

Report of the Alexandra Industrial School for Girls, East Toronto.

To the Governors of the Industrial Schools Association :

The Ladies' Executive Committee, the Superintendent and Officers of the Alexandra Industrial School, have very great pleasure in bidding you a hearty welcome to this, the first public meeting held on their premises. It has been their dream for years, but one that they have dismissed from their minds as impracticable owing to want of accommodation; but this year being urged by the gentlemen forming the General Board, and by Mr. Ferrier, Superintendent of the Victoria Industrial School, they determined to make the essay, and trusting to the clerk of the weather, who, if there be one month more than another in which he is likely to be in a good humor, it surely is the leafy month of June, settled upon the tenth day of that month instead of October when it has in other years been held and which has often proved cold and wet. They are conscious of falling short of the Mimico School with its many and varied industries, its workshops, greenhouses and farm, but hope you will find sufficient to interest you for the two or three hours you will be here. The numbers in the Victoria School for one thing very far exceed those here, and the object of the Alexandra School is to fit girls for domestic work solely,—to train them mentally, morally, and physically to become competent and respectable housewives.

First--We would ask you, Have you carefully observed the dormitories? the large rooms divided off into cubicles, thus affording to each girl that sense of proprietorship so dear to the human heart, and making her responsible for the neatness and cleanliness of her own little domain—have you noted the exquisite order of these cubicles? We can assure you it is not assumed for this occasion. Two ladies of the committee are appointed each week to pay the Home a visit; they have no set day nor hour for their visit, but never once have they found it otherwise than it is to-day. In the kitchen you will see specimens of the girls' bread and cake making. Our laundry we take no pride in; it is dark, and quite inadequate for our requirements. At one time we had hoped to have had a better one to have shown