

method pursued," that we think it unnecessary to repeat what we hope is now fully understood as to the work the Refuge has been trying to do all these years. It is one that does not admit of much variety of incident, as a general thing. It is the old story. In many young girls a determination to submit to no restraint on the part of either parents or friends, a giving way to extravagance in dress and amusements, and indulgence in stimulants. Then follows a yielding to questionable methods in order to furnish the means necessary to pay for all this. Then comes the decided false and sinful step downwards, and the woman is galled and wounded by slighting remarks on all sides, particularly from her own sex; while some, pretending to help and comfort, only send her further down. She then becomes hardened, and concludes, there is no help for her, and she may as well get as much pleasure and excitement out of her life as possible, and if occasionally a thought of the sorrow she is bringing on faithful and loving parents or kind friends,—or it may be the meeting with one of those, who, following in the Master's footsteps, is trying to bring back some poor wanderer to His fold—and a hope of a better life comes to her, it is quickly drowned by the conversation of her companions or the feeling "*that it is too late.*" Oh! it is a sad, sad life these poor women lead, sometimes for many years, until at last, completely broken down in health, life becomes really a painful burden, and she makes up her mind to enter the Refuge in order to recover herself. Is it any wonder under such circumstances, and after such a life, that a large proportion of those who seek its shelter do not remain the desired time. In two or three months, under its restraining influence, with healthy food and surroundings, and a fair amount of work to do, they find themselves so much strengthened in mind and body that they think they are strong enough to resist temptation and to earn a living for themselves. Resisting the pleadings of the managers, who try to make them see the danger that awaits them outside, they leave the shelter only to prove they were mistaken as to their power, and after a few months return to try once more. Does any one say, "You should not take them back, you are only giving them a chance to recruit, in order the better to indulge their depraved habits?" We think not. If a woman says, "I want to leave the life I am leading and do better," we feel we *must* give her a chance to do so; and trust that by prayer and the influences with which we surround her, that the Holy Spirit will so effectually strive with her as to lead her to her loving Saviour. Can we tell, that because she resisted the Spirit's influences when last in the Refuge, that

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