

that, probably, little could be done on their behalf, until their number and the causes of their non-attendance at School were more accurately known.

Since the publication of that Report a census of the city for School purposes has been taken, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, and its results by no means confirm the gloomy and painful conclusions which have been entertained as to the number of that portion of our juvenile population which, being neither under instruction nor usefully employed, is growing up in ignorance and idleness.

That census, which was taken in August last, gives 9508 as the school population of this city, from 5 to 16 years of age, inclusive; of whom 7876 had been under instruction during some portion of the 6 months ending on June 30th, while the causes assigned for the non-attendance at school of the remaining 1632, were, in most cases, "employment, want of clothes, their being wanted at home, sickness, their being considered too young, or residing too far from school."

It must afford great relief to every benevolent mind, to learn that the evil of unmitigated juvenile ignorance does not prevail so widely in Toronto as was feared, though doubtless it exists in a sufficient degree to stimulate the zeal of every enlightened philanthropist. Could Christian charity be so effectually invoked as to induce it to clothe the 216 children of school age who are returned as not attend-

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