

REPORT OF INDENTURE CHILDREN OF THE GIRLS' HOME FOR 1892.

THERE are at present forty children indentured, fifteen of whom are placed in the city, two in the suburbs, and the rest distributed throughout Ontario. Of those in the city, eight are well, happy, and good, one ran away from her place, but was returned, and is now doing well, five are well, and seem contented, but are not quite satisfactory, and one has not been long enough from the Home to judge, one child has been taken from the parties to whom she was indentured, as she was not properly treated. Of those throughout Ontario I have received, on the whole, most satisfactory accounts. They have been perfectly well throughout the year, and I have letters from various ministers as to their moral and spiritual welfare; four girls have been returned to the Home, one has been again placed out, one has been taken by her former mistress, and two are still in the Home. As regards the payment of the fees, collected by the Home, and given to the children, on their attaining the age of eighteen years, there have been but two defaulters. Suits against these to obtain the moneys due the children, are in hand, but the sudden and lamented death of our solicitor has delayed them. In mentioning our solicitor, the late George Douglas, I must bear my testimony as one who had much to do with him in his official capacity, that he was uniformly kind and obliging, though I had necessarily to take up a great deal of his time, and give him a great deal of trouble, that was unremunerative to him, yet he always cheerfully complied with all my requirements, even taking after-hours to do my work. I feel that the Home, and children, and myself have suffered a severe loss.

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