

## THE JAIL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

### WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

In reporting the work done in the women's Department of the Jail for the year closing September 30th, 1897, we would state that our usual Sunday School system has been followed, interspersed with occasional Evangelistic Meetings. The women we have to deal with have been exclusively of the class known as "old offenders," a class which could be much more successfully dealt with, we believe, if longer sentences were imposed, as any degree of thoughtfulness acquired during the thirty days' sentence is completely dissipated during the few days they are at large, between discharge and re-conviction.

When practicable, short prayer and song services have been held in hospital wards and corridors. The supply of religious papers has been ample, and a quantity of clothing provided to discharged prisoners. We gratefully acknowledge the preventative work accomplished in the Cottage Home for Girls, under the charge of Mrs. Bellamy and Miss Ward, and we firmly believe it has been the means whereby the actual convictions of female prisoners have been confined to the class referred to above. The same courtesy and Christian support has been extended to us by the Officials and Matrons of the Institution as has characterized past years. The teachers have labored faithfully through many discouragements, feeling "He was faithful who promised"—"My word shall not return unto me void."

Teachers—Misses Ward, Kelly, Grun and Wood.

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