

young, and respectably brought up a family of children, but of late years had been frequently in the jail for drunkenness; while there she heard of the Refuge, and after her last release she came and asked to be admitted. The ladies received her, notwithstanding their doubts about permanent good being done, on account of her advanced years and violent temper. Her face bore the marks of violence, and her whole person shewed the state of degradation to which she had been reduced by intemperance. Gradually she gained the confidence of the Committee, and proved one of the most industrious inmates, doing her needlework very neatly, and seeking the good of the institution. After a trial of a year and eight months, she was sent to service, where she gives satisfaction, and shews her gratitude for the benefits she received at the Refuge by spending much of her wages in assisting the institution.

The other two are comfortably married, after having candidly caused information to be given to their intended partners in regard to their former faults. One of them deposited her wages in the Matron's hands every month until her marriage, and she and her husband have continued in the service of their employer to fulfil their engagements, intending to remove to land of their own in the fall. The other has removed with her husband, who is a good mechanic, to a foreign country, and both have every prospect of happiness.

It is the wish of the Committee to keep trace of all the inmates who are sent to service, though as years pass away, and they change their residence, it is found hard to keep sight of them. The following incident occurred last summer, and tended very much to encourage the Committee, and lead them to hope that others whom they have not heard from for a long time are doing as well.

One of the first inmates, upon whom the marks of a life of wretchedness were strikingly visible,—but who, after a year's probation, so gained the confidence of the Committee that they employed her to assist the Matron and convey messages through the city, and, by her faithfulness in this capacity, became known to most of the friends of the Society,—went to a country town and followed the business of tailoring, which she learned at the Refuge. The ladies heard favorable accounts of her from time to time, but for some time past lost trace of her, yet a short time ago she came to the city on business, looking so cheerful and respectable that a member of the Committee, who met her in the street, scarcely recognized her. She said she was comfortably married to a respectable man, to whom before marriage she had given a faithful account of her former life. They were happy, and, to use her own words, were living as Christians should live. She would have called on several of the ladies, but had to leave immediately by the cars.