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Mrs. Beardmore.

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Messrs. Sutherland Stayner.

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“ George M. Evans.

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The Toronto Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home has now completed its sixth year, and the Managing Committee are gratified in being able once more to report its continued successful progress, in spite of great impediments and difficulties which have beset them during the past winter.

They were able to report at last annual meeting that the Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wells, had in all ways fulfilled the expectations of the Managers; and by their hearty zeal and kind sympathy in the work of the Home, had greatly contributed to its success. Continued experience of their services had confirmed the Managers in the confidence reposed in both as admirably fitted for the duties entrusted to them; when suddenly in the midst of his labours, Mr. Wells was removed by death. The Committee, in their anxiety to lighten as far as possible this sudden bereavement to his widow—whose own services as Matron merited their highest commendation—undertook to co-operate with her so as to carry on the Home for a time without appointing a new superintendent. Two of the members of the Committee were able to accomplish this, and Mrs. Wills was only at last released from her duties at the commencement of the new year at her own request. Almost immediately thereafter she was selected as Matron to the newly-established Hospital for Sick Children but just as she was entering on her new duties, she, too, was struck, with mortal illness; and thus by a mysterious Providence both have

been removed from duties which they appeared peculiarly well fitted to fulfil.

The Managers desired to render a just tribute to the memory of two most estimable persons, who, in a spirit of genuine Christian zeal, with consistent unobtrusive devotedness, laboured for the best interests of the boys committed to their care. No tribute that can now be paid to their memory could equal the genuine heartfelt grief manifested by many of the boys on the death of those whom they had learned to appreciate as kind sympathizing friends.

#### NEW SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON.

After much careful enquiry, the Committee have engaged the services of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gayton. They have now been in charge of the Home for three months; and the Committee have thus far reason to believe that a judicious choice has been made, and that they will be able to report the satisfactory progress of the work entrusted to them at the close of another year.

#### INADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION.

In the last report it was stated that, owing to the numerous applicants for admission during the previous winter, and the desirableness of retaining in the Home some of the boys recently placed in regular employment in town, the Managers looked forward to the necessity, at no distant period, of enlarging the building. This the experience of the past winter has amply confirmed.

The board-room has been given up in order to increase the sleeping accommodation, and the means otherwise available strained to the utmost; but repeatedly during the most inclement periods of the past winter the Superintendent has been compelled to reject applicants for want of room.

Nineteen applicants in all, including some peculiarly distressing cases, were thus reluctantly excluded from the shelter of the Home.

But along with other liberal aid, the Managers received considerable supplies of old clothing; and they were able partially to relieve even those whom they could not shelter, by

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#### PROPOSED EXTENSION.

The necessity of enlarged accommodation being thus placed beyond question, plans have been prepared and approved of, involving a probable outlay, including the requisite furnishing, of not less than \$2,000. Towards this it is proposed to appropriate a legacy of the late Mr. Worthington of \$500, and another of Mr. Wheeler amounting to \$300.

The debt of \$1,400 owing to William Cawthra, Esq., for a loan advanced on mortgage, made the Managers hesitate to incur so large an additional outlay; but on representing their difficulty to him, and proposing an extension of time, Mr. Cawthra has most generously cancelled the whole debt, principal and interest, amounting in all to over \$1,500. It is impossible for the Managers to express in too strong terms their grateful sense of this act of well-timed liberality. Should the other friends of the institution respond to the appeal now made to them, as it is confidently anticipated they will, the Managers purpose making such an addition to the building as will fit it for fully accomplishing its purpose, and prevent the recurrence of such experience in the rejection of homeless, destitute boys as they have had to deplore in past seasons.

#### RESULTS.

During the past year one hundred and nineteen boys have been lodged in the Home, including friendless, destitute, and vagrant children brought to it after having sought shelter in wood-sheds and out-houses on some of the bitterest nights of a winter of unusual severity, and in some cases with only miserable rags for clothing.

The following result will show what has been accomplished by the Newsboys' Lodging since its opening in 1869:—

Seven hundred and twenty-one boys have been admitted, including deserted or orphan children, emigrants, the outcasts of dissipated or criminal parents, and the boys whose parents are in the gaol or penitentiary. In many cases, when first admitted, they are so confirmed in habits of vagrancy that it is

only possible at first to employ them in clearing snow, in selling papers on the street, or the like irregular work. But as soon as industrious and settled habits have been developed, regular employment is sought for them; and the Managers are able to report in all 293 sent to situations, chiefly in the country, many of whom they are able to report as doing well.

#### HABITS OF INDEPENDENCE.

The system pursued in the Newsboys' Lodging aims in every way to discourage ideas of mendicancy or charity. Every effort is directed to the development of ideas and habits of independence in the boys. They are required to pay for their board and lodging, and taught to regard the reception of money, otherwise than in pay for honest labour, as mean and degrading. A daily charge of ten cents is made to each boy for supper, bed, and breakfast. They are further encouraged to deposit their earnings in the Savings Bank of the Home, for which they receive liberal interest.

#### MUTUAL AID AND LOAN FUNDS.

The Mutual Aid Fund is maintained as heretofore. By means of this the more prosperous inmates of the Lodging have, during the late severe winter, out of their own earnings voluntarily provided for the admission of seven destitute applicants, and assisted them in paying for their board till their own industry supplied them with funds.

The Loan Fund has been maintained as heretofore. About two hundred advances of small sums have been made during the past year to start destitute boys with the requisite means for beginning a life of industry, or to aid older inmates who have been unsuccessful. The whole sum thus lent has amounted to \$44.47. Of this the Superintendent says, "There is at present a deficiency of \$17.67; but this, I believe, will be repaid. The past two months, January and March, have been very hard on the boys."

#### ECONOMIC RESULTS.

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to \$1,085.27. There have been sixty depositors in the Savings Bank during the same time ranging from 30 cents to \$22. These deposits can be withdrawn by the boys at any time. Interest is allowed on the sum remaining at the end of each quarter. The deposits for the year have amounted in all to \$543.40.

The invariable statement of the regular street boy is that, until admitted to the Home, and trained in the provident system, his daily earnings were squandered without thought of the morrow. It thus appeared that during the past year, through the intervention of this institution a sum of \$1,628.67 has been saved out of the earnings of the boys, and applied to their own maintenance and clothing; which, but for the influences brought to bear upon them, and the provident habits thereby engendered, would have been squandered for useless and probably vicious purposes.

#### THE LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The Managers have anew to record their grateful thanks to the members of the Ladies' Committee. The peculiar circumstances of the past year, consequent on the sudden death of the Superintendent, and the removal of an experienced Matron, having greatly added to the duties devolving on the Ladies' Committee; and the kind and efficient zeal they have displayed has largely contributed to the success of the institution.

It is most gratifying to the Managers to be able to report, after the experience of six years, that the two committees—of ladies and of gentlemen—have been able to co-operate with the most cordial harmony in carrying out the common purpose they have in view; and the plan of entrusting the charge of the Matron, and the oversight and control of the domestic arrangement, to a committee of ladies, has proved in all respects eminently successful.

#### WEEKLY AND SUNDAY VISITORS.

The grateful acknowledgments of the Managing Committee are also due to the gentlemen who have kindly shared with them during the past year the work of weekly visitors. On this, in connection with the efficient work of the Superintendent, the

real success of the institution depends. The evenings at the Home continue to pass pleasantly and profitably, enlivened by reading, singing and innocent pastimes, with the closing services of family worship. The free Sunday dinner continues to be maintained, as an inducement to the required attendance on public worship in the morning, and on the Home Sunday School in the afternoon under the conduct of the Superintendent. The special charge of the Sunday evenings in the Home continues to be undertaken by several ladies, who share the duty by turns and greatly contribute to the developement of new principles and motives of conduct, by means of which it is hoped, under the Divine blessing, that the friends of this institution may be able in after years to rejoice in many who have been rescued from vagrancy and destitution, and trained not only in habits of industry, but in the higher duties and aspirations of a Christian life.

#### FRIENDS OF THE HOME.

The Committee have again to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mackenzie for a happy holiday spent by the boys at Castle Frank, on Dominion Day; to Mr. and Mrs. James Leslie for kindly contributing towards their entertainment on the Queen's Birthday; and to the Ladies' Committee, who liberally provided a dinner of cakes for the boys on Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Managers have the gratification to acknowledge the grant of the Provincial Parliament of \$240, and of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of \$200. Samuel Platt, Esq., M. P. has again placed them under renewed obligations to his liberality by a gift of \$50, and reference has already been made to the munificent liberality of Wm. Cawthra, Esq., by which they have been relieved of a debt of \$1,400, with interest, after having been under great obligations to him for the use of the money for years as a loan. To all these, as well as to other liberal friends of the institution, the Managers beg leave to return their grateful thanks. To all of them they feel assured that the best return will be found in the consciousness of having thus aided in rescuing friendless and destitute children from vice and misery, and putting them under the influence of Christian training.

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The Managers venture to express the hope that in the final results, under the guidance of a gracious Providence, those who have thus found a home for friendless and neglected children will find their abundant reward in learning of the future career of many of them as industrious and useful members of society.

At the Annual Meeting, on Friday, April 16th, 1875, after the above Report had been presented, and some short but kind speeches made by several friends of the Institution, a number of the boys came in and presented the following address to Mr. Cawthra :

THE NEWSBOYS' ADDRESS.

To William Cawthra, Esq. :

DEAR SIR, — The boys who have found a home in the Newsboys' Lodging wish to tell you how very grateful we are for what you have done to help us. We have often heard of you as a very rich man, who has been so industrious and so very careful that you have got a great deal more money than almost anybody else. But now we have been told how very generous you have been, and that you have given a great many hundred dollars more than everybody else, all as a free gift to make the Newsboys' Industrial Home large enough to take in every poor friendless boy that has nowhere else to go. We have not anything of our own just now except a few dollars that we have begun to lay by in the Newsboys' Savings Bank, but we mean now to be careful, and steady, and industrious. We hope to be rich ourselves some day, and then we will try to do like you and help those who are most helpless. But now, as we are poor boys, and have nothing that we can offer you but this expression of our very grateful thanks, we all give it to you most heartily and hope you will accept it. Were it not for such friends as you most of us would have no home to go to. We have been taught since we came into this Home that God gives food to the young ravens when they cry, and that not even one of the little sparrows is forgotten by Him; so we have learned to ask Him to give us our daily bread. May He reward you for so kindly considering our cause! May the blessings of the fatherless and them that were ready to perish come upon you, is the prayer of your

GRATEFUL NEWSBOYS.

NEWSBOYS' LODGING, Toronto, April 11th, 1875.

Mr. Cawthra in returning thanks for the address, said he wished the boys always to remember that truth, justice, and virtue were of much greater value than all the treasures of this world. He hoped that they would always depend upon their own exertions in gaining a livelihood. They had expressed their gratitude towards him, but, compared with what the managers of the institution had done, it was a mere nothing. He did not know of any place where he could put money out to a better advantage. He had been delighted to find that there was a prospect of the Home being enlarged to accommodate the surplus number, and also that he could contribute towards that end.

The meeting was closed with a hymn sung by the boys.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

*To the Managing Committee of the Newsboys' Lodging :*

GENTLEMEN,

During the past year there has been, with one sad exception, little for me to bring before you in connection with my duties in the Newsboys' Lodging. I need hardly say that the exception to which I allude, is the death of our late esteemed Superintendent, Mr. Wells, which occurred from disease of the heart. He was called away suddenly, while in the discharge of his duties, and his last words, were a prayer expressive of his trust and confidence in his Saviour. I may mention as a matter of melancholy interest, that he was shortly followed by his Wife, who died soon after leaving us to take charge of the Hospital for Sick Children.

Beyond a few trival accidents, and some slight illnesses, I have nothing further to report.

I would however, take this opportunity of congratulating you upon the step you are about to take, to increase the accommodation of the Lodging, and I trust that we shall have an opportunity of introducing certain improvements in the present building in a sanitary point of view ; for I feel that whilst we have cause to be thankful that we have had so little sickness in the past, we should not on that account neglect those precautionary measures which are placed within our grasp for the prevention and mitigation of disease.

All which is respectfully solicited

W. OLDRIGHT.

LIST

Arthurs, W...  
Allan, Hon. Ge...  
Adams, J. M...  
Alcorn, Mrs...  
Baldwin, R...  
Bronsden & Pat...  
Bugg, J...  
Blain, Mr...  
Bryce, McMurr...  
Bond, J. P...  
Bilton, John...  
Bain, James...  
Buntin Bros...  
Blackie & Alex...  
Brown Bros...  
Belford, C...  
Bathell, Miss...  
Beardmore, G...  
Craig, T. Dix...  
Campbell, Jas...  
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Crawford & Sn...  
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Clark, W. Mo...  
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Gunther, E...  
Gzowski, C. S...  
Gerrard, Mrs...  
Hamilton, W...  
Hague, G...

## LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO APRIL 1ST, 1875.

Arthurs, W.....	\$ 1 00	Harrls, E.....	1 00
Allan, Hon. Geo. W.....	10 00	Hagarty, Hon. Chief Justice	20 00
Adams, J. M.....	5 00	Hagarty, Hon. Chief Justice	10 00
Alcorn, Mrs.....	5 00	Harrison, G.....	4 00
Baldwin, R.....	5 00	Hodgson & Boyd.....	2 00
Bronsdon & Paton.....	5 00	Hewlett, J.....	2 00
Bugg, J.....	20 00	Hallam, John.....	5 00
Blain, Mr.....	10 00	Herson, Jas.....	2 00
Bryce, McMurrich & Co....	10 00	Jaffrey, R.....	5 00
Bond, J. P.....	1 00	Kay, John.....	2 00
Bilton, John.....	4 20	Keighley, W. W.....	2 00
Bain, James.....	1 00	Kerr, T.....	1 00
Buntin Bros.....	2 00	Knapp, F. A. 1.00, 1.00...	2 00
Blackie & Alexander.....	2 00	Kingston, F. W.....	5 00
Brown Bros.....	5 00	Leslie, James.....	20 00
Belford, C.....	3 00	Lees, W. S.....	5 00
Bathell, Miss.....	2 50	Leppec, A.....	1 00
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Crawford & Smith.....	2 00	Mason, W. T.....	2 00
Carric, R.....	2 00	Merryfield, R.....	1 00
Clark, W. Mortimer.....	5 00	Morrison, John.....	2 00
Campbell, A. H.....	20 00	Moffat, Lews.....	5 00
Chapman, Wm.....	10 00	Morton, Mrs. B.....	1 00
Duggan, G.....	4 00	Mulholland, Mrs.....	1 00
Dixon, B. Homer.....	25 00	McCarter, James.....	25 00
Dixon, Mrs., the Grange...	10 00	McNabb & Marsh.....	2 00
Davies, J.....	1 00	McCausland, J. 5.00, 2.00..	7 00
Evans, G. M.....	2 00	McBean, John.....	5 00
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Freeland, Mrs. Peter.....	4 00	Peters, R.....	50
Gale, J.....	2 00	Playter, J. L.....	1 00
Gillespie, J. & Co.....	10 00	Patterson, P. & Son.....	2 00
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Gunther, E.....	2 00	Reid, Rev. W.....	2 00
Gzowski, C. S.....	50 00	Rowsell, Hy.....	5 00
Gerrard, Mrs. 3 children...	2 00	Robertson, John, Senr.....	5 00
Hamilton, W. B.....	2 00	R.....	50
Hague, G.....	2 00	Riddell, Mr.....	2 00

Ryan, J. B.....	1 00	Stewart, Mrs.....	2 00
Ridout & Co.....	1 00	Smallpiece, Mrs.....	1 00
Ritchie, J.....	2 00	Stayner, Sutherland.....	20 00
Rushton, Thomas.....	20 00	Thompson & Burns.....	10 00
Sampson, Kennedy & Gem- mell.....	5 00	Thompson, Hy.....	50
Sessions, Cooper & Smith..	10 00	VanKoughnet, L.....	50
Scott, John.....	5 00	Warren, G. Hon.....	10 00
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Smith, A. M.....	5 00	W. E.....	1 00
Staunton, M.....	2 00	Wilson, W.....	4 00
Stanton, A. A.....	2 00	Withrow & Hillock.....	2 00
Saulter, N.....	2 00	Wilson, Dr.....	5 00
		Walker, C. G.....	1 00

**BUILDING FUND.**

March 31st. 1875.

To Province of Ontario Government Grant.....	\$ 240 00
“ Mrs. Ann Wheeler, Legacy.....	200 00
“ Transfer from General Fund.....	200 00
“ Sundry subscriptions, per Superintendent.....	14 00
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Balance at credit of Building Fund.....	654 00

**LIBRARY FUND.**

Balance at credit as per statement, 1873..... 15 52

**BOYS' BANK ACCOUNT.**

To Cash received from boys.....	96 00
“ Balance due Treasurer.....	1 20
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By Cash withdrawn by boys..... 97 20

Audited and found correct. { A. T. MCCORD. } Auditors.  
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The paper for last year's report was kindly given by Messrs. Jas. Campbell & Son, and Messrs. Brown Bros. have favoured us in the same way this year.

The Committee would again thank all the friends who have thus helped them with money or goods.

NEWS-BOYS' LODGING.

Treasurer's Report for Year (from April 1st, 1874, to March 31st, 1875).

April 1st, 1874.	
To Balance on hand as per Statement.....	\$ 387 03
" Sundry Subscriptions received.....	790 11
" C. Belford for lost Bracelet.....	3 00
" Yorkville Baptist Sunday School.....	10 00
" Province of Ontario—Government grant.....	240 00
" City of Toronto—Corporation grant.....	200 00
" A. A. Davis for Christmas dinner.....	1 00
" Cash from Boys.....	1299 44
	<u>\$2930 58</u>

By House Expenses.....	\$1903 03
" Sundry Repairs.....	166 48
" Salaries.....	340 82
" Gratuity to Mrs. Wells.....	50 00
" Printing and Stationery.....	31 61
" Insurance.....	20 00
" Transfer to Building Fund.....	200 00
" Balance on hand.....	218 64
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Audited and found correct.. { A. M. McCORD, }  
 { JOHN McBEAN, } Auditors.