

against the genuineness of the profession of prisoners that they are changed in heart, feeling, or practice. But they also know equally well that while under punishment some may act the hypocrite, yet in the case of a large number of the younger prisoners, who have been convicted for thoughtless or sudden crimes, the sorrow and repentance of such is not the less sincere and genuine. The Managers have been careful to distinguish between the two classes of deliberate crime and of men "overtaken in a fault; and their references in the following paragraphs have been only to the more hopeful class, who, so far as evidence satisfactory to them goes, have shown themselves worthy of confidence and sympathy. The managers would, therefore, earnestly solicit the continued confidence of those kind friends who have voluntarily supported the mission with their contributions, on the ground that in practice, and, as a matter of fact, they have been and are as careful to discriminate wisely in these cases as the most fastidious objector could be.

In proof to some extent of these statements the managers would say that more than one of the officers of the Prison have borne unsolicited testimony to the salutary effects of the teaching in the Sunday School, as evinced by the subdued and thoughtful demeanour of many of the Prisoners, and by the evident desire of others of them to do right, and to submit willingly to the discipline of the Institution.

From the reports submitted to the Superintendent of the Sunday School, we make the following extracts:—

Two teachers who have charge of a class write:—"God has been very gracious to our class; one of the members of it particularly thanked God for his incarceration in the Prison, as it had been to him instead of a prison a place where liberty had been proclaimed to the captive, and he is now a believer, rejoicing in that Saviour, "who hath power on earth to forgive sins." The rest of our class are gradually becoming enlightened by gospel truth, and some we trust are very near the Kingdom."

Another writes:—"The first Sunday I attended this class I taught them individually this short prayer:—"Lord give me thy Spirit, for Christ's sake: They all learnt it and continued to

say it; and had received showed his Mr. Softley prize them. was even satisfaction

Another "I have la where I h realize in t is under d God's help

Another "I have alv For my ow lead the p to seek an

Another "Two me grateful fo all been in of God, an state. Th studied an and during the word.

but other prayers th Two of th One who gence, str scriptures version.

but before class earn I believe that he ha