

she will this time? No! It is our duty to work trusting our God, and leaving results in His hands.

On the 30th. September, 1883, there were 34 in the Refuge, and 57 have been admitted since, making 90. Of these, 3 were transferred to the "Aged Woman's Home," 18 sent to services—many of whom, we are happy to say, are doing well—I was taken home by her mother, 3 died, 3 sent to lunatic asylum, 3 to the hospital, and 26 left of their own accord, leaving 30.

Two of those who died had been long in the Refuge, and had given proof of a decided change of heart and life, and died trusting alone in their Saviour. The other had only been with us a few days. Lunacy is getting to be very common in the class that come to the Refuge, and we were obliged to have these three committed to the jail first, as a preliminary step to their admittance to the asylum, but not till we had tried all other means, and they themselves had become dangerous.

We would draw attention to the large amount received from work done by the inmates—\$1,532.31—rather less than last year, but the inmates were fewer. This is in excess of the work necessary for the household, a list of which will be given further on.

One of the inmates who died had earned by occasional services during a number of years, a small sum, of which \$40 was given to the Refuge; and another who is still able to earn a small monthly wage, gave \$20, and with it a letter expressive of her gratitude for all the kindness received and the comfortable home provided for her. She still continues to give the half of what she earns. Other instances of gratitude we could mention, though not given in the shape of money; but nevertheless it is most gratifying to find that several of the inmates have the interests of the institution very much at heart, and in their department work very faithfully, often doing so long after hours in order to get the work put through.

Mrs. Spence, the Matron of the Refuge, continues to carry on the work entrusted to her to the satisfaction of the Managers, exerting a decided influence for good over the inmates, and securing their respect and confidence. We would also draw attention to the work done in the work-room under the sub-matron, Mrs. Smith, being over and above the *paid work*. 52 dresses, 46 chemises, 28 petticoats, 57 aprons, 40 pairs cotton stockings knitted, 21 pairs cotton stockings footed, 30 pairs woollen ditto, besides a very considerable amount of mending of sheets, bed ticks, etc. Then 131 pairs stockings for the "Girls' Home," 405 sheets, 121 pillow cases, 12 table cloths, 85 bed