

aim of the Home is to rescue young girls who are simply on the border-line of vice or crime. Many of these girls are committed to our keeping from the Police Court, instead of being sent to jail. They do not usually remain with us more than two or three weeks, as there is no difficulty in obtaining good positions for those whom we can recommend. Our success in this line of work has been so marked, that the supply of young female prisoners in the city jail has been practically cut off. The female prisoners in the city jail are now almost exclusively confined to what are known as "old timers."

PRISON REFORM.

It is said that the only way to effect reform is to "agitate, agitate, agitate." For seven years we have been pressing for certain reforms that remain as yet to be brought about. From the Dominion Government we have been asking for the establishment of a reformatory for young men on the Elmira plan and for the adoption of the indeterminate sentence and parole system. From the Ontario Government we have been asking for the re-organization of the Boy's Reformatory, Woman's Reformatory and Refuge for Girls, and the establishment of a Reformatory for Inebriates. From the County Councils of the Province we have been asking for the adoption of the County Poorhouse system and for better classification and more reformatory treatment of jail prisoners, and from the Toronto City Council we have been asking for the adoption of the cellular or separate system for young first offenders and for making better provision for the destitute poor of the city. and separate provision for the treatment of inebriates. The necessity for these reforms is candidly conceded but nevertheless the reforms are not inaugurated.

As an offset to this, however, it is but just that we should make grateful mention, firstly, of the Children's Aid Act and its inauguration by the Ontario Government; secondly, that a number of the counties in Ontario during the last four or five years,