

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE TORONTO MAGDALENE ASYLUM,
OR
INDUSTRIAL HOUSE OF REFUGE.

In presenting the twenty-fourth annual report, we wish to place before the friends of the Home a simple, unvarnished statement of the year's work. Were there much more to discourage us, we would still begin another year's work with renewed energy.

It is impossible for those who love Christ sincerely to refrain from seeking to bring others under the transforming and purifying influence of His religion. The more degraded and sin-bound we find them, the more earnestly do we strive for this. They come to us, these wretched ones, asking for food, for shelter, for clothing, and we are glad God gives them these blessings through us; but we are not satisfied unless their hearts turn to Him, seeking for that which will satisfy the hunger of their souls, and shelter them from the tempest of sin. We must believe with our whole hearts that the Gospel is for these wretched ones who are tossed on the dark stream of sin, as well as for those whose paths lie beside the still waters; and that its truths can take possession of and purify even such dark sinful souls. There is too much practical scepticism on this point, and it takes the power from our work.

On the 1st of January, 1878, there were 35 inmates of the Home; 76 have been received since, making 111. Of these, 22 have gone to service, 27 left before their time expired, 7 sent to the Burnside Hospital, 2 to the General Hospital, 5 to their friends, 3 have died, 2 went to the Home of the Good Shepherd, 1 went to the Infants' Home, 2 sent out for insubordination; leaving 40 in the Home on the 1st of January, 1879.