

connection with the O. I. B. as to most carefully conceal it. When, too, the re-organization takes place, the present dormitories must be remodelled, making it impossible for more than three (two should be the maximum) to be in one room; anything that will foster the sense of self respect, of responsibility, of trustworthiness, of honor should be adopted as soon as possible. But under no circumstances should any but seniors or adults use these rooms. For the smaller ones, cottages must at once be erected, each of which should be a genuine home, but never a "Home." I have already indicated, in black enough colors, the appalling results of the present "herding" system. For everything must lead up to the one supreme end—the turning out of high, noble, Christ-like characters, in the attainment of which every factor must make it "easy to be good and hard to be evil." At present, and for long years back, the opposite has been true.

#### A PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

In my first statement, the one to the Provincial Secretary, I stated that I had no grievances of my own to air or to remedy. This I repeat. Neither have I had any axes to grind. Neither have I been prompted by any desire to get even with any one over mistakenly supposed "blighted hopes." I have neither had nor held any grudges against anyone. To any who may have imputed evil motives to me or placed wrong constructions upon my course, I simply say their imputations and their thoughts have not an atom of truth on which to rest.

The charge of ingratitude has been made; such a charge is cheap and easily made, I repudiate it—it is baseless. To the Province of Ontario I owe a deep debt of gratitude; my expressions of gratitude have ever been out-spoken and cordial. To the servants of this self-same Province of

Ontario at the O. I. B., viz., its Principal, its staff and its officers I never failed to pay the respect due to their various offices, to be always most courteous to them, and to speak respectfully of them, behind their backs as well as to their faces. My influence among the boys was never subversive of authority. With but one or two exceptions, this Servant of the Province always used me courteously. And why should he not have done so? He had no occasion to do otherwise. I obeyed the rules of the Institution—I acted as a gentleman should act, I am surely not to suppose that he does not habitually treat a gentleman with the courtesy due a gentleman especially when that gentleman invariably paid due deference to him and fitting respect to his office. But that Servant ought to be disillusioned by this time and ought forever to cease confounding Stewardship with Proprietorship.

I entered upon this campaign with no jauntiness. It was one of the severest struggles of my life, but "The Cry of the Children" prevailed. I would have been the most cowardly of moral cowards had I been deaf to that bitter cry. Every spark of manhood within me flamed forth. And I am in good company. I count myself honored to be one of the humblest in that mighty army of Knights of the Cross.

Long ago Isaiah pealed forth my commission thus:—"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?"

I desire no reward excepting to hear our Lord's words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brothers, ye have done it unto me."