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Haven and Prison Gate Mission.

THE silent, never-ceasing march of time brings us to the close of another year, a year fraught with mercies manifold, and blessings innumerable. The hand of Him who feeds the young ravens when they cry, without whose knowledge not a sparrow falleth to the ground, and who satisfies from His infinite resources the wants of every living thing, has fully supplied the needs of our Home, and from month to month has proven to us that "our heavenly Father knoweth ye have need of all these things." Nine years have passed since our honored mother, the Woman's Christian Association, sent this her third child, out into a new and separate field of labor, not without some misgivings as to the success of the endeavor. The aim and object of this work from the beginning, being in the interest of *fallen women*, the outlook was not very hopeful, for the sad fact must be admitted, that while there have ever been those sufficiently imbued with the spirit of our Divine Master, to lend a helping hand to the erring sinful man, none, or few at least, have looked with equal leniency on the erring woman. How slow we all have been to learn of Christ, for he said, "Daughter, neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." But gratefully we recognize the dawn of a better day. The Holy Spirit is prompting men and women to