

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

In presenting the regular Annual Report of the Magdalene Asylum or Female House of Refuge, the Managers feel much gratification in being able to testify to their friends and the public the continued and increasing success which has attended their efforts to lessen in some measure the misery and degradation of those poor unfortunates who have been led to place themselves under its shelter and protection. They desire to recognize, in the present as in the past, the good hand of God, and to record their gratitude and praise for his continued and manifold goodness.

At the commencement of the past year, there were 36 inmates. During the year, 33 were admitted and 39 left. Of these 15 ran away, 5 insisted in going out, 3 were dismissed, 12 went to service, 2 went to their friends, and 2 were sent to the Hospital.

The amount received for work done by the inmates from February, 1873, to April, 1874, was \$1000 03.

Of the history of the inmates, each year brings its own sad record of sins and sorrows. Some time ago one sought and found admittance whose previous life was ascertained to be unstained by that which most debases woman. Vice in another form had overtaken her; unable to conquer it, in despair she fled from her home, and entered the Asylum with the one desire and determination to put an end to her life. While planning the means to accomplish her purpose, her attention became riveted on the truths taught from God's Word; the guilt and danger of the act premeditated struck her awakened conscience with full force; and earnest and serious reflection was followed by a final abandonment of her sinful purpose. From her now happy English home, she writes, "My prayers daily ascend for you all; my desire and hope is that many may receive the good which I have done, and while life lasts I shall give