

THE KINDERGARTEN.

For some years considerable attention has been devoted the Kindergarten in Toronto. So far as was possible, the principles of the Kindergarten have been incorporated with the teaching in the primary classes, and intelligent people of all classes have become much interested in the subject. The necessity of introducing the Kindergarten as the true foundation for a system of Public School education, was also brought to the attention of the Hon. Minister of Education by a resolution passed unanimously by the Provincial teachers' Association, which urged him to have a Kindergarten appointed to conduct a class for the benefit of the students attending the Normal School.

With a view to the accomplishment of this desirable object, the Minister of Education requested the Public School Inspector of Toronto to visit the City of St. Louis, for the purpose of reporting on the practical working of the Kindergarten in connection with the Public Schools of that city. The Public School Board of Toronto appointed one of its members, Mr. E. P. Roden, to accompany the representative of the Education Department. The following report was presented on the return of the deputation :

TORONTO, May 3rd, 1881.

To the Public School Board of the City of Toronto :

GENTLEMEN :

We have the honor to report that in accordance with a resolution of the Board we visited St. Louis for the purpose of making an examination into the practical working of the Public Kindergartens of that city. After a most careful investigation we beg leave to submit the following Report, including :

- (1.) A brief statement of the aims of the Kindergarten.