

SHELTER FOR GIRLS.

In presenting our first annual report we are glad to be able to say that interest is steadily increasing in our Shelter.

In April last we sent out a circular letter to the W. C. T. U. and Young People's societies throughout the province, soliciting aid. In response we have received many gifts in money, provisions, books, clothing, etc.

The building at first used, though not exactly suited to the work, has been the means of sheltering 130 girls, averaging 5 days to each girl at a cost per capita of $27\frac{2}{3}$ cts. per day.

Just here we would like to correct an erroneous impression, that the girls are of the same class as those taken into the Haven, Mercer, and homes of that stamp. This is an entirely false impression, as we only propose to shelter girls who have not as yet gone astray, but are in danger of doing so if left on the street, where many an honest girl finds herself on first coming to the city, and without money or friends would only need a little push to start her on a downward career. These are the girls we seek, and by giving them a helping hand we prove ourselves friends in need. That an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure is nowhere so well demonstrated as in dealing with the homeless.

The work may be termed three-fold in its results; first, it is a saving to the municipality, by preventing an increase of criminals; second, it implies an ever increasing demand for help in our homes; and last, but not least, it is the means of untold good to the girl herself.

A. G. WILSON,

Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

From Unions		
Western.....	\$27 70	
Central	23 00	
Northern.....	17 77	
Bathurst.....	2 50	
Parkdale	8 20	
Deer Park.....	1 00	
Central Y's.....	6 25	
Total from city Unions.....	\$86 42	
Total from E. L's and C. E's.....	17 40	
Making total from city societies.....		\$103 82
W. C. T. U's outside of city.....	25 55	
C. E.'s and E. L's " " ".....	33 43	
Total from societies out of city.....		58 98
From individuals in and out of city.....		33 25
From board money.....		8 75
Total from all sources.....		\$204 80