

Prison, which have very much increased its general efficiency. It is now held on four evenings in every week, under the management of Mr. Body and Mr. Madden, whose teaching and influence has given unqualified satisfaction. This will increase the annual expense for the night school from \$200 to \$400 a year, but we are satisfied it will be money well invested.

In addition to this, we have engaged a Bible-woman, whose duties it will be to find employment for females discharged from the Andrew Mercer Reformatory, and from the Refuge for Girls, and who will also have an oversight over them afterwards. We hope for good results from this appointment.

We have again to allude to the fact that prisoners from different counties in the Province are sent to the prisons in Toronto, and thus become the recipients of the care of this Association. Many of the county councils acknowledge the responsibility thus involved by contributing to the funds of the Association. We trust this will soon become general on the part of all the county councils.

We regret to learn that in a large number of the counties the gaols are not supplied with libraries, and in many of the gaols the inmates are not supplied with regular religious services. We trust this neglect will soon be remedied. We also regret to learn that in a number of the counties the county gaol is actually used as a poor house, where the dependent but respectable poor are forced into association with the ordinary gaol population. May we not reasonably expect that this sad state of affairs will soon be remedied, and especially so as the Ontario Government offers a bonus of \$4000 towards the erection of each new poor house.

We have much satisfaction in recording the fact that the Ontario Government, in response to petitions from church courts, temperance societies, and other organizations, as well as from this Association, appointed a Prison Reform Commission in June last. The evidence given by wardens, sheriffs, gaolers, etc., more than justifies the appointment of the Commission. We are sorry to find our penal and reformatory institutions have failed to accomplish the work for which they were designed, but there is nothing to be