

asthma and cannot work. E. and child remained 3 months. E. was for many weeks in the Locked Ward, General Hospital, and, in consequence, could not be sent to a situation. At the end of three months we were able to return both to friends in Leeds, England. F. and infant admitted 8 months ago. F. suffers from ulcers in the back, and it may be weeks before she can take a situation. G. and twin babies 5 months in the Haven, besides five others for 4 months, and seven for 3 months.

The majority of our inmates, however, remain only a short period, every effort being made to suitably equip and provide employment for those who are fit for it.

#### WHAT ARE THE MEANS USED FOR THE REFORMATION AND DISPOSAL OF INMATES?

Four principal methods are used for the moral and spiritual improvement of those under our care, viz.,—Kindness and sympathy, the influences of home life, regular employment, and religious services. When an applicant is admitted, kindly words are spoken to her, and she is treated even with tenderness, and, generally speaking, the poor creature is softened and subdued at once. Frequently we have seen a young woman enter the committee room with a hard, defiant look. At first her replies to questions asked were either rude, flippant, or non committal. But as a gentle hand touches her caressingly, a tearful eye looks into hers, and a soft voice inquires tenderly about home and mother, or speaks about God our Father, and the great love of Jesus our Saviour, the barriers are broken down, tears stream down the cheeks, and for the time being, at least, the heart is like wax in our hands. Curious questions are not asked, but the visitor tries every avenue to the heart, and the general testimony is that continued kindness will overcome the most hardened and depraved, in fact, that it seldom or never fails. John B. Gough is a