

4. That the Board should undertake the establishment and management of both the Infirmary and Dispensary, provided the Corporation would give such financial assistance as would enable it to accomplish such desirable objects without trenching upon its present resources.

5. That a Committee of the Board be appointed to confer with the Mayor or any Committee of the City Council which may be appointed for the purpose, to ascertain if such an understanding can be arrived at as would warrant the Board in taking further steps in the matter.

6. That in the event of its adoption by the Board a copy of the Committee's Report be forwarded to his Worship the Mayor in answer to his communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES FLEMING,
Chairman.

House of Industry, }
Toronto, 27th April, 1886. }

Two difficulties stand in the way of this project. First, is the lack of funds, and, second, the absence probably of authority to carry on such a work on the part of the managers without an amendment to their charter. This leads us to refer for a moment to the ACT INCORPORATING THE HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, passed in the year 1851, having in view chiefly two things—namely,—

To provide for the destitute poor of the city, and to promote and encourage habits of honest industry in the young. As regards the project of advancing the young in Industrial pursuits, no opportunity has recently been afforded the Managers for working out that part of the Act; and now in Toronto that field is largely or entirely occupied by Institutions like the Boys' Home, the Girls' Home, and many other places of similar design. Industrial Schools are also established by recent legislation. At one time, however, this Industrial work was actively promoted and encouraged, and it would no doubt be revived, should occasion require.