

“ During the last year (1853) the Magdalenes in the Boston Asylum numbered twelve ; the average for several years being fifteen ; although it has been in operation since 1823 ; possesses ample accommodations and appliances for benefiting such as may flee to it for refuge ; and is surrounded by a population many times greater than that of Halifax.—*Report of Com. H. of R.*, 1854.

We shall close our remarks on this topic by giving a copy of a letter, which was addressed to the Matron of the Institution by one of the reclaimed. In our opinion the letter, as to the conception of its sentiments, would do honor to one of much higher pretensions.

“ HALIFAX, March 31, 1856.

“ *Dear Mrs. W——*,—As I am to leave the City shortly, I consider it a privilege to address a few lines to you, expressive of my gratitude to you for all your kindness and sympathy towards me. They only who have suffered as I have can tell how much good a kind word can do those who are burdened with sorrow. I thank you for your maternal counsels, your religious instructions, and attention to my bodily wants. These have contributed to *lighten* my sorrows, to *re-ignite* my hopes, and *point* to that Friend who sticketh closer than a brother ; who receiveth sinners when all others forsake them, who has taught me to see the error of my ways, and I trust who will lead me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

“ I thank the ladies and gentlemen of the Committee for the interest they have manifested in my welfare. I thank the City Missionaries for their watchful care over me, and earnestly do hope that their prayers in my behalf may be attended with blessings to their souls and my own ; for ‘ he that watereth shall himself be watered.’ I hope that many others will avail themselves of the benefit of the Institution, and you will not have to complain that you have spent your strength for *nought*. And I assure you, with much esteem, I remain, dear Mrs. W——, your obedient and humble servant,
MARY A. C——.”

Ladies of Halifax, will you not re-establish the House of Refuge, that noble Institution, and thus roll away the reproach