

tarily supported the Mission with their contributions, on the ground that in practice, and, as a matter of fact, they have been and are as careful to discriminate wisely in these cases as the most fastidious objector could be.

The Managers trust that the perusal of the extracts from the following report will be read with interest by those who have so kindly aided them in this good work by their contributions.

### REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY AGENT.

The Mission Agent writes: "I lay before you my annual report for the last year with feelings of gratitude to Almighty God, who has supported me in working among this unfortunate class of people, who are by many despised, without any effort to reclaim them. In a few cases it certainly seems like labour lost in trying to turn their sinful hearts, as they seem bent on returning to their wild career immediately after the termination of their sentence. A few others have expressed their determination to turn over a new leaf, but only trusted in their own strength, and have again allowed themselves to be carried away. With the majority this is not the case. A great number have expressed their thankfulness to God that they ever entered the prison. I spend about four hours visiting them at their cells every Sunday afternoon, which gives me an opportunity of speaking to each of them. Many have wept while telling me of the good advice they had turned a deaf ear to, from their mother or some friend, who cared more for them than they cared for themselves.

"The lessons received at the S. School, followed by the quietness of their lonely cell, has brought this to remembrance, and for the first time for many years have fallen on their knees, imploring God to forgive them. Thirty have given me a written testimony of their conversion while in their cells. Last winter, being a severe one, caused many to suffer for want of employment. During the year I have given 260 articles of clothing, which I have spent much time in collecting. Distributed 22,980 tracts in the prisons, on the road, and other places. Paid 550 visits on behalf of prisoners in both prisons; also 73 visits to those who have been discharged and reside in the city, in order that I might see what they are doing, and give a few

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