

Neither is it the most important thing even for the better class of boys to be allowed out on the plea of good homes being provided for them. Every boy has a right to at least a fair education in the elementary branches of the school curriculum. He should be able to read intelligibly, write a fair hand, and be able to handle the four simple rules in arithmetic accurately and quickly. To send a boy out at say thirteen or fourteen years of age who cannot read the simplest words in the first and second readers, is unjust to the boy. Too often they come to us at these ages unable to recognize one word from another. The boy who has spent from three to five years in an Industrial School has not lost time if he goes out with a fair training in these important branches of a public school education. While I think shorter terms are desirable for the majority of our boys, yet there are those who need every year of their commitment.

SUPERVISION.

2 An important department of the work of our school has hitherto not received that attention which its merits demand. I refer to the supervision of boys after they leave the school. If the work of reform carried on is to assume a permanent character then this part of the work must be systematically prosecuted. Our work in the past has been confined to those living at convenient distances from the school and this not regularly. We should have an officer whose duties would be almost wholly devoted to work of inspection, the securing of suitable homes for boys, situations for those who may return to city life, and in general to exercise such supervision over all our boys until they attain the age of eighteen years, as may be deemed necessary in order to secure that permanency of reform which the school desires for each boy. Provision is being made for a more thorough and systematic inspection than we have yet had. In this connection I wish to express my appreciation of the assistance rendered the school by the Children's Aid Society, of Toronto, the department of child saving work carried on in Brighton under the Superintendency of the Rev. C. W. Watch, and to Mr. J. J. Kelso. Many good homes have thus been secured for our boys. I see no reason why there should not be a closer bond of sympathy between our school and the various organizations at work in the province for child saving. We are all engaged in the same work, and while