

CONCLUSION.

Looking back over the history of the year we would be ungrateful indeed if we did not see the good hand of God in all the way. Let any one visit the School and talk with the boys, and see if there is a better tone in any School. And yet how different would it have been with them had they been left alone, had we stood by and said 'we are not their keepers!' Seldom have we received so many apparently hopeless cases as last year. The lives of some of them would read like extracts from Jack Sheppard. Yet they are all with us this day being moulded according to the teachings and after the image of our dear Lord and Master the living Jesus whose we are and whom we serve. Our home is crowded; and we have the prospect of getting more room. Our old debts are paid and our income for last year was nearly sufficient. All our old friends stand firm and new friends are being added. We have no endowment, no bonds, but we have never lacked. The health of the boys has been good, and we begin this year with the largest number we have ever had. For all these things shall we not thank God and take courage? What is our object? To go down into the city and gather some of its waifs from its black pools of vagrancy, mendicancy, and crime. Who will forbear to say 'God speed' to such a mission as this?