

and to society a few of the world's outcasts. It needs decided convictions and some hope of usefulness to stand in any position of responsibility in such a work. It is believed that the Grace of God has rescued some. Restorations and rescues have been realized in many instances, more than we had ventured to expect. Gratitude was known to be a scarce commodity. Yet one might have expected credit for common-sense and common honesty if not for christian principle even from unfriendly people. But it would be pride of heart, not integrity of purpose, to refuse any lesson which such an attack may afford; so that if it be seen that in any way better can be done, our authority and our effort shall be used to do it; and, if unrelieved from our anxious and especial responsibility of which relief we could not be insensible, nor ungrateful to any who might administer that responsibility more faithfully, Mrs. Taylor and myself must continue to do the best we can, assured that in the long run justice to the Home will prevail, and in the hope that its usefulness will not be impaired. Nor are we without the hope of contributing something by means of this very full Report, towards a needed sentiment, that the wanton abuse of its liberty by unprincipled writers of the press is one of the worst forms of licentiousness; that such writers who in ignorance and prejudice set themselves up as public censors, need to be themselves censured; and that persons who give time and effort towards the carrying on of institutions, if fault is to be found with them, should have fair and considerate dealing, even if generous dealing be beyond the capability of traducers.

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