

children of the province, will find in this well conducted institution a *home*, where they will be subjected to wholesome discipline, systematic training, and spiritual influences, and through *these* become useful members of society.

Attention is respectfully directed to the want of more thorough classification in the Reformatory, and to the fact that many of the sentences are noticeably *short*, in comparison with others. Short sentences are generally unproductive of results, and the teachers have unitedly desired that this matter should be brought under the notice of the Association.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," has been the motto of our teachers during the year, and they cheerfully leave the results of their work in the hands of Him who has commanded us to sow beside all waters, and who well knoweth which shall prosper, that sown in the morning or in the evening, or whether both shall be alike good.

W. H. HOWLAND, *Superintendent.*

L. J. HARVIE, *Lady Supt.*

F. MATHER, *Secretary.*

TO THE PRESIDENT, PRISONERS' AID ASSOCIATION.

In accordance with the usual custom of your Agent, I now beg to present the annual report of the past year's work.

From the office records of 1883, I find that we have assisted or obtained employment for 728 discharged prisoners, 3160 meals and lodging have been given, and 338 articles of clothing distributed. Tools and materials have been provided whenever deemed necessary to enable men to earn an honest living. Where the addresses could be obtained, the family of every prisoner belonging to the city has been visited and assisted when necessary, their children (the innocent and too often the greatest sufferers) being the objects of our special care.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to say, that, the industry recently established in connection with our home, is progressing satisfactorily, and will be (I believe) self-sustaining and a source of great and lasting good. We opened our little factory on the 10th of December, 1883, with three men, and have never had less, the highest number in the home at any one time being seven, and