

kindly dealings with, us in another year's work. For surely He has been with us, and we have verified His promise, "Before ye call I will answer, and while ye are speaking I will hear." Of a truth, we can look back over our year's work and see many instances when we have had difficulties and perplexities, and while we have been counselling together how best these might be overcome, even then God has been opening ways before, and providing means which we knew not of, by which His own work could be carried on, and when we called upon Him, He did answer by revealing to us the way which He had provided. Our work through the year has been hard, self-sacrificing work, not only because of the peculiarities belonging to it, but because those who bear the burden of it are not women of leisure, but women of toil, whose hearts and hands are already full of Christian work or home cares and duties. Indeed, this is a work in which it is impossible for one to be engaged without feeling that you are growing old, not so much because of the labor it involves, but because of the peculiar experience which you pass through, the amount of sin and suffering with which you come in contact, and "the ways of the world" which one learns and of which, without the experience of this work, one never dreamed. Still, we can truly say we are glad of all weariness, the heart-sickness, the trials, if, as Christian workers, it helps us more fully to realize how much the Saviour loved the sinner, notwithstanding the wilfulness and vileness of the sin, and if it be the means (as undoubtedly it is) of bringing the heart of the worker in closer touch with that of the blessed Master, and above all, if it be the means, as we know it has been, of winning some back from walking in the way of wickedness to walk in newness of life, we are glad, as the workers to whom you have committed this trust, of the privilege of working with the Lord and of being used as an instrument by which He accomplishes this work.

During the year the board of management has met regularly the second Tuesday of each month for the transaction of business and for laying plans for furthering the interests of the home. The internal management being overlooked by a monthly committee consisting of two ladies of the board; to this committee all business in connection with the home is referred, except matters of particular importance, which are referred to the board. There has been admitted to the home during the year in all twenty-three inmates, nine of whom entered the maternity ward. Of these, one belonged to Sooke, one woman and two children to Cobble Hill, one to Saanich, one woman and child came from Tacoma, two from Vancouver, two from New Westminster and ten from Victoria and vicinity. Five of these have returned to their homes, four have had places found for them where they are earning their own living. One woman with her two children have gone to house-keeping, while another, a woman, sent by the mayor to be kept at the home for the time, being without friends, has also found a home for herself. One has married, one entered a Catholic home, one left after being only one day in the home, while four, with one girl admitted last year, still remain. In January the services of Mrs

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