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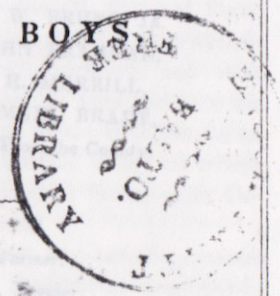
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**BALTIMORE MANUAL LABOR SCHOOL.**

THE Directors of the Baltimore Manual Labor School respectfully ask the attention of the public, and especially of the Patrons of the School, to a brief account of their Stewardship in its administration for the past year. They wish also to remind all of the blessings flowing from this humble charity, (not the less meritorious and efficient because it is unobtrusive,) as well as submit their own management to the judgment of its friends.

The past year commenced with 33 beneficiaries; since when, eight have been admitted, and the same number have absconded, whilst two have found desirable places as apprentices; there remaining at present but 31. It is sad to see those for whom such an asylum has been prepared by disinterested benevolence, thus recklessly throw away such advantages; still it should not weary the well-doer: the Giver of all good withdraws not his inestimable blessings, though so large a portion of his creatures continually prefer the follies of the moment, to the substantial benefits of the future: and all may well profit by the lesson. For when it is considered that such frailty is so often manifested under highly favorable circumstances, and that these poor children have only attained to their under-valued bene-

fits, after a season of neglect, temptation and suffering had rendered them unable to appreciate them, their unhappy conduct should awaken compassion, rather than indignation and abandonment. But taking into consideration all the circumstances, there are but few that have acted thus unadvisedly in comparison with the number who show themselves worthy of the benevolence which has provided for them instruction and a home.

As some relief to this unpleasant subject, the Directors would ask attention to the following more gratifying incident. About six years ago, there was received into the School a destitute boy: a casualty had suddenly deprived him of his father. A friend of his father, after a long sojourn in the West, where he had greatly prospered, returned some few months ago. Being now able to aid him, he sought his friend's son, and found him not a corrupted, ignorant vagabond, but a beneficiary of the Farm School, well nurtured, and with such principles that he feared not to take him into his own household; the boy returned home with him as an apprentice; and it is perhaps difficult to say on which the Institution conferred the greatest favor,—the Orphan, or the Orphan's kindly friend.

There have been within the last two months, several applications that have been necessarily postponed, owing to the fire which, on the 3rd night of October, destroyed the Farmer's dwelling, driving him and his family into the buildings appropriated to the boys, and which happily escaped the destroying element; but were too crowded by this unexpected accession to admit any more beneficiaries. The fire caught accidentally from the bake-oven, which joined the gable

of the stone building, and had reached an uncontrollable height before it was discovered: the fact that the other two buildings are frame, and in most dangerous proximity, shows that the Farmer, Mr. Snodgrass, and the Teacher, Mr. Coulter, with the neighbours who came to their assistance, must have exerted themselves both skilfully and labouriously to have accomplished their safety. The property was insured by the Baltimore Fire Insurance Co., who liberally and promptly placed the amount of loss at the disposition of the Directors, that no time might be lost in re-building, and for which the fund has been kept separate, not mingled with the general account, as will be seen in the abstract accompanying this report. Although the house and furniture were fully covered, the Directors have to lament the loss of some \$300 in provisions, and sundry winter stores not in the policy; and which they hope will not be forgotten in the next contributions.

The Directors present with gratification the report of their finances, thought they cannot but regret that their gratifying state should be the result of aid from sources on which they have no right to base any calculation, rather than from that steady and increasing interest, which they had hoped would have, ere now, more widely pervaded this community. It is in the fear that an evanescent prosperity may prove injurious, by causing some to relax their exertions, and abate their liberality, that the reader is requested to note particularly the sources from which is derived this increase of funds; which after all does but little more than enable the Institution to commence the New Year free of debt for current expenses, and with very little ahead towards meeting the last instalment on the purchase of

the Farm, \$928 57, which will become due in 1851. It is also discouraging that the list of donations and subscriptions should fall \$400 short of that of last year, and that the whole, indeed considerably more than the whole surplus, should be derived from two legacies and the sum granted by the Legislature from the Baltimore County School Fund: a sum paid so tardily and reluctantly as to leave no hope of further aid from the same quarter. The Directors take pleasure in informing some valued friends in the County, that they are about receiving to the benefits of the School three applicants from the same, in addition to those already there from that quarter.

The Directors earnestly desire not to be understood as stating these facts in a desponding or repining spirit,—far from it: but they have thought it due to the interesting charity under their care, to the community at large, and to themselves, to make known plainly the state and prospects of the Farm School, and the aid necessary to its steady support and gradual enlargement. They are not themselves discouraged: small as it is, they have for the first time a surplus, which they hope will, with the fostering aid of the friends of humanity, increase until it shall prove fully efficient for all its benevolent purposes.

The Directors announce with regret, that the Farmer, Mr. Snodgrass, has resigned the situation he has filled, with so much credit to himself, and satisfaction to the Board, from the commencement of this enterprize, now nearly eight years. They expect, however, to fill his place shortly. The house is rebuilt, and in some respects improved: it will be ready for its tenants in the course of a short time, when the number of boys may be

increased to forty: if adequately sustained, upwards of sixty might be accommodated. They beg to remind the public that the Farm School is about seven miles from the City, adjoining the well known establishment of Owings' Springs, some two miles to the North of the Washington Turnpike Road. In the full conviction that each visitor cannot fail to become an active friend, they reiterate their frequent invitation, and earnestly entreat their fellow citizens to visit the Farm School as often as they can, that they may there fully comprehend the divine axiom: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

By order of the Board,

RICH'D LEMMON, *President.*

BALTIMORE, *January 1, 1849.*

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*Baltimore Manual Labor School in account with Wm. H. Beatty, Treasurer.*

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To paid	Interest on Instalment, \$928 57, due in 1851, . . . . .	\$ 55 70	By Sales product of Farm, . . . . .	\$ 1259 76
"	" Farm Improvements—Corn-house, Fruit Trees, Cart and Implements, . . . . .	162 37	Less Expenses working do. . . . .	459 56
"	" Furniture—Beds and Bedding, School Books, &c. . . . .	79 98	Received on account of Legacy late James Cox, Esq. . . . .	200 00
"	" Bills for Provisions, Groceries, &c. . . . .	952 23	Received on account of Legacy late Mrs. Elizabeth Pogue, . . . . .	250 00
"	" Clothing, . . . . .	522 08	Received from Baltimore County School Fund, . . . . .	500 00
"	Contingent Expenses—		" Subscriptions and Donations, . . . . .	1779 38
	Turnpike, . . . . .	\$ 25 00		
	Fire Insurance, . . . . .	55 05		
	Printing Annual Report, . . . . .	11 00		
	Advertising, . . . . .	5 75		
	Incidental Charges, . . . . .	1 77		
"	Farmer and Teacher's Salaries, . . . . .	98 57		
Balance carried down per contra, . . . . .		800 00		
		858 65		
		<u>\$3529 52</u>		<u>\$3529 58</u>

1849, January 1, Balance in Treasury, . . . . . \$858 65

Bills against the Institution, remaining unpaid, amount to 203 83

Signed,

WM. H. BEATTY, Treasurer.