

against them in order to hinder the commencement of a work which had for its chief aim the glory of God in the salvation of the most degraded.

On the 9th of January, however, the matron having arrived, the Home for Friendless Women was formerly opened with a dedicatory service in the dining hall. No sooner was the meeting over than the first inmate arrived—poor Zeph. St. Amand, a name well known in Police Court circles.

Over six hundred have since found a shelter beneath its roof. The following is taken from one of the annual reports :—

“As the faces of these ruined girls and women come  
“up before us our hearts yearn with unutterable pity for  
“them. Many were so young and being possessed of an  
“enviable share of beauty had been flattered and sought  
“for ; but alas ! upon how many a fair brow has been  
“written that pitiable word *unfortunate*. We can hardly  
“speak of this class without emotion. Often have we  
“wept and prayed with poor broken-hearted motherless  
“girls who have been more sinned against than sinful  
“Some on the very verge of despair have been almost  
“ready to take their own lives.