

# **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

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#### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, ONTARIO.

# Toronto, 27th May, 1887.

I have the honor to state that I have received the report of Mr. J. L. Hughes, Inspector of the City of Toronto, respecting the "Victoria Industrial School" situated at Mimico, a copy of which is sent herewith, and, after a careful examination of said report, I hereby certify that the conditions required by Section 3 of the Act respecting Industrial Schools having been duly complied with, the said Victoria Industrial School is authorized to receive pupils and is entitled to all the privileges of an Industrial School under the said Act.

# GEO. W. ROSS,

Minister of Education.

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# Che Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Industrial Schools Association of Toronto was held at the Alexandra School for Girls, East Toronto on Saturday afternoon. The meeting was held in a large open tent on the beautiful grounds of the school, which are situated on a knoll, just north of the Kingston road, overlooking the lake.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Stapleton Caldecott, chairman of the Board of Management. Every seat in the spacious tent was taken, and many listened attentively to the proceedings from the lawn outside.

Among those present were :--Mr. Beverley Jones, Mr. W. J. Hendry, Inspector Fotheringham, Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Mr. Herbert Mason, Mr. Robert Kilgour, M. D. Bruce McDonald. Mr. D. E. Thompson, Dr. Elmore Harris, Dr. Tremayne, Mr. Ferrier, Rev. Mr. Rogers, School Trustee Baird, Ald. Steiner, Rev. Dr. McTavish, Mrs. S. G. Wood, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Kilgour, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs, McTavish, Miss Wilkes, Mrs. Anson Jones, and Mrs. Caldecott.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Dr. McTavish after which the reports were received. On previous years the annual meetings had been held in October, but on account of the uncertainty of the weather in the fall, it has been decided to hold the meetings in June in future. The reports, which consequently were but for the past seven months, were satisfactory and encouraging for both the institutions.

William McCabe, Esq., was elected a vice president in the place of E. A. Meredith, deceased, and the vacancies caused in the Board of Governors by the death of Mr. Homer Dixon and Mr. E. A. Meredith were filled by electing Ald. Jas. Crane and Mr. R. B. Street. The officers of the association were re-elected.

The following resolution was moved by R. S. Baird and carried: That the following By-law passed by the Board of Management be confirmed: That By-law Number I shall be altered to read as follows: The original incorporators and all persons subscribing the sum of \$50 to the funds of the Association and all

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persons who shall have been elected Officers of the Association shall be life members. That By-law Number 12 shall be altered by striking out the word "October" and substituting the word "June" therefore.

The following were elected as members of the Board of Management:—Mr. Caldecott, Mrs. W. C. Matthews, Mr. Wm. McCabe, Mr. W. F. Burton, Mr. R. S. Baird, Mr. F. J. Stewart Mr. Warring Kennedy, Mr. W. D. McPherson, Mr. James Massie Mrs. Robert Kilgour, Mrs. Joseph Dundas, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Mc-Tavish, Mrs. Caldecott, Miss Wilkes, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Thompson.

At the conclusion of the meeting several short, bright, and enthusiastic addresses were delivered by several of the gentlemen present, in which the superintendents, teachers, and members of the Board of Management were warmly congratulated on the present highly satisfactory state of affairs in connection with the school.

# Report of the Huperintendent of the Victoria Industrial School

# To the Board of Management, Victoria Industrial School.

GENTLEMEN,-The desirability of changing the date of our Annual meeting has been before you from time to time for the past three years, but no definite action has been taken until this year, when it was unanimously decided to hold the meeting in June, the fiscal year to begin the first of May. As a very full report of the school in all its departments was published in our last Annual Report, but a brief statement is now presented for the seven months from October 1st, 1898, to May 1st, 1899. During this time some important changes have been made, chief of which has been the installing of an Electric Light Plant, superceding the dangerous and very inadequate system of lighting by coal oil. All the buildings are lighted by incandescent lamps and the grounds by arc lamps. The electricity is generated on the school premises by an Edison 250 light dynamo, the boiler and engine already on the premises being utilized in furnishing the necessary power. The plant has been in operation for three months and is giving complete satisfaction. The formal opening of the plant took place on the afternoon and evening of April 6th, when a number of the members of the Board of Management and friends of the school were in attendance.

The installing of the plant was rendered possible by the late Mr. Neil Currie, from whose estate the executors have paid to the treasurer of the school the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars. The balance of the legacy will be approximately twelve hundred dollars. This sum may be fitly used in furnishing and further equipping the "Howland Memorial Hall." In order that the building may be all that it should be to the boys, there should be erected at once a swimming bath and reading room. The necessity for the former is becoming more apparent each year. Last season we had considerable difficulty in securing suitable places for bathing on the lakeshore front.

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Even under the most favorable conditions the advantages accruing to the boys from this limited practice in the art of swimming are but slight. There are but two months in the year in which we can take them for their weekly bath to the lake. Then there are dangers attending to the small and inexperienced boys in the lake when the water is not always equitable. The danger from cramps is a real one. During the history of this school we have had to record two deaths from drowning. What we need is a tank in which the boys may have instruction and practice every week of the year. This will not only teach them a much needed art, but will be a valuable aid in discipline. Boys love to swim. Who does not? Witness the passion for this sport at our summer resorts. We, therefore, confidently appeal to well wishers of our school to come to our assistance in this matter. The sum of 3,000 will be sufficient to build a tank 30 x 15 and a neat substantial building for the same that will be in keeping with the gymnasium.

The need for a well equipped reading room is keenly felt; Our appeal last year for the means to replenish our.

#### LIBRARY

has met with a fair response. We have received numerous donations of magazines, periodicals, etc., as well as a number of choice books. With a well-furnished comfortable reading room, our boys will have the means at their disposal for a more thorough mental culture. We cannot too often emphasize the need there is for cultivating a taste for reading the best literature that can be obtained. We are neglecting one of the greatest agencies in the reformation of juvenile delinquents and the prevention of the youth of our land from graduating into this class, if we neglect to supplement our education by a wisely-selected reading course. The foregoing are two of the important needs in our school and if we succeed in securing a swimming-tank and reading room as adjuncts to our gymnasium during the ensuing year we shall be grateful-Early in the spring of the year a company of the

#### BOYS' BRIGADE

was formed in our school. It is no doubt well known to you all that the Boys' Brigade had its origin in connection with the Sabbath School. It has still connection with the Sabbath School

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church or other Christian organization The object of the Brigade is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, self-respect, discipline, and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness. Any organization that has these principles for its objects should receive the warm support of the Christian public.

The condition of membership in the Brigade is, therefore, one of character. Consequently all the boys between the ages of twelve and seventeen are eligible for enrolment. Military drill and athletic sports are among the agencies for gaining aud holding the boys. Already our boys have competed in several matches of foot and baseball with Toronto Companies. It is proposed to go into camp some time during the summer months. The formation of the Brigade among the boys of the school has had a marked effect. It has proved a valuable aid in discipline and has created a higher moral tone in the school.

Coming to the less interesting but not less important part of our report, viz., the statistical, the following is submitted for your consideration :

	SCHOOL POPULATION,	
Num	ber received since opening 6	26
* *	in School Sept. 30th 1897	10
	admitted during year ending Sept. 30th 1898	49
	returned " " " " "	4
* *	released " " " " "	54
	in School Sept. 30th 1898	09
No.		40
**	returned " " " " " "	5.
**	released " " " " "	21
	transferred to Blantyre School	2
	" " Penetang Reformatory	2
••	in School April 30th, 1899	129
Of th	hose admitted	
City	of Toronto sends	.25
**	Hamilton	. 2
**	Ottawa	. I
Town	of Peterboro	. I
**	Port Hope	, 1
**	Brockville	
	Galt	. I
County	of Wentworth Co	. 2
**	Grey	

County of	Oxford I
**	Simcoe I
•	Northumberland 1
**	Kent 1
**	Peel I.
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	cause are committed :-
Petitle	igibility and Truancy
Destru	arceny
Incond	ctiveness I
incenu	iarism 2
Tota	1
Parentage	-
Englis	h
	an
	1
Irish	
Scotch	
French	······ I
Hebrew	v I
Total	
-	of Parents:
Labore	r
Washin	gwoman 2
Contrac	tor I
	'ess I
Shoema	ker I
Driver.	····· I
Machini	st I
Photogr	apher 1
Tinsmit	h I
Marble	Polisher I
Clerk	····· I
Garden	er 1
Travelle	эг I
Paper H	Ianger and Painter 1
White W	Vasher I
Locksmi	ith
Brickiay	ver I
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Sailor.	······································
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	Social Relation of Parents :
	Had lost Father 6
	" Mother 6
	" " Father and Mother 2
	Parents had Separated 9
	Had Stepfather 2
	" Stepmother 2
	Parents had Deserted 2
	Age of Boys when committed :
	8 years 2
	9 " 3
	10 "
	II "
	12 "
	13 "
	14
	•5 ••••••
	Average age 12 years.
	Scholarship when received :
	Number who could neither read nor write 7
	Number in first book II
	" " second "
	" " third " II
	" " fourth " I
	이 집에 집에 있는 것이 같은 것이 같이 많이 많이 많이 많이 했다. 가지 않는 것이 많이
	Total 40
	Average age who could not read nor write
	" " in first book II
	Percentage of those whose education had been entirely neglected
I	$7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
	Of the total number in attendance April 30th, 1899 :
	City of Toronto sends
	" " Hamilton "
	" " St. Thomas 4
	" " Guelph 2
	" " Stratford I
	" " Ottawa I
	Town of Peterboro 2

" Galt..... 2

" Toronto Junction ..... 2

" Brockville..... I

" Grey...... 7

" Wentworth ..... 6

County of York ..... 8

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County of Oxford "Simcoo "Norfolk "Northumberland "Essex "Hastings "Hastings "Uufferin "Huron "Renfrew "Middlesex	
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" "Haldimand	I
" " Peel	I
" "Kent	I

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Occupation of Boys April 30th, 1899.

On the Farm 15
In the Conservatories 6
" " Shoe Shop
" " Carpenter Shop 7
" " Tailor "
• • Printing •
" " Engine-room 4
" " Baking-room 3
" " Knitting-room 6
" " Laundry 6
" " Dining-room 9
" " Kitchen 7
" " Office I
" " Cottages
" School all day 9
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Total......129

The work in the various departments during the period covered by this report has been progressing satisfactorily. The boys are evincing an interest that is encouraging. The following statistics will indicate in a slight degree what has been accomplished in work.

#### CARPENTER SHOP.

From seven to ten boys are usually employed in this department, in the work of construction and repairs. It is impossible to give as many boys instruction in this work as we would like. There is always a great deal of practice in the repairs that

are constantly required to be done. Taking up and replacing side walks, repairs to waggons, cte. So that our carpenter instructor and his small force are kept very busy. It has been decided to repaint all the buildings during the summer months. The value of the work done since the last annual meeting is as follows :—

New work	\$ 200
Repairs	67
Painting	50
Total	\$217

#### SHOE SHOP.

About ten or twelve boys in this department make all the boots worn by the boys. Our young shoemakers are among the smallest in the school, yet their work is neat and workman like and reflects credit upon the instruction given. During the seven months under review there have been 260 pairs of boots made representing in value at \$1.50 a pair for work and material.

Making 260 pairs of	f	Boots			 •							\$	390	00	)
Repairing 262	•	**	 	•			 	•••	•••	•			65	50	5
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#### Total..... \$ 455 50

#### TAILOR SHOP.

The services of our young tailors are probably more sought after than are those of any other workmen in the school, from the fact that they are not only responsible for the ordinary suits of clothes but also the overcoats. The majority of the boys in this department are new hands so that the task of keeping up the supply of clothing required has been a difficult one. When these facts are taken into consideration it will be seen that the work accomplished has been of a very satisfactory character.

There have been made during this period :-

53 Undercoats Value of labor \$	79	50
17 Overcoats " " "	24	20
130 Pair of Pants " " "	78	00
106 " " Braces " " "	5	30
3 " " Overalls Value of labor		75
6 " " Half sleeves Value of labor		90
Total value of labor	188	65
Total " "Garments	491	85

#### PRINTING SHOP

This is always a busy and interesting department. There is always a greater demand for positions than can be filled. The work of setting type, press work, etc., are full of interest for the average go ahead boy. But as a certain amount of proficiency in scholarship is required for the successful printer, we cannot always meets the wishes of the applicants. " Our Boys," under the energetic management of our printing instructor, has become in every sense a live School paper, and its advent each month is eagerly looked for. The training a boy receives here is also a great assistance to him in his scholastic training. He has train. ing in a practical way in punctuation, use of capitals, spelling, paragraphing, etc. As the printing shop has been sometimes considered an unnecessary expenditure, there being not the same demand for it as the tailor and shoe departments, for example, the following figures will be of interest showing that it more than pays for itself.

Cash received from Customers, Subscriptions and

Advertisements "Our Boys"	\$ 67	83	
Printing Annual Report		00	
Work done for School	98	75	
Printing "Our Boys"		00	
Total	\$276	58	
Cost of material used \$62 51			
Proportion of wages 108 00			
Total	\$106	07	

#### KNITTING ROOM.

This department is not in operation all the time and there are but a small number of boys employed. Still all the stockings worn by the boys as well as those required in the Boys' Home Toronto, are made. 145 pairs have been knit for the School 200 pairs have been knit for the "Boys' Home."

## BAKING DEPARTMENT.

A most important branch of the school work, as the boys

will no doubt admit, for here a large part of their material wants are provided for.

#### LAUNDRY.

Not at all a popular department still a necessary one, if the adage "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" is true. Five or six boys are all that are needed. These are not always chosen because of their peculiar fitness for the work. Sometimes as a reward for attempts at running away and for other offences.

## FARM.

One of the most interesting and important departments of work. In the spring of the year there is always a demand for farmers for our boys, hence we endeavor to give as many as possible training in farm work. For this reason many of the boys in the trades are taken out to the fields during the busy season. This year we are planting some.

12	acres	in potatoes
4	* *	• cucumbers
3	••	" corn
2		"turnips
11		mangels
11		" millet
$8\frac{1}{2}$	**	" meadows

With small quantities of carrots, beets, parsuips, tomatoes, melons, onions, rhubarb, beans, small fruit, etc. In the SCHOOL OF LETTERS

there has been faithful and progressive work done. Probably in no department of the school is there more skill and patience required than here. As shown in the foregoing table  $17\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the boys received are unable to read or write. The average age of those in the first book is eleven years. With the material on which to work it is small wonder that progress is slow. Here are seen the fruits of truancy. The years lost by these lads can never be recovered. This term special attention is being given to spelling and writing, and the progress in these subjects is marked. Much praise is due the teachers for their painstaking efforts on behalf of the boys committed to their care.

On the whole the progress of the work in the school during the past year has been satisfactory. The boys who have left

us and gone out into the world to do for themselves are doing well.

This can also be said of the majority of those who have graduated during the last two years. There are those who are again led astray, but their number is small. Considering the class of boys we receive we need not be surprised that this is so. The work of reform is necessarily slow. We cannot undo in a day the neglect and bad training of years. It is our duty to do our best in laying the foundation principles of honesty, truth, purity and obedience. Our help is in God and in the promise of that help we enter upon the arduous duties of another year.

Our thanks are due to all who have rendered us assistance either in gifts, entertainments, or sympathy, and to the members of the Board of Management for their assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FERRIER, Superintendent.



# Physician's Report.

# To the Board of Management Victoria Industrial School : Gentlemen :---

I have the honor to present to you the thirteenth medical report of this institution.

The general health of the boys has been remarkably good, only two cases of contagious disease being on the list, viz, Diphtheria the origin of which we could not trace. The strict isolation carried out with these cases limited this dread disease to the two patients, whom we are glad to say made first-class recoveries.

Scarlet Fever being epidemic in the city it was thought better to close the school to visitors for a couple of months, this may have seemed a hardship at the time but was much better than exposing our boys to the risk of contagion, and I would like here to thank the parents who so kindly seconded our efforts in this direction.

The following is a list of the various diseases:-

Diphtheria 2 Ca	ses
Bronchitis 4	
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Incontinency of Urine 3	**
	" "
Conjunctivitis	••
Indolent Ulcer of foot 2	" "
	* *
Pediculosis Corporis 10	**
Tinea Tonsurans 8	6.6
Tinea Circinata 6	**
	" "
Anaemia Simple 6	* *
Epulis of Jaw I	**
La-grippe 22	
Incised wounds 12	" "

Eye Refraction 2	cases
Tonsilotomy 4	• •
Abscess I	**
EczemaI	
Acute Tonsilitis ć	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

# FORBES GODFREY, Physician.



# Victoria Industri 11 School for Boys.

# Summary of Assets and Liabilities, Receipts and Expenditure from 30th September, 1898; to 30th April, 1899.

ASSETS

ASSETS		
Buildings	\$87120	00
Furniture		
Parm Land	00	
improvements including well		
Live Stock	00	
Indements		
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Engine Room Stock on Hand	200	
Printing presses, type etc		00
Carpenter shop tools and stock	1,050	00
Store Room	340	00
Store Room	1,004	02
Tailor shop stock and plant	245	
	173	
ruer and Light Coal on hand		
Government Grant	197	
Municipalities Amount Due	. 1,364	-
Imperial Bank Cr. Balance	. 4,093	
1	. 2,380	17
LIABILITIES	\$112,418	84
MOLEAGE	\$25	
Accrued Interest on same Cameron Cottage Furnishing Fund Unpaid Accounts.	\$35,000	00
Unpaid Accounts	254	
Unpaid Accounts Depreciation in value of Buildings	553	
Depreciation in value of Buildings	880	00
Depreciation in value of Furniture	30	00
Surplus Assets.	75,11	00
Farm RECEIPTS	\$ 112,418	84
Farm Provisions	. \$ 271	57
Clothing Cleaning Remains		47
		87
Boys' Earnings. Printing	II	60
Printing Miscellapeous Boys' Parents	.28	75
Miscellapeous	67	
Boys' Parents. Municipalities Ordinary Revenue. Provine of Ontario Government Grant	130 207	
Provine of Ontario Covenue	6,658	
Provine of Ontario Government Grant	4,181	00
Petly Cash on hand October 1898	. II	

\$ 11800 60

#### EXPENDITURE.

Farm	\$ 627 38
Provisions	1,956 23
Clothing	1,540 26
Cleaning	119 22
Repairs	689 05
Fuel and Light	1,539 11
Furnishings	106 00
Co. of Dufferin	9 52
Boys' Earnings	147 00
Printing	62 51
Salaries	3,087 58
Insurance	181 85
Runaway Boys	43 13
Miscellaneous	418 43
Interest	702 23
Petty Cash on hand	33 96
Cash Balance May '99 4,972 18	
Cash Balance Oct. '98 4,435 04	537 14
-	\$11,800 60

# Gymnasium Account.

#### RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand Oct. 1st 1898	 \$ 84 01
J. Street, Donation	 5 00
Currie Estate	1,750 00
Mrs. Ed. Blake, Donation	 20 00
Interest on Goulding Legacy	 30 00
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\$ 1,889 01

#### EXPENDITURE

H. W. Taylor Plasterer	\$ 26	00
Purdy, Mansell, & Co., Heating	50	00
John Britnell, Books. Magazines	20	00
Imperial Bank Balavce	1,793	01

#### \$ 1,889 01

Audited and found correct as per Books and Vouchers of the Victotia Industrial School. FRED SMITH Auditor.

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# Report of the Alexandra Industrial School for Girls, East Toronto.

#### To the Governors of the Industrial Schools Association :

The Ladies' Executive Committee, the Superintendent and Officers of the Alexandra Industrial School, have very great pleasure in bidding you a hearty welcome to this, the first public meeting held on their premises. It has been their dream for years, but one that they have dismissed from their minds as impracticable owing to want of accommodation; but this year being urged by the gentlemen forming the General Board, and by Mr. Ferrier, Superintendent of the Victoria Industrial School, they determined to make the essay, and trusting to the clerk of the weather, who, if there be one month more than another in which he is likely to be in a good humor, it surely is the leafy month of June, settled upon the tenth day of that month instead of October when it has in other years been held and which has often proved cold and wet. They are conscious of falling short of the Mimico School with its many and varied industries, its workshops, greenhouses and farm, but hope you will find sufficient to interest you for the two or three hours you will be here. The numbers in the Victoria School for one thing very far exceed those here, and the object of the Alexandra School is to fit girls for domestic work solely, -- to train them mentally, morally, and physically to become competent and respectable housewives.

First--We would ask you, Have you carefully observed the dormitories? the large rooms divided off into cubicles, thus affording to each girl that sense of proprietorship so dear to the human heart, and making her responsible for the neatness and cleanliness of her own little domain —have you noted the exquisite order of these cubicles? We can assure you it is not assumed tor this occasion. Two ladies of the committee are appointed each week to pay the Home a visit; they have no set day nor hour for their visit, but never once have they found it otherwise than it is to-day. In the kitchen you will see specimens of the girls' bread and cake making. Our laundry we take no pride in ; it is dark, and quite inadequate for our requirements. At one time we had hoped to have had a better one to have shown

you, but when we got the estimates for such a one as we desired, they were found to be rather more than we cared to venture upon just at present; however, poor as the laundry itself is, the work done there, under the superintendence of Mrs. Waites, could not be better. Before very long we hope to increase the size of our present building not only by the addition of a laundry, but also by erecting other accommodation for our superintendent, Miss Walker.

In the sewing-room at certain hours of the day, are to be found first the smaller girls, and later the elder ones. To many of them the needle is a most unfamiliar object—a veritable instrument of torture, but this dislike they are forced to overcome sufficiently, at all events, to do their share in the making, mending, and knitting for the girls in the school. In looking up the minutes for Febrúary the following item was found. "The following is a list of the work done by the girls during the past two months : 21 dresses, 12 night dresses, 38 aprons, 11 pinafores, besides stocking knitting and repairing." A pretty good list do you not think for such a handful of girls, and many of them of such a tender age. We think that Miss Bainard under whose supervision this has been accomplished, is to be complimented.

Mrs. Green is the careful and painstaking teacher who manages the school-room. One half of the day the younger girls are under her instruction, the other half they are replaced by the elder ones, thus, you see, both hands and heads are being trained, and we trust also that their hearts are being touched: The average number of girls for the year has been about 25. Four have returned to their homes, two of these were first proved in other homes, one for a period of two years, the other for eight mouths. All girls between the ages of sixteen and eighteen who are sent to service are corresponded with, and a monthly report either written or verbal is, where possible, obtained, the greater number of these reports for the past year have been most favorable. This should really be a separate branch of the work, as it means a great deal of extra labor for Miss Walker, who without it would have more than sufficient to do. If it were not that it is such a labor of love to our worthy superintendent, we fear that more than once she would have broken down under the strain. Too

much praise cannot be accorded her for the interest she has taken in her work.

One little girl, Violet Woouch, died in the General Hospital last autumn of tuberculosis The Rev. Mr. Bowles conducted the funeral services at the school and she was buried in a plot of ground belonging to the school; so far as we know she was utterly friendless and had always been in a deplorable state of health. Two little girls with whom Miss Walker had struggled for a long time hoping against hope to do something with them, were found to be hopelessly imbecile and had to be removed to the asylum at Orillia. In February the treasurer received notfiication of the bequest of one hundred dollars from Miss McDowell, a lady unknown to the Board, but by whom the work was evidently known and approved. During the year our Executive suffered the loss of one of its useful members in the person of Mrs. Marcon who has removed to Parry Sound. We have, however, very great pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Dundas has kindly consented to supply the vacancy.

At Christmas the usual extras were provided for the dinner, and Christmas boxes were distributed. On December 29th., Mr. Blainey, who kindly gave an exhibition of lime light views of Jamaica, at which most of the ladies of the Board, and several gentlemen were present. Tea was provided and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. Waites, who lives in the Lodge at the gate, will be pleased to show you the kitchen garden, and anything else outside the building that you may wish to see. Mr. Waites is indefatigable in his attention to all matters that come under his supervision, and if our flower garden is not so luxuriant as we could hope, it is not from want of attention on his part, but owing to the sandy soil, and its exposed position. Nothing further remains to be said. We will close our report as we began it; by thanking you for coming to see us, and by hoping you may spend a very pleasant afternoon.

#### EMMA M. CALDECOTT.

Hon. Secretary Ladies' Ex. Committee, Alexandra Industrial School.

# Alexandra Industrial Hchool for Girls.

# Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 30th September, 1898, to 31st May, 1899.

RECEIPTS

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To Balance cash on hand Capital Acct	\$1,608	38	
To Balance Cash on hand, Revenue Acct		10	- 6
		-\$ 1,840	50
Maintenance	4		
Municipalities	\$1,343	29	
Girls' Parents, etc	98	00	
High Court of Justice for Robertshaw Children	83	00	
Ontario Government Grant	842	70	
Donations toward Christmas Entertainment.	13	00	
Received from Queen City Insurance Co. damages			
Received from Queen City Insurance eo, damages	28	75	
by fire			74
EXPENDITURE		\$4,249	30
Maintenance ·			
Provisions	\$407	23	
General Furnishings	75	41	
Salaries	692	00	
Salaries	-	09	
Fuel and Light	120		
Clothing		07	
Cleaning			
Insurance 3 years		00	
Miscellaneous including repairs	239	81 \$1,992	=0
			70
Balance Cash on Hand, Capital Acct	\$ 1,608	3 38	
Balance Cash on Hand, Revenue Acct	048	5 22	
		- \$ 2,256	00
Balance in Imperial Bank \$2,233 82			
Balance, Petty Cash account 22 78	<b>d</b>	-	
	\$2,250	60	20
		\$\$ 4,24	, 30
ESTIMATED ASSETS	¢ 6 a91		
144 Acres of Land	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	00	
Two Cottages		00	
Lodge		00	
Stable Furniture		6 45	
Horse, Waggon, Sleigh, etc	107	00	
Amount due by Municipalities	535	00	
Amount due by Ontario Government	350	00	
Cash in Bank and on Hand	2,250		0.07
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No Liabilities.

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