

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
THE TORONTO MAGDALENE ASYLUM  
OR  
INDUSTRIAL HOUSE OF REFUGE.

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In presenting our Twenty-Fifth Annual Report, we feel there is nothing especially new to present. We can see results of our work, but we cannot tell of the reflex good which our own hearts have received. The longer we work among the poor and sinful, the more do we realize the great need for wisdom and patience in trying to benefit them, the more do we prove that we need to be partakers of the gentleness and love of God; for rarely can we do good to those hardened in sin, unless we can make them know that we realize their temptations. The strongest power Christ has with us, is that He is touched with us in all our sorrows and temptations. And our strongest hold upon those less blessed than ourselves is still the same common bond of sorrow and trial.

All our gifts come from the Royal Treasury. Some, by His grace, He permits to hand these to others. If this privilege is given to us, let us not make the gift less precious because of our clumsy hands. But may we be so lost in the brightness of the Royal presence that His grace alone is seen and felt.

On the 1st of January, 1879, there were 40 inmates of the Home, 87 have been received since, making 127 in all. Of these 25 have been sent to service, 10 ran away, 15 went away before their year expired (some of these to service also), 15 were sent to the Burnside Hospital, 4 were sent home to friends, 3 allowed to look for situations, 1 to General Hospital, 2 have died, 2 were allowed to go on account of weakness of intellect, leaving 40 in the Home on the 1st of January, 1880. It will be seen that, in spite of the fact that it is a rule of this Institution that no one shall be admitted except those who promise to stay a year, 15 have been taken who had to be sent to the Burnside Hospital. These cases were all received under protest, but they were all cases of such extreme necessity, humanity demanded that, for the time, rules should become elastic. It is from no