

## REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

*To the Governors of the Industrial School Association.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Your Board of Management have the honor to present their report for the year ending 30th September, 1896, this being the tenth annual report of the school. In doing so they beg to call attention to the work they have undertaken, and also what has been accomplished, in so far as is possible in a brief report.

The work, simply stated, is a preventive work—that of saving a class of children who, it may be, has got beyond the control of its parent or guardian ; or who has been left without home, friend or visible means of support ; or who is a persistent truant ; or who may have fallen into dishonest habits and is on the verge of becoming the criminal of the future ; or who may have been convicted of petty crime, and in the opinion of the Judge or Magistrate before whom he has been convicted should be sent to an Industrial School instead of to a gaol or reformatory, by providing a home, placing him at such employments, and instructing in such useful knowledge as is suitable to the years and capacities of the individual child.

To do this work your Board has two institutions namely : The Victoria Industrial for boys and the Alexandra School for girls.

The Victoria Industrial School consists of six cottages one a triple cottage and three detached cottages with accommodation for 250 boys, together with a School house and Assembly Hall, the dining hall, kitchen and offices, the work shops and engine room, the green-houses, the Superintendent's residence, the farm house, barn, stable, cowbyres, and the gymnasium, which is the Howland Memorial Hall, that has been opened to-day. There are 50 acres of land belonging to the school also.

The Alexandra School for girls situated in East Toronto consists of two cottages, in which are the work rooms and the School room, and a caretaker's lodge. There are 14 acres belonging to the school. There is ample accommodation for 40 girls in the school.

There have been committed to the care of your Board in these schools since the time they were first opened 501 boys and 46 girls. Of those 384 boys and 29 girls have gone out from the schools, leaving an attendance at the present time of 117 boys and 17 girls.