

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TORONTO MAGDALENE ASYLUM,
OR
FEMALE HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Another year has passed, and we are entering on the twenty-first year of our existence as a Charitable Institution—an Institution, we can confidently affirm, which has been much blessed by God to the reclaiming of many from the paths of sin and from a depth of degradation which only those who take a deep interest in the class for whose benefit the charity exists, can have any idea of. To our blessed Father be all the praise.

Our last Report was issued in May last instead of January, on account of our wishing to be able to inform our friends and the public that we had taken possession of our new Home, consequently this Report will only contain the record of nine months.

During that time 37 have been admitted to the Home, 17 have been sent to service, 18 left of their own accord, 2 were dismissed, 3 sent to the Hospital, 1 died, and there are now in the Home 33—making, when added to those remaining in the Institution at the date of last Report, a total of 74.

Of those sent to service some are doing well, others have again fallen into evil ways, and some have returned to us begging “to be taken in once more,” and this we have done almost invariably. This is a feature in our work which some think, and indeed do not hesitate to pronounce as, wrong—as acting as an inducement to sin; but those of us who are most earnestly engaged in the work of reclamation, look on it in a very different light, for we are glad to find that their sinful life has no longer such powerful attractions for them; that though temptation has come,—as it will be sure to come to each one,—and they have yielded, yet the remembrance of the teachings at the Home, the quiet and peace and comfort there, operate so on their hearts—not yet wholly seared—that they cannot endure the life,—even though it has its freedom and excitement, and at times positive enjoyment,—for any long period, but back they come, and in many cases will even agree to remain *eighteen* months instead of *twelve*, the usual period, rather than not be taken in. Is not this a proof, if it is needed, that we are right in forgiving “until seventy