

Prisoners' Aid Association.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

With a single exception, the three Sunday Schools conducted by the Association (with a full staff of teachers, every Sunday morning), have been carried on uninterruptedly during the year. A fire at the Central Prison last spring, caused considerable damage to the chapel, and the Sunday School for several weeks was suspended in consequence.

Members of the Toronto Ministerial Association continue to give their valuable services in conducting a preaching service every Sunday at the Central Prison and the Reformatory for Women. These services are very highly appreciated by both the officers and the prisoners, and there is always keen disappointment when the clergyman appointed for the day fails to keep the appointment, which unfortunately sometimes occurs.

WORK OF THE AGENT.

Mr. Finlay Spencer, the Agent of the Association, continues his work of aiding discharged prisoners and the families of prisoners, and he still conducts the Night School at the Central Prison four nights a week. The prayer-meeting organized by him in January, 1897, is now conducted by the teachers of the C. P. Sunday School.

COTTAGE HOME FOR GIRLS.

The Cottage Home for Girls, established by Mrs. Bellamy, our Bible-woman, two years ago, has become an important factor in prosecuting our work among girls and young women. The