

know that they were received with a tenderness peculiar only to those who have made the great renunciation.

It has long been a commonplace in the Dominion that the spirit of sacrifice is dead : that men care only for gain, and that women care only for pleasure ; but since the men of Canada have gone from every crossroad to the plains of Flanders, and since the women of Canada have rejoiced in anguish to see them go, we know that this, like much easy coin, is false. All who read of the generous sympathy of those who have found leisure—often in the midst of arduous concerns—to counsel and support must feel that there is something symbolic in the record of their unselfishness. It may not be out of place, then, to refer at this time to the work of Redemption Home. The entire story with its struggles and its triumphs will be found in the fourteen annual reports included in this volume. In them a reader will learn of the establishment of the Home and of the gradual change in its character. He will discover this that change kept pace with its needs and with the development of its founder's belief in the unfailing providence of God. Of the sacrifice, the counsel, the support, and the progress he must read for himself.

As the reports were written to be delivered at annual meetings, before audiences unacquainted, in part, with the evolution of the Home, a certain degree of repetition was obviously necessary. To present a continuous narrative I have therefore taken the liberty of omitting many passages that seem redundant. Otherwise the reports appear almost as they were printed. They were issued with no thought of ultimate collection, and Mrs. York would be the first, I know, to controvert any claim to literary merit. Yet in spite of the colloquial form in which they are cast, their simplicity and sincerity make them notable docu-