

REPORT OF MISSIONARY AGENT.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

When I first undertook the work as missionary agent of the "Prisoner's Aid Association," I felt somewhat unequal to the large field of labor before me.

I made it a subject of prayer that God would direct me to do what was best. I believe he heard my prayer, for the many scenes of tears and repentance and gratitude from those, who have before been hardened in crime, convinced me that God alone could touch these hard hearts. Many have also expressed their thankfulness to God for sending them to prison, where they have learned valuable lessons in the S. School, also from the tracts and other books distributed there, which I am sorry to say have been taken out of the cells and destroyed, to the great grief of many of the poor fellows, who had derived much benefit from them, and wanted to take them home for others to read. Many have come to ask me to give them more when liberated, to take home. I have spent between three and four hours every Sunday afternoon, visiting the prisoners at their cells, accompanied by one of the S. School teachers, which has given me an opportunity of finding out the chief cause of so much crime and misery. Often have I had to shed tears at the cells while hearing the humble confession and bitter remorse of the poor prodigal while far away from his once happy home. I have also visited the Jail every Thursday afternoon and held services in several of the corridors, assisted sometimes by some friend who is interested in the work. All seem to enjoy them, and often we have had from 10 to 20 express their desire for an interest in the prayers of God's people.

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