

by tenderness, rather than by terrorism, for when men adopt the latter tone, they are apt to dilate on a subject of which they know nothing, and to harden their hearers into a spirit of rebellion, rather than to soften and subdue. The primary object of the Prison Gate Mission has been to provide a lodging for female prisoners on the morning of their discharge from the Toronto jail. Since the opening of the Mercer Reformatory, this original object of "The Haven" forms but a small part of the work undertaken by its promoters. A haven, as the name implies, is but a temporary refuge, but the fact remains that during the period in which many women have availed themselves of the kindly aid afforded by the haven, not a few have found their whole being transformed from a condition of degradation and shame, to one of jubilant consciousness of acceptance with God, and the sympathetic regard of those around them. No "cast iron rules" enthrall this institution, for the pliable bond of Christian love has superseded them; hence we gather that they who govern are guided by the peculiar circumstances of each applicant for their aid, and the accommodation available. No friendless woman or girl has been refused admission. "if there has been a corner in which she could be made comfortable." Two or three beds on the work-room-floor was no unusual sight during the winter months. One of the many cheering features of this institution consists in the fact of former inmates, who are now in situations, contributing, and inducing others to contribute to a building fund, by means of which, the guardians of "The haven" expect to double its means of accommodation. Up to the first of May of the present year there have been 328 admissions and re-admissions, forming

a total of 353. Of this number, 288 have been young women, and 65 infants; many of these have been sheltered for several months, and all have been brought under healthy moral and religious influences. Ninety-three women, admitted during the year which terminated in May last, were under twenty years of age, twenty were under the age of eighteen. Among the records of successes, which no one would expect to be uniform, occurs the case of M. W., she is described as having been one of the most depraved women in Toronto, the mother of seven (of course illegitimate) children, all of them scattered except the babe she held in her arms, when she went to "the haven." She remained about nine months under that hospitable roof, behaved well, enjoyed the religious services, and gave evidence of an entire change of character; the old, hard lines are said to be fading from her face, the love of the Lord beams from her eyes, and her whole life is devoted to adorning the doctrine of God her Saviour. It is no uncommon occurrence for as many as thirty of the former inmates to make their way to "the haven" when religious services are being held there; they have an incidental opportunity on these occasions of unburdening their hearts to their former matron, and return to the discharge of their duty, strengthened and refreshed by the instrumentalities of the service, and the kindly counsel of the superintendent. Gratitude, like love, is prone to laugh at locksmiths, otherwise it could hardly be that persons so situated as these young women could have raised, as they did, a purse of \$25 in order to present to one of the friends who had been accustomed to minister religious instruction to them, on that friend leaving the city.

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