

## **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 this their eleventh annual report of the Schools under their care, namely, the Victoria Industrial School and the Alexandra School for Girls, for the year ending 30th September, 1897. In doing so they would acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of a kind and all-wise Providence for the measure of success that has attended their humble efforts in the work they have in charge.

The year has been somewhat uneventful, yet it has been one in which excellent work has been done in the formation of the characters of the boys and girls committed to the care of the schools.

Special attention was given to the home life of the boys and the results have been the development of a home feeling and a love and respect for the school. This is seen in the attachment of the boys to their Cottage Officers, who are their acting "Father" and "Mother," and also in the comparatively few attempts made to escape from the school.

There has been committed to the care of your Board since the schools were first opened 537 boys and 55 girls. Of those 427 boys and 36 girls have been sent out from the schools leaving an attendance at the present time of 110 boys and 19 girls. The attendance one year ago was 117 boys and 17 girls.

In last year's Report the statement was made that from careful enquiries made, fully eighty per cent. of those who have gone out from the schools were absolutely doing well. To-day we have no reason to change this report. Of those sent from the school during this year very much more than eighty per cent. are doing well.

We were not able to make an inspection of all the homes by one of our officers, but from letters and various reports sent in, we have reason to believe that the good work is bearing fruit abundantly.

Your Board is still of the opinion that there should be regular, careful, and systematic visitation of all boys and girls placed in