

times seven," if necessary? What is there—what can there be—other than a desire for reformation, that would induce any woman *voluntarily* to give up her freedom and consent to remain in an Institution for twelve or eighteen months, where they are kept busily at work, never allowed to go out beyond the grounds of the Home, nor to receive visits from their friends (unless their parents, and then in presence of the Matron), and not to taste any stimulants? True it is they are made comfortable, in the sense of having sufficient nourishing food and a clean warm home; but that we think would not,—apart from the desire for reformation,—account for their voluntary return to spend another twelve months. But the transition from the life they are in the habit of leading outside is very great, and we do not wonder that many of these poor creatures, in the first months of their term, find it impossible to bear the restraint, and hence the large number we have to record as "leaving of their own accord." The two dismissed were ungovernable, and in both cases had violently assaulted others. The one death was very sudden and wholly unexpected, and we are sorry we cannot say, we had hope in her death.

We continue to receive pleasant accounts from many who years ago were inmates of the Home. Some married and comfortably settled; others happy in the family circle; others still in service. Of one, her mistress says: "she is still doing very well, I would not exchange her for any other servant I know," This one is the last of a family of three (mother and two daughters), all of whom have been in the Home. The mother never relapsed into her sinful life (she left the Refuge in 1866), and has continued a faithful servant ever since, most of the time in places of trust. This last daughter fell often, indeed we almost despaired of ever persuading her to remain the usual term of twelve months, yet the above is the testimony of one who has had her in her own home for some months, and who previously knew her in the house of a friend. Is not this encouraging?

Many ask—Do you really think the Institution does good? Do you reclaim many? We answer fearlessly, but truthfully: The Institution does good. We do not boast of reclaiming many. Still we thank our Father in Heaven that the catalogue of names of those whom we know to have been reformed through its means during these twenty years is not a short one; and though we did no more than keep the 30 or 40 (who each year come to us voluntarily), out of the jail or off the street, and away themselves from the temptations to their besetting sin, or of leading others into it, we do a good work, and bless God that such a Home exists, where any one tired of her evil courses and with even the first *feeble* desires to reform, can find a refuge.

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