

DONATIONS.

Messrs. D. Morice & Co., Supply of Ice for the Season 1873.

" John Dougall and Son, "*Daily Witness*" and "*New Dominion Monthly*."

" Kenneth Campbell & Co., *Drugs*."

Mr. C. Alexander, *Cakes*.

Mr. Alex. Rough, *Cakes*.

Mrs. Durnford, *Cakes at Christmas*.

Mrs. Claxton, *2 Turkeys*.

Mrs. Dougall, *3 Iron Beds and Chairs*.

Mrs. T. M. Thomson, *\$5 for Christmas Dinner*.

The following words of another well express our thoughts.

As to the number of those who are permanently reformed we would not speak definitely. Our only hope is in their conversion. The opinions of those engaged in the work often vary in regard to individual cases; we must take into account inherited traits of character, early training or rather the want of it, with all the evil associations connected therewith, then the power of habit on natures thus developed; these must all be considered, felt and understood, ere we are prepared to judge or deal faithfully with such poor ones.

Only as we realize the promises and encouragements in the word of God, with the blessed example of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feel in our own hearts the value of precious souls however low they may have sunk in the scale of humanity, are we fitted to carry on this work.

We know that He is faithful who has promised, and that all things are possible to him that believeth; so we look for blessing and expect success; at the same time seeking to rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him, leaving it to eternity alone fully to unfold the results.

We meet with much discouragement and our faith is often tried, yet we can point to many who have served their term, are doing well, and who we trust are permanently reformed, and others now in the Home are giving us much encouragement by their penitence and trust, and constant endeavors to overcome temptation.

Indeed, the temptations which some of these poor girls have to overcome seem, humanly speaking, to be almost overpowering.

For the first time in the internal history of the Home we have been grieved by evil tongues within. This was owing mainly to No. 455, who inflamed the minds of two others, and so caused mischief. Two left declaring they would