

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL AT THE TORONTO JAIL.

Since our last Annual Meeting the work of the Prisoners' Aid Association at the Toronto Jail has been carried on without intermission, and without anything of a special nature calling for notice. The Sabbath School Service every Sunday morning has been maintained; the attendance of the Teachers being more or less regular and satisfactory.

The number of prisoners has largely increased during the year, and at the present time there are from fifty to sixty men and from ten to twelve women present at each service.

It is worthy of notice that the attention of prisoners during the session of the school is invariably respectful and often devout, and under such conditions there can be no doubt that the faithful Word is blessed. While we do not care to speak with confidence as to results, we can with pleasure point to more than one case of encouragement, both men and women, who have for some time since their discharge from prison been living good and honest lives.

In addition to the Sabbath School session, a regular service has been conducted in the corridors of the Jail, where certain classes of criminals are confined who are not allowed to attend the services in the chapel. Many of the men at these meetings have professed a change of heart, and some after being discharged have given evidence of their sincerity.

The attendance of the Teachers has been fairly good, but it would be an advantage if four to six regular teachers could be secured, who would, as far as possible, attend every Sabbath morning regularly. We want also a musician who would undertake to conduct the singing.

During each week the Jail is visited by our agent, Mr. Taylor, who deals individually with each prisoner, and also provides them from time to time with good reading matter.

Amidst many discouragements we have yet much reason to thank God and take courage, confident that in the last great day of the Lord many souls will be found having their names written in the Lamb's book of life who first learned to love and serve Him in the Toronto Jail.

Respectfully submitted,

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