

do not mean to assert, that this is always the result of twelve months' residence in the Home, far from it, but that is the result for which we work. The vicious habits of years are not easily overcome. This, we know, is the fact, not only amongst the poorer classes, but in all ranks, from the highest downwards. We do not, as has been said, refuse to receive a woman, merely because she cannot promise to remain *twelve months*. No! We urge her week after week to try, in the hope that she will get over the restlessness of body and mind which possess her, and be led to see the benefit she is receiving. But we do tell her, that we cannot find a situation, or recommend her to one, and give her the necessary outfit (two full suits of clothes) *unless* she stays the twelve months, and *this*, because we believe that the recommending such women for servants in respectable homes, or even asking respectable people to take them as servants, while they have as yet given no proof of a changed life, only helps to intensify and spread the evil. Many of the class received, time after time, are women who have fallen very low through dissipation and other vicious habits, brought on by hardship of various kinds incident to human life—especially where that life is not sustained by a trust in a divine and merciful Father, who if He sends sorrow or distress of any kind, will also give strength and grace to bear it, and even comfort under it. Such women are only safe while in the Home, so seldom have they strength to resist the temptations that meet them wherever they go, either to town or country. We have many cases mentally before us where for years, the history of such women is this: She spends a year in the Home working faithfully, goes from it to a situation in health, comfortably clothed, and looking, in every respect, such an one as you would like to see a servant in your own home. A few months of well-doing, and then a comparatively slight *fall*, from which she recovers rapidly and is taken back by her mistress; a second *fall* comes more speedily than the first. She gets discouraged, and after one or two ineffectual attempts to recover herself, comes back to the Home to go through the same experience. But even such women, in many cases, are slowly improving, as is shown by the fact, that rather than continue such a life outside, for any length of time, they return *voluntarily* to another year of seclusion.

On the 30th September, 1882, there were 32 inmates in the Home; since then we have admitted 69. Of these only 11 have