

The Treasurer's Report will show the value of the work that has been done; and, considering that new-comers are not, in general, either very good or expert at the needle, we have every reason to be satisfied with the result. We give much credit to the Matron, for her zeal, activity, and success in this department.

During the year, the number of inmates has varied from ten to twelve and sixteen each month; and, including the seven who were in the house at the end of last year, our Report shows that *twenty-three* have been admitted. Of these, *six* have been sent to the General Hospital, eight have gone out as servants and nurses, and six have been restored to their friends, under varied circumstances. Two or three applicants could not be received; several left of their own accord, and two or three (incorrigibles) were sent to jail.

In reviewing the Monthly Reports for the year, there have been few exceptions to general good conduct, submission, and order; and this is the more worthy of remark, as there is little opportunity of separating the *unruly*, from the well-behaved, or of keeping the new-comer distinct from those who, by good training, are breathing a better atmosphere, and have been weaned from bad habits and practices. Much depends on the tact, judgment, and energy of the matron, and she has proved very successful, as far as circumstances would admit of. None feels more than she does, the want of room, in order to make discipline effective.

The Committee desire to acknowledge, with much gratitude, the kind attendance and attention of the medical adviser, Dr. Robinson, whose labours have been unwearied; and again and again, has he put himself to considerable trouble and inconvenience. He visits, not only as the physician, but as the Christian friend of the inmates.

Several of the City Clergymen have frequently visited the Refuge, but their own more immediate duties, render it impossible for them to give much of their time, though we would respectfully, but earnestly press our claim upon them.

The City Missionary, Mr. Johnstone, to whom reference has been already made, is a regular and constant visitor, and his faithful appeals and instructions are of the highest importance.

Some of the ladies give a portion of time every week to the reading of the Scriptures with the inmates, and examining them upon the lesson; and it is interesting to observe the progress they have made in reading—their attention during the exercise, and it is also very pleasant to hear them sing the hymns of Zion, rather than the songs of revelry and sin.

We have found the police authorities very willing to co-operate with us, and *we need* sometimes to call in their aid to enforce obedience, remove the disorderly, and also to guide the liberated prisoner to our Asylum. We would earnestly press upon the police authorities, the importance of facilitating the transfer, from the prison to the Refuge. Old companions are watching for the expiry of the term of confinement, and they find it very easy to entice the liberated criminal, to former haunts and scenes of wickedness. Let there be more careful watching over the *egress* of the prisoner. She cannot be driven, but she may be invited, encouraged, and protected