

REPORT OF THE ALEXANDRA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

The shadow has marked off another year on the dial plate of time, but so rapidly have the months sped by, we can hardly realize that we are again called upon to pause and report progress. We commenced the year with faith and courage of conviction that God would bless our efforts for the reclamation and uplifting of the forlorn, uncared-for little ones He had placed in our charge. We want to attest how He has honored that faith, and justified that courage, and been with us every step of the way, bringing our labors to a successful issue, and granting us all the while the comfort of His presence. This being our first year of actual work, much has of necessity been experimental, but while there have been some discouragements and apparent failures, we believe we can truly say that most encouraging progress has been made. Girls who, when received, gave little promise of responding to the care and instruction given them, have been transformed; until now they will bear favorable comparison with children from sheltered Christian homes. To our Heavenly Father, we give the praise for the blessed work of the year.

It is a matter of much regret to the Board that owing to unavoidable and unforeseen delays, the two cottages erected for the use of the school at East Toronto are not entirely completed, and that in consequence we have been unable, as we had hoped, to hold the annual meeting and welcome the many friends of the institution in our own home. The work of completion is, however, being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and we extend to you all a hearty welcome to the formal opening of the Alexandra Girls' Industrial School, which we trust will take place in a few weeks.

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