

The attendance one year ago was 179 boys and 24 girls. We should mention, however, that 15 boys who are Roman Catholics were transferred to St John's Catholic Industrial School at Blantyre, by the order of the Ontario Government.

Since the first of January of this year 24 boys entered the Victoria Industrial School, only four of whom came from the City of Toronto.

If there were no boys or girls requiring the discipline and industrial training of schools like these, we would be glad and rejoice at the decrease in the numbers in attendance. We are convinced, however, by evidence that is undoubted, that there are a large number of boys that are at present a source of annoyance and danger to the community, and that would be saved from almost certain ruin if they were placed in an Industrial School. Among this number is a class known as persistent truants, for whom the law does not appear to make proper provision.

From inquiries carefully made we are very glad to be able to state that fully 80 per cent. of those who have gone out from the schools are doing well.

The Howland Memorial Hall is now in a position to render great service and comfort to the boys. It is not complete however. To complete it more money is required to finish, furnish, and heat. We hope, through the generosity of the friends of the school, to be placed in a position to be able, in the near future, to make this hall in every sense worthy of the institution.

The Executors of the late H. A. Massey have kindly paid the balance of his subscription to the gymnasium fund—\$2250,—for which your Board is very grateful.

The hearty response of the children of the Public Schools of Toronto, for aid in the erection of the Memorial Hall, was greatly appreciated, and your Board hereby express their thankfulness for the liberality of their contributions.

The debt, at present \$35,000, has been rearranged by the issue of debentures at 4 per cent., whereby the interest has been reduced from \$2100 to \$1400, a saving of \$700 per annum.

During the year Mr. T. Hassard, after six years of faithful service as superintendent, asked to be relieved of the onerous duties of the office. He was succeeded by Mr. Chester Ferrier, who comes highly recommended as being well fitted to fill the position vacated. Mr. Ferrier has entered on his duties with enthusiasm, and for him