

Annual Report for 1894.

To the Board of Governors of the Industrial School Association of Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting this the Eighth Annual Report, your Board does so in humble dependence on Almighty God, the All-Wise Governor of all things, to whom we would devoutly and lovingly offer sincere thanks for any measure of success that may have attended our humble efforts in saving the boys and girls committed to our charge, in this the Victoria Industrial School for boys and in the Alexandra School for girls, and elevating them to the privileges of full citizenship. It affords us pleasure to report substantial progress in this good work. Since the schools were opened we have had 412 boys in our boys' school and 43 girls in our girls' school. At the present time there are in those schools 195 boys and 22 girls. Of those who have gone forth from the school 80 per cent. are doing well, 10 per cent. are not doing so well, and the remainder, while not hopeless, are not making the advancement that it is desired they should make.

For the work done in the several departments of the schools, and the progress made therein, we direct your attention to the Superintendent's Report of the boys' school and the Secretary's Report of the girls' school.

We cannot but feel sad as we refer to the great loss the school has sustained in the death of Mr. W. H. Howland, who was the founder of the school. He was suddenly called away to meet his Master. We do miss him. The schools to-day miss him, and your Board, in the words of Tennyson, would say :

" O for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still !"

But we will cherish his memory and take courage to go forth and carry on the work that was so dear to him, and that will, we trust, long stand as a memorial of his largeness of heart and intense desire to lead the little ones to the arms of Israel's tender Shepherd.

While the school will be a memorial in a general way, it was thought desirable to have one particular building set apart as such. Mr. Howland's last appeal was for the erection of a gym-