

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRISONERS' AID ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

The Committee present the following as the report of the Association for the year 1887.

The usual Sunday services have been regularly held in the City and County Gaol, the Central Prison, and the Andrew Mercer Reformatory. The average number of Teachers on each Sunday has been 22 ladies and 28 gentlemen. The separate reports herewith, from the Superintendents of the work in these three prisons will give further details.

During the year an opportunity offered of purchasing at a very moderate price, the premises at the corner of Simcoe and Richmond Streets, now occupied by the Association, and at the same time of disposing, at a large advance upon their cost to the Association, the premises on Bay Street formerly occupied by the Association. The new premises appeared to the Executive to be pre-eminently suitable for the carrying on of the Associations work with greatly increased efficiency and enlarged scope and a meeting of the Association was therefore duly called to consider the matter, and at this meeting it was unanimously decided to sell the old premises and to purchase the new, and this the Executive has done. Experience has proved the wisdom of the change. While at present the Association is under larger expense for its headquarters than formerly, it is confidently believed that before long such a price will be raised for the vacant portion of the premises now in our occupation, as will make the nett cost of our present very commodious building very little greater than that of the much smaller building formerly occupied by the Association.

Twenty-five municipalities of Ontario are now contributing to the Prisoners' Aid Association, namely:—Counties of, 1 Carlton, 2 Elgin, 3 Grey, 4 Hastings, 5 Huron, 6 Haldimand, 7 Kent, 8 Leeds and Grenville, 9 Lincoln, 10 Lanark, 11 Middlesex, 12 Norfolk, 13 Northumberland and Durham, 14 Oxford, 15 Ontario, 16 Perth, 17 Peterboro, 18 Prescott and Russell, 19 Simcoe, 20 Victoria, 21 Wellington, 22 Wentworth, 23 York, 24 Village of Parkdale, and 25 City of Toronto. These municipal grants for the year 1887, made a total of \$957.50.