

## REPORT OF INDENTURE CHILDREN FOR 1897.

We have at present 33 children out under indenture.

During the year eight have been returned to the Home. Of these, one ran away, one was sent to her mother, one has been placed out for wages, and five are still in the Home.

Two of these five are incorrigible, one is simple minded and far safer in this Institution than out in the world, one will shortly be of age to leave us, and one is to be reindentured.

Four of our girls are in situations in Toronto, and earn wages. I must call attention to the extremely favorable report I have of all of them. They are becoming useful and respectable members of society, and when their time expires, will be found well fitted to care for themselves. They all possess bank books, and store their savings.

In regard to our incorrigibles, I find it strange that the Victoria School for girls of that class, will not relieve us of them, although we fine them a serious drawback to our work. The Victoria needs inmates. Why do they not receive these?

The contagious diseases which were in the Home were the causes of so few children leaving for homes of their own. Five girls have finished their terms of indenture, and four of them are remaining with those who brought them up, and are most comfortably and happily settled.

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