

What is the Haven? What class or classes of persons are admitted there? How long are the inmates retained? What are the means used for their reformation and disposal? Is the work successful? Is a Haven of this kind a necessity? What are the plans and prospects for future usefulness? These, and other constantly recurring questions, we shall endeavor to answer in this report, in order that interest may be aroused through knowledge of our institution and its work.

WHAT IS THE HAVEN?

The popular meaning of the word *haven*, is either of the following:—A harbor, an asylum, a shelter, a place of safety. In the Welsh language the word *hav*, signifies summer, and *haven*, a still place. These definitions exactly characterize our Haven, 206 Seaton Street. It is in every sense of the word a shelter, a still, quiet home, comparatively, for many a tempted, friendless, homeless soul.

WHAT CLASS OF PERSONS ARE ADMITTED?

Originally the Haven was intended for discharged female prisoners, and during the first few years the admissions were largely from the ranks of the criminal classes. The character of the work, however, has been gradually undergoing a change, until now, our inmates represent all classes of fallen humanity. We account for the incorporation of these different phases of the same work in various ways. First, from the fact that through faithful effort in the earlier years of the existence of the institution, many of the younger criminals were drawn from the ranks, sent out of the city to friends, or provided with regular employment, and there was a perceptible diminution in the number who were desirous of reformation. Second, the opening of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory, and longer sentences than formerly, as well as the fact that almost every eligible girl