

he said, had left his impress upon the public life of the city, and by his connection with municipal affairs had influenced the latter for good. All regretted that Sir W. P. Howland, who was to have unveiled the memorial tablet, had found it impossible to be present, and accordingly that duty would be performed by his son, and the brother of the founder of the institution, Mr. O. A. Howland, M. P. P.

Mr. Howland, who was received with much applause, apologized for the absence of his father, who would have been only too pleased to be present on such an interesting occasion had the state of his health permitted.

"I noticed," said Mr. Howland, "the question raised the other day in the papers as to the reason why so large a number of children were not being sent to this school, and it was on account of the unwillingness of the magistrates to commit them here, one reason, applying more particularly to the lads of Toronto, being that there was a preference for sending them to another institution in the city of Toronto for the care of neglected children. It would be a sad day if there should be any conflict, or feeling of conflict, between the various charitable institutions. What was wanted," Mr. Howland asserted, "was greater unity in the system of charitable institutions. They should all be co-operative, and, in a sense, joint institutions, and there should be some common authority to determine a child's destination, and to pass it on from one institution to another, according as its needs might be exhibited. The charitable system of this country should commence with a branch of the magistracy especially selected on account of their fitness to deal with cases of infant necessity. There should also be a kind of Charitable Commissioner, who would have jurisdiction in these cases, and then, by means of union amongst the various boards, a child might be passed on from one institution to another, as the wants called for in each case."

Mr. Howland, on concluding his speech, unveiled the handsome brass memorial tablet, containing the following inscription : — "This building was erected in loving remembrance, of William Holmes Howland, founder of the Victoria Industrial School, who departed this life on the 12th day of December, 1893, in the 50th year of his age."

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting subsequently took place in the Assembly Hall of the school building. The Mayor presided, and was supported on the platform by Hon. G. W. Ross, Mr. Stapleton Calde-