

REPORT OF THE ALEXANDRIA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Another year of work in connection with our school is ended, with its record of success and failure of light and shadow. "Because ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord," wrote St. Paul to the Corinthians, in the early dawn of the Christian era. In this age of doubt and unrest, when our most sacred beliefs, and even the very church itself are being assailed on every hand; it is good, to still find in the "thus saith" of the Lord an unequivocal "ye know"—As we recount what we may have considered the failures of the year let us be sure to read in them the truth which God has written for our humiliation it may be—but certainly for our encouragement—that it is neither our work nor our warfare upon which the success of His plans and purposes depend—"Duties are ours : events are Gods." If in the past year we can record faithful, persistent service, we dare not question results there may be written of the year's work, "Ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Reports in general are vague and unsatisfactory. We feel this to be particularly true as we endeavor to outline the work of such an institution as the Girls' Industrial School. We may indeed give some bare figures—a few surface facts—but who can record—the hidden because spiritual influences that are silently transforming and moulding the characters uplifting and beautifying the lives of the children—influences that are fully known and recorded by God alone.

For the information of those who are not familiar with our work may we be pardoned for repeating, what has been already said in former reports. Three years ago, the first effort was made toward the establishment of a Girls' Industrial School. Ten acres of land at East Toronto were donated and an additional four acres purchased, by the Board, for a site. Through the generosity of the citizens of Toronto, a grant of \$20,000 was made towards the cost of buildings. Awaiting the erection of our own home-