

SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Directors.

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting my report of the work accomplished during the past two years, 1887-1888, there is of necessity very much similarity in the different reports of the Industrial School.

The events of each succeeding year are, with slight variations, but repetitions of the incidents of the year that preceded. Boys enter the school, complete their term and leave it to begin their own individual battle of life; while others again, from the city's needy ones are sent to take their places. The report of one year with some alterations of figures, might almost serve as the report of any other year. But, although there is much sameness when our work comes to be reported on, it is not necessarily uninteresting in its daily routine. To an occasional visitor, it might seem so, for I have heard it remarked by some people that "nothing seems more cheerless and dreary than the regular routine and the systematic arrangement, together with the 'white-washed walls, and nicely sanded floors' of a Public Charitable Institution." We, however, who are in the work, never think of its monotony, if such there be.

There are always incidents enough to break any monotony which might otherwise exist. The fact is, that in our institution the greater part of our energy is constantly directed towards a suppression, or rather a prevention, of such incidents as would otherwise by their character and frequency, give the school a reputation for vigorous activity that would not be wholly desirable.

But wherever there is an Industrial School filled with healthy lads who "feel their life in every limb," such must in the very nature of things be the case,