

to reform; and the house soon became filled. Some of the overseers in the jail expressed surprise when they heard that certain persons, who were known to them as very violent and abandoned, had remained over a year quiet and industrious. The name first chosen was Magdalene Asylum; but at an annual meeting of the subscribers, held in the Mechanics' Institute, a year after the organization of the Society, "Industrial House of Refuge" was added, for the following reason, with others of less importance:

In visiting the jail, the ladies found many imprisoned for drunkenness, theft, and other crimes; who, though not considered the most abandoned, were lost to themselves and society: some hardened in vice, others young, but who had taken the first step to destruction. These could not with propriety be taken into a "Magdalene Asylum," yet they were degraded and unable to obtain situations of respectability. As the size of the city and the limited number of penitents would not warrant a separate institution the name was changed, so as to allow of more discretionary power being used by the Committee. It should be distinctly understood that the Institution is entirely *reformatory* in its character, and only for fallen and degraded women.

The number of inmates for the past year has been 40; 11 have gone to service, 10 have been sent to friends, 6 expelled, 4 have left of their own accord, 1 was sent to the Lunatic Asylum, 2 were sent to the Poor House, because the Refuge was crowded, and 7 remain in the institution.