

IS A HOME OF THIS KIND A NECESSITY?

We reply, and with emphasis, Yes. Why? Because, if ever a woman needs kindness, help and counsel, she needs it on the morning of her discharge from prison. Because, to the *young* in vice, the confinement in a permanent home with those more hardened and depraved, is injurious. Because, apart from the Haven, there is not in our city any Protestant institution where cases for the Maternity Hospital can find shelter. Because, for many reasons all the mothers of illegitimate children cannot be sheltered in the Infants' Home. Because, there is no place in the city where penniless girls suffering from venereal diseases can be sheltered or treated. Because, there is no other Home where the "odds and ends of humanity," are admitted, people who do not come within the rules of admission to other Homes, people who are insubordinate in other institutions, people without means, who are out of employment through illness or other adverse circumstances; in short, the Haven is a necessity, because here we find shelter and help for anybody and *every body* who needs it, as far as the accommodation will permit.

WHAT ARE THE PLANS AND PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE USEFULNESS?

Special attention will be given this year to classification, our more youthful cases being kept as far as possible separate, except when attending the religious services. Also, more regular arrangements will be made for the meeting of discharged prisoners, one of the weekly visitors who is a teacher in the Sunday School established in the jail by the Prisoner's Aid Association, having kindly volunteered to meet and accompany to the Haven any whom she may succeed in persuading to enter. Another of our workers has undertaken the same loving service for those discharged without situations, and who are willing to seek shelter with us from the Andrew Mercer Reformatory.