

power of God has been as mighty to keep as to save ; and many of these dear women have said, "I praise the Lord that I ever was sent to the Mercer Reformatory." If I could only have the many who read this report, gather with us in one of the Saturday afternoon meetings, and see the bright countenances of from twenty to twenty-five women, they would forget that these faces belonged to those confined within prison walls.

From the number of encouraging letters received from the discharged prisoners throughout the country, I realize more and more the fulness of the promise, that God's word, though spoken in weakness, had not returned unto Him void. The work in the Jail is very different from that in the Reformatory, here we meet the more hardened classes, but often as we tell the simple story of the Cross, I have seen the tears course down the bruised and battered faces, and have felt that there is still something good left in them. But even here some have professed their faith in Christ, and as far as can be judged, are living reformed lives, and we have the dying testimony of one who was the very chiefest of sinners, "that she was going to dwell with Jesus." It is impossible in this short space to give any idea of the day-by-day personal work, of the cups of cold water given in His Name, and of the many visits in the homes of these poor outcasts, but our prayer is that God may follow with His blessing our feeble efforts in this direction. May I here add my thanks for the many kindnesses I have received from the officials of the Reformatory, Jail and Police Court, and to the members of the Prisoners' Aid Society, who have so willingly helped me in so many ways. Also to the friends who have from time to time assisted with clothing, etc. May He who only can reward, bless you all. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

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STATISTICAL REPORT.

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No. of week-day meetings held at Reformatory.....	56
" " " " Jail.....	34
" times visited Police Court.....	78
" calls on women.....	239
" " in connection with work.....	204
" letters written to discharged women.....	40
" " received from " ".....	35
" women given permanent work and homes.....	25
" " helped in any way.....	50