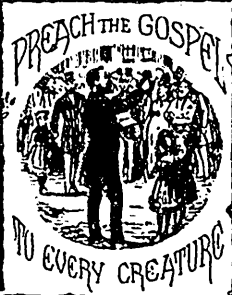


I WAS IN PRISON, AND YE CAME UNTO ME.—Matt. xxv. 36.

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## Prison Work.



**A**MONG the many organizations in our city for the reclamation of the fallen, few have been more abundantly blessed than has that one known as the "Prisoner's Aid Association, of Toronto." This Society has just completed its tenth year of usefulness, and the report presented at the Annual Meeting held (in the Mission Union Hall) on the 3rd inst., shows that the work during the past year has been marked by a steady increase of usefulness. During the year the Association has aided in all 587 discharged persons; and found employment for 374 persons; has given furniture to 68 families—sheltered in the Home (148 Bay street), 250; given meals and board to 380; paid rent for 24; paid fare to homes or where work was to be procured for 29; distributed 339 articles of clothing, 42 articles of furniture, 59 of tools. The number of meals given in the home was 3,759. The Association this year opened a special lodging house for discharged female prisoners, which has already proved of great value in saving some, though it has only been a few months opened. The system is very complete and effective, and has been very highly spoken of by visiting friends from the Old World, experienced in the work there. Another pleasing feature in the work is the lending system. The Association lent out to discharged prisoners during the past year, \$278.47, and have received back \$325.67, part of which was due on loans made in 1883.

The religious teaching in the Sunday Schools at the Central Prison and the Mercer Reformatory has been blessed of God to the salvation of several. We wish our space would admit of a more thorough review of the work of this most valuable organization, as from our heart we wish the Prisoner's Aid Association, with the S.S. work and Prison Gate Mission every success, and we commend the work to our readers as specially deserving of countenance, prayer and support.