

confirmation. The Committee of ladies has energetically set to work, and that the importance of the work is growing in the public estimate is shown by the fact that during the past year, the School received a legacy of \$1000 from a friend unknown to any member of the Association, who lived in the wilds back of the City of Belleville, and who only knew of the School by reputation. We have also to acknowledge the receipt of two large donations, one of \$1000.00 from Mr. Henry Goulding, and one of \$500.00 from Messrs. Northrop & Lyman ; also many smaller donations, evincing thereby the interest the public feel in the School.

To the Government of Ontario we are indebted for a grant of \$6000.00, on capital account, in addition to the \$2,500.00 on maintainance account. The most gratifying evidence, however, of the high opinion formed of the School and its work, is the fact of the citizens of Toronto voting \$40,000.00 to the Association, \$20,000.00 for the Boys' School and \$20,000.00 for the Girls' School, which will net to each, after disposing of the bonds, about \$18,600.

The fact that these by-laws are the only money by-laws which have received the approval of the people during the year, shows that the ratepayers are not insensible to the advantages arising from Industrial Schools.

Notwithstanding our success so far, we have still to face the difficulty that there are a large number of boys who should be in the School, who are not here. Two more cottages are needed to accommodate those who are to-day on the list of applicants, and our funds are nearly all gone in connection with the buildings and improvements now in progress.

This Association has also a difficult position to hold, to adjust the difference between the Province and the City. The City is inclined to think that the Government should give more support to the School, as it has a tendency to prevent boys going to the Reformatory at Penetanguishene, where they cost the Government about \$3.50 per week to maintain. The Government on the other hand, are inclined to look upon the School as any ordinary charity. They say Toronto absorbs more than her proportion of money voted for charities. Last year the Government gave us a