

mistakable manner, that they too are grateful for the kind hands held out to help them from the degraded, miserable lives into which they had fallen.

Then, too, this year, like several past ones, testifies to the interest they take in the welfare of the institution, and their willingness to do what they can to meet its expenses. The net amount for work done by them was \$1619.83, being a little over one-half of the total expenditure, exclusive of all the house-sewing and house-work needed for themselves.

On Sept. 30th, 1890, there were in the Refuge 23 inmates. To these were added during the year 37, making a total of 60. Fifteen of these left before the time of probation was up; one sent to the Mercer, one to General Hospital, two were received back by their friends, and nine went to service, leaving twenty-eight in the Refuge, Sept. 30th, 1891.

We have the great satisfaction of knowing that though the number 60 may appear small, there are only three of these re-admissions. And this means that the full probation of twelve months has been passed in the Refuge by nearly one-half, while 13 of those admitted during the year are still trying to overcome their evil propensities.

The one we were obliged to send to the General Hospital died there. She had to undergo an operation from which she was too feeble to recover. For several years she had been a most faithful and uncomplaining worker, though often suffering much pain, and in every possible way showed her gratitude for the care taken of her, and we trust was forgiven and accepted in Christ Jesus her Saviour.

In such an institution we have, of course, many restless and wayward ones (especially restless and wayward when deprived of the stimulants they have been in the habit of indulging in), and I had almost added—the hopelessly incorrigible. But having been secretary for twenty-six years and having watched the results of patient, persevering, prayerful dealing with such, I dare not use that term.

These qualities so essential to the successful management of a Refuge, added to great firmness in enforcing the rules