

Women's Christian Temperance Union, these to be assisted by an Advisory Board composed of the clergymen of all evangelical churches, and six laymen selected by the Managing Committee. Three of these ladies are appointed every month to manage the internal arrangements of the home.

#### THE YEAR'S WORK.

During the year the Committee have tried to help twelve girls, ten of whom have been sheltered by the home; four of these have gone to their parents, two are in situations, and one married. The other three are still in the Refuge; one is from Vancouver and two from Victoria, one of whom was found sick and in distress, without friends and without money. The girls are happy and contented, striving to learn both housekeeping and sewing. They are beginning to pray and earnestly striving to overcome their evil natures. Much to the regret of the ladies, one, who has since gone to her parents, had to be dismissed from the home for repeated insubordination, which was the cause of incorrect reports, detrimental to the home, appearing in the daily press. Before leaving the city the young woman called on the matron and some of the ladies to say good-bye, promising to try and do right; we trust she will. All we can do is to leave her to God and her Christian mother.

A sewing room has been established, and although the work accomplished has not been much, we are hopeful that it may be made a means of income after a time. The Committee desire to express their gratitude to the friends who have sent donations, to the managers of the *Colonist* and the *Times* for sending the daily papers, and other courtesies extended to the work, and to Drs. Duncan, Helmcken, Davie and Garrow for medical attendance which has been so kindly and generously given.

#### SABBATH SERVICES.

The inmates attend the different churches with either the matron or one of the ladies belonging to the Committee. On Friday evening a Bible reading and prayer meeting is held in the home, and is greatly enjoyed, being a means of grace to all who attend.

This work has its discouragements as well as its encouragements; but knowing it is God's work, and that He has promised sustaining grace to those who put their trust in Him, we can only look up during the time faith and grace are tried and cry "Lord, verify Thy promise to us."

The Treasurer, in presenting her report, states that, while the accounts balance, there are bills amounting to over three hundred dollars which will be due at the end of December, and to meet which there are only \$14.00 in the treasury. Any subscriptions, therefore, will be thankfully received by any member of the Managing Committee.

We trust that during the coming year many may not only be sheltered by this Refuge, but may be led to lives of purity and usefulness by coming to the Saviour and hearing his words, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

MARIA GRANT,  
Corresponding Secretary Refuge Home.

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