

sent to the Mercer. These latter were not suitable girls for our school and should never have been committed. We endeavor as far as possible to visit those who have gone from us and we believe all are doing well.

Our hearty thanks are due and tendered to the many kind friends who have helped us during the year either by donations of money or supplies. We would specially mention the Clergymen of East Toronto who have visited the School frequently and conducted religious services for the benefit of the children, also Dr. Barnhardt whose professional services when required have been most cheerfully and willingly given.

The past year will be ever memorable to our Association because of the death of the beloved Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. W. H. Howland. To every member of our Committee his removal came with a deep sense of personal loss. The intellectual, moral and spiritual qualities which made him a power for good in various spheres of labor, were never more clearly exemplified than in this Industrial School work—a work of which he was the originator and which was very near his heart. His clearness of judgment, his unswerving loyalty to the highest principles of right, his deep devotion to God, made him in counsel a tower of strength, in labor always abundant and effective. No clearer brain, no stronger hand, no truer heart has ever touched our work. We rejoice to believe that in the service of the Upper Sanctuary he touches it—he touches us still—and that in the higher ministries to which God has taken him, the cause so dear to him on earth is dear to him there; and that we are still one in Christ in sympathy—in service.

The year is past and as we read its lessons, we have much cause for gratitude. Conscious of our deficiencies and humbled by our failures we face the duties and responsibilities of the New Year, not in our own strength, but hearing the voice of the Master—"Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be afraid, for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee, He will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

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