

REPORT
OF THE
PRISONERS AID ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR 1874-5.

The Managers of the Prisoners Aid Association desire to present their report for the year 1874-75, as follows :

It is now more than a year since the Sunday School was established in the Central Prison. Since then it has, (under the Divine blessing), met with a degree of success which has called forth the spontaneous gratitude of all parties connected with it, to the Giver of all good for the encouragement which they have met with in their work.

The number of teachers who have voluntarily and cheerfully engaged in this work, has varied from 25 to 40. The demeanor of the prisoners in the various classes has been most respectful and attentive. In a large number of cases the teachers have every reason to believe that great and lasting good has been accomplished in the awakening, if not conversion, of not a few. On this point, however, we refer to the accompanying extracts from the reports of teachers received by the Superintendent, and also to the fuller report of Mr. Softley, the agent of the Association, to whose valuable and indefatigable labours the managers have great pleasure in bearing most cordial testimony.

The Managers know full well the force and character, and even correctness in many cases, of the popular objections