

under the influences of a christian home. The majority are in domestic service. In cases where it could be done, railway passes have been procured and some sent home or to friends. Two deaf mutes, wards of the city, have been kept during the summer vacation. This was the only home suitable for these little girls. Our matron, Mrs. Crawford, is always ready at the call of duty, striving to exert a christian influence over the girls, teaching them habits of cleanliness and economy, keeping in touch with them after she has secured situations for them, visiting the police court, meeting the railway trains, besides many other things that will naturally arise in an institution of this kind.

The necessity of providing this Shelter and caring for the homeless was urged upon us four years ago, and believing it to be God's work, we, as christian women, have given our time and strength, without remuneration, to this service, and will gladly do so as long as the christian public will stand by us.

A large percentage of these young women come from different parts of the Dominion, therefore we feel justified in appealing to the public in general for assistance—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty." We cannot think that there is an individual or society who has contributed to the maintenance of this "Girls' Shelter," whose treasury or storehouse is less bountifully supplied.

We wish it clearly understood that the W. C. T. U. Shelter for girls does not overlap or conflict with any other institution or home. It is for pure girls over 16 years of age whose only crime (?) is to find themselves penniless and alone in a large city. Not for fallen girls or criminals. We provide the "ounce" of prevention rather than the "pound" of cure. We have been much encouraged by the prompt responses to our appeals for help and not merely as a matter of form but in sincerity do we thank our many friends every where who by their generous financial support, have shown their continued confidence in our work, of whom we would like to mention the Y's., W's., King's Daughters and Young People's Societies.

And while presenting to you our heart-felt thanks, we ask for more extended support, so that when together we shall meet to hear the grand report of the redemption work of our Heavenly Father, we shall find that through this agency we have had some part in bringing this world back to God.