have been most favorably impressed with all they have seen and heard. They are convinced that if the citizens generally would accept an invitation to inspect the Industrial School in all its departments, and

study its aims and appliances for Reformatory work that all would recognize that this Institution has claims second to none of the many charities with which Halifax is blessed.

FINANCIAL.

The financial affairs of the School have been conducted with the strictest economy, consistent with the effective administration of its interests. The debt which a few years since seemed formidable, has, through the generosity of friends been removed, and we doubt not but that if those interested in the School would furnish a few more guarantees for boys that they may recommend, the ordinary income would meet the ordinary expenditure. We have reached that stage in which it may be justly stated that fifty boys instead of twenty-nine should be under the care of the Superintendent; and, if the necessary guarantees should be forthcoming, the Halifax Protestant Industrial School will have a greatly increased sphere of usefulness opened up for its operations.

CONCLUSION.

The Committee desire to express their warmest thanks to those who have befriended the Institution hitherto, and to ask their continued and practical co-operation in the future.

By the removal to Kingston, Ont. of the Rev. G. M. Grant, A. M., we have lost one who evidenced intense interest in our affairs. By his aid and advocacy, ever freely given, to this as to every other charitable work, Mr. Grant's connection with us was not merely honorary, but of such an invaluable character, that we realize his removal to involve a serious loss to the Institution. The Directors, on the eve of Mr. Grant's departure from Halifax, presented him with an address, expressive of their esteem and appreciative of his regard for the School, to which he replied in terms characteristic of his generous nature.

In the year 1877 several gentlemen interested in the reclamation of our youth have passed away from amongst us, and of these E. Jost, Esq., and Charles Roche, Esq., have made bequests to the School.

It is a pleasure again to recognize our acknowledgements for the gratuitous services of Dr. Slayter, Mr. Puttner, and Mr. H. A. Taylor—the kindly and friendly notices of the Press, and the contributions in coal of Messrs. Archibald and Hoyt, etc.

THE following persons and Corporations guarantee the payment of \$60 or \$40 each per annum, for the Board of a Boy.

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| Hon. P. C. Hill..... | 1 |
| St. Matthew's Sabbath School..... | 1 |
| St. Paul's Sabbath School..... | 1 |
| Jubilee Sewing Circle..... | 3 |
| Edward Binney, Esq..... | 1 |
| Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia..... | 1 |
| James Farquhar, Esq..... | 1 |
| St. Andrew's Sabbath School..... | 1 |
| G. H. Starr, Esq..... | 1 |
| Late A. K. Doull's Legacy..... | 3 |
| City of Halifax..... | 12 |
| Miss Lawson..... | 1 |
| Rev. W. H. Heartz..... | 1 |
| R. I. Hart..... | 1 |

Guarantees.

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| Hon. P. C. Hill..... | 40 00 |
| St. Andrew's Sabbath School..... | 40 00 |
| Edward Binney..... | 40 00 |
| St. Matthew's Church S. S..... | 60 00 |
| Miss Lawson, Jubilee Boy..... | 30 00 |
| Bishop Binney..... | 40 00 |
| Jubilee Sewing Circle..... | 120 00 |
| G. H. Starr..... | 40 00 |
| St. Paul's S. School..... | 40 00 |
| James Farquhar..... | 40 00 |
| Heartz, Rev. W. H..... | 40 00 |
| Hart, R. I..... | 60 00 |

Donations towards Christmas Dinner, &c.

- Hon. T. D. Archibald—13 Chaldrons of Coals.
 Bowes & Sons—125 Reports for 1877.
 E. Binney, Esq.—Cash \$12.00 to procure musical instruments.
 H. Harris—A number Plants for Garden.
 Dr. Woolsey, 96 S. G. Road—A quantity Rhubarb, 5 lbs. Sugar.
 E. Binney—Cash \$10.00 to procure playthings for Boys.
 W. H. Webb—2½ doz. Hymns.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

- E. Binney, Esq.—2 bbls. Apples, 2 boxes Raisins, 4 boxes Figs.
 Mr. Hesslein—3 Geese, 1 bbl. Apples.
 Mr. Moir—1 box Biscuit.
 E. D. Meynell, Esq.—1 Cake.
 R. Currie—Beef for New Years.

SUBSCRIBERS.

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| The Lieut. Governor..... | \$20 00 | Fraser, G..... | 2 00 |
| Almon, M. B..... | 2 00 | Fraser, R. W..... | 10 00 |
| Albro, Ed..... | 20 00 | Fraser, W. J..... | 2 00 |
| Avery, Dr..... | 20 00 | Farquhar, Forrest & Co..... | 10 00 |
| Anderson, Billing & Co..... | 10 00 | Friend..... | 1 00 |
| Almon, Dr..... | 5 00 | Grant, Peter..... | 4 00 |
| Allison, F..... | 5 00 | Gibson, John..... | 10 00 |
| Archbold, E. P..... | 5 00 | Gordon & Keith..... | 5 00 |
| Anderson, Alexander..... | 10 00 | Gray, B. G..... | 10 00 |
| Brown, Thos. A..... | 20 00 | Grant, Rev. G. M..... | 10 00 |
| Burns, Adam..... | 20 00 | Hart, L..... | 3 00 |
| Black, S. H..... | 10 00 | Harrington, W. D..... | 4 00 |
| Black, W. L..... | 20 00 | Harrington, M. W..... | 5 00 |
| Black, M. P..... | 20 00 | Haliburton, J. C..... | 20 00 |
| Black Bros..... | 20 00 | Hesslein, Henry..... | 5 00 |
| Black, W. A..... | 5 00 | Hesslein, A. G. & L. J..... | 5 00 |
| Bremner, Jas. J..... | 5 00 | His Worship the Mayor, } M. H. Richey..... } | 5 00 |
| Bland, Mrs..... | 50 00 | Hill, Hon. P. C..... | 25 00 |
| Bland, J. B..... | 20 00 | Hicks, Capt. J..... | 10 00 |
| Binney, Edw..... | 100 00 | Harris, R. C..... | 40 00 |
| Binney, Mrs. S. N..... | 10 00 | Jack, Peter..... | 5 00 |
| Brown, E. K..... | 5 00 | Jones, A. G..... | 10 00 |
| Brown, Thos..... | 4 00 | Johnstone, J. H..... | 5 00 |
| Brookfield, S. M..... | 20 00 | Kaizer, C. & Sons..... | 2 00 |
| Brown, M. S..... | 10 00 | King, Mrs. H..... | 4 00 |
| Black, Miss (Bellevue)... | 5 00 | Kandick, W..... | 2 00 |
| Cogswell, H. C..... | 25 00 | L, H..... | 2 00 |
| Coleman, W. J., senr..... | 5 00 | Lawson, Harrington & Co. | 6 00 |
| Cash..... | 2 00 | Lowell, W. L..... | 5 00 |
| Clarke, N..... | 5 00 | Mackintosh, J. C..... | 4 00 |
| Clarke, H. Y..... | 2 00 | Moir & Co..... | 10 00 |
| Cornelius, J..... | 1 00 | Macleon, J. S..... | 20 00 |
| Chipman Bros..... | 4 00 | Meynell, E. D..... | 5 00 |
| Coleman, W. J., jr..... | 1 00 | Morton, L. J..... | 2 50 |
| Cook, H..... | 1 00 | Morrow, J. B..... | 10 00 |
| Cogswell, Miss S. (Engl'd)... | 40 00 | Mackintosh, R. B..... | 5 00 |
| Davies, E. C..... | 1 00 | Macfarlane & Adams..... | 2 00 |
| DeWolfe, J. M..... | 17 16 | McLeod, A..... | 10 00 |
| Dunbar, Wm..... | 4 00 | Mott, J. P..... | 20 00 |
| Donaldson, Mrs..... | 20 00 | McAllister, W..... | 5 00 |
| Esson, Mrs..... | 5 00 | Mathers, J. H..... | 5 00 |
| Fletcher, Chas..... | 2 00 | | |

Northup, Hon. J.....20 00
 Parker, Hon. Dr. D. McN. 20 00
 Payzant, J. Y..... 2 00
 Peters, T. S.....20 00
 Paint, H. N..... 1 00
 Pickford, Robert..... 10 00
 Poole, H. S..... 5 00
 Reeves, E. H..... 2 00
 Rent, Geo..... 3 15
 Ritchie, T. A.....30 00
 Ritchie, T..... 3 00
 Robertson, W..... 3 00
 Smith, J. G..... 1 00
 Smith, James W..... 5 00
 Smith, Edward.....10 00
 Sweet, R. J..... 1 00
 Stayner, E. G. & C.....10 00

Stirling, W. S.....10 00
 Sircom & Marshall..... 2 00
 Silver, J. & Co..... 5 00
 Scott, James..... 5 00
 Stairs, W. J.....30 00
 Smith, B. A..... 3 00
 Skimmings, R. H. :..... 5 00
 Silver, W. C.....10 00
 Starr, Geo. H.....30 00
 Thomson, Geo.....10 00
 Thomson, Jas.....40 00
 Wylde, C. J..... 1 00
 Wallace, Mrs. C. W..... 5 00
 W. H. H..... 50
 Whitman, C. H..... 5 00
 Young, Sir W.....40 00

Financial Statement of the Halifax Protestant Industrial School.

| 1877. | | 1877. | |
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| DR. | | CR. | |
| 1877. | To Insurance..... | By balance last report..... | 20.01 |
| Dec. 31. | " Clothing account..... | " Sale of Kindling Wood..... | 649.18 |
| | " Diet account..... | " Mr. Bliss hire of boys in Shoe Dept. | 825.68 |
| | " Fuel and Oil..... | " Carpet Department..... | 63.00 |
| | " Wages and Salary..... | " Sales of Sundries..... | 14.00 |
| | " Repairs account..... | " Guarantees..... | 590.00 |
| | " Farm expenses..... | " City Guarantees..... | 862.17 |
| | " Sundries..... | " Donations..... | 1290.31 |
| | " Furniture..... | " Transf. from Building Fund..... | 188.21 |
| | " Frgt. acct. on Slabs..... | " Board of men and boys..... | 161.00 |
| | " Old debt 1874..... | " Cash from Mr. Hart..... | 20.00 |
| | " Cash in Bank..... | " Bal. unpaid accts. included in totals. | 171.08 |
| | | | <u>\$4844.59</u> |
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| 1878. | Jan. 1. Balance..... | | 171.08 |