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TWENTY-NINTH REPORT  
OF  
THE TORONTO MAGDALEN ASYLUM:  
OR,  
*INDUSTRIAL HOUSE OF REFUGE.*

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In submitting to their friends and the general public this annual report of the Magdalen Asylum, or Industrial House of Refuge, the Managers have thought it well to give a somewhat more detailed account than usual of the object of this charity, and the mode of carrying it on, as it is evident from remarks that appear in the newspapers and elsewhere from time to time, that considerable misapprehension exists on the subject. We have also thought it wise to append to this report the "Rules and Regulations" that govern its management. For these we bespeak a careful perusal by every one interested in this Christian work.

This institution has now been in existence 30 years, and from its inception to the present moment, the object has always been the same, viz.: *To give to every woman, without reference to country or creed, an opportunity of reforming.* That she may do so, we believe—and have had that belief strengthened by experience—that *time* and a certain amount of seclusion from outside influences is necessary. We do not forget, that the power of our Heavenly Father is all-sufficient to change the heart and spirit, so that at once a desire after a pure life comes to such women, but, even then, *time*, in most, if not all cases, is needed (and one so changed will readily submit to the restraint), and therefore we wish each woman to remain twelve months in the Home, during which time she is under moral and religious influences, and while cared for and made comfortable, is required to do her share of the various kinds of remunerative work which are carried on in the Home, and thus she materially assists in meeting the necessary expenses, while at the same time, this course of life is fitting her, both physically and mentally, for usefulness after she leaves the Home. We