

efforts at cure or reformation fail. Little stress can be laid upon any pledges or combinations whilst the subject is necessarily compelled, by his daily avocations, during the effort at reform, to co-mingle with old associates and breathe the same contaminating influences; and therefore the superlative advantage of an Institution to which the invalid can retire during his effort to regain his moral and physical strength, and become isolated from the fascinations of his late enslaving habits.

What have been the results? A record of pages, were we justified in lifting the veil from the privacy that makes a home so sacred, would repay their perusal, and is requisite in order rightly or appreciatingly to judge the results; but, fully sensible of our obligation to our patients, we can only vaguely allude to a few instances, which will be found at the end of this report.

There have been, as in the last year, cases that have resulted unfavorably; but these have been more than set off by the number that have been hopefully reclaimed. Such can be pointed out, both in the city and in the towns, as well as in the country parts of the province, whose reformation has elicited marked notice, and, as attestations to our success, have gained warm friends to the Institution, besides which the Superintendent has received gratifying communications from patients of the previous year, testifying to the continued benefit received from their sojourn in the Home.

As intimated in our last report, and in reference to the number above alluded to as leaving the establishment but little benefitted, it is still to be regretted that none seem inclined to take advantage of the Act to interdict, and thereby compel their intemperate friends to remain in an asylum provided for their benefit for a time sufficient to prove beneficial. This salutary restraint, in the majority of such cases, affords the only hope of reclaiming them. Indeed, as