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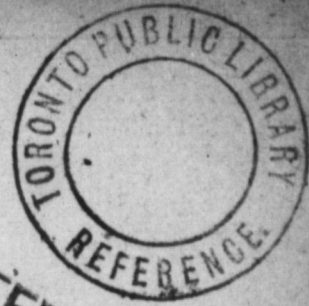
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THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
INDUSTRIAL REFUGE
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AGED WOMAN'S HOME.

These two Institutions though carried on (as is now pretty generally known) under one roof and by the same Managers, are really quite distinct, both as to the class of women admitted to them, and also in the rules and principles by which they are governed.

We shall give the Report of the oldest and best known one first, viz: "THE INDUSTRIAL REFUGE" (for many years known as the "Magdalen Asylum and Industrial House of Refuge,") the object of which is "To give to every fallen woman, without reference to creed or country, an opportunity of reforming."

In this, our 33rd Report, we have again to record much that is satisfactory and that draws out our hearts in thanksgiving to a merciful God and Father, who still permits us to labour in this part of His vineyard, and to see some fruit of our labours, and that too, in spite of the coldness and indifference, which so often mar the good work we might do, did we but come to this Refuge with hearts full of trust in our Father's guidance, and of sympathy with the spiritual and physical needs of the inmates. We shall also have to record much, oh, how much, that is not only

unsatisfactory, but painful. Only those who labour among this class know of the frequent broken promises, the waywardness, the determination to go back to old habits and old companions in evil, the resistance to every attempt made by their true friends to persuade them to remain where they are, safe from the temptation to which they so readily yield. The Managers in this department of their work feel at times very much discouraged especially when one after another, after giving proof of improvement, both in mind and body, suddenly throw aside all restraints, and in a *very few days*, are down where they were months before. Then follows the sorrow and wretchedness consequent on having yielded, and the urgent pleading "to be admitted once more to the shelter of the Refuge." It is a most difficult matter to decide—on the one hand there is the hope that this may be the turning point in her life, and that therefore her request should be complied with, on the other hand there is the *fact* that this has occurred a number of times, and it seems wrong to allow the Refuge to be made a convenience of, where, while sick and wretched, and to a certain extent, sorry for what she has done, she may meet with kindness and shelter, all to be thrown aside when she feels rested and strong and the desire for perfect freedom from all restraint seizes her and out she goes, to run the same course of wrong-doing again. It may seem strange, but many of these women work faithfully while in the Refuge (as the amount of work done by them shows), but they cannot take care of themselves outside the Refuge, or keep a situation when it is found for them. Physically they are broken down and cannot stand the regular and continuous work needed to be done in most private families, and having no very strong desire to overcome their besetting sin, they are easily discouraged and throw up a situation without the least hesitation. "The work was too hard for me" is the usual cry, and in many cases this may be quite true, but they have really made little or no attempt to do it. Our desire is to persuade all such to remain in the Refuge. There they are comfortably clothed, fed and

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housed, and their welfare, both temporal and spiritual cared for, while the work they are required to do is not heavy and only done at regular hours.

We admitted last year 58 (several of these have been received two or three times). There were 27 in at the beginning of the year, making a total of 85. Of these 19 went to service, 2 died, 2 sent to General Hospital, 35 left of their own accord, and 27 remain.

Since the establishment of the "Andrew Mercer Reformatory," "The Haven" and "The Good Shepherd" Institutions which deal in a large measure with the same class of women, we do not have as many of the *younger women* asking to be admitted as we used to have, and we think the explanation is, that many of these are committed, by law, to the Mercer, instead of to the Jail, and for long periods, and at the Haven they are admitted for short periods, and places found for them. Our plan of working is well known to be this: We do not promise to find a situation for any woman who has not remained in the Refuge twelve months, and this because, we can in this way not only test their desire to lead a new life, but also afford them the time and opportunity so necessary to overcome their evil habits. And we think a visit to our Refuge would convince anyone that a *good work* is being done. The amount \$1,636 earned by the inmates, over and above the house-work and sewing needed for the Institution, shews that they are not kept in idleness, and also that they *themselves* are willing to do the best they can to help maintain the Institution. Indeed several of them take so deep an interest in seeing the work finished and sent home in a proper manner, that they voluntarily work over hours and help each other in the different departments. This is a fact very pleasing to the Managers.

The two women who died had been long with us and were great sufferers, but they bore these sufferings with patience and gave testimony to having accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and that they trusted in Him alone. Several of those who have gone to service have been faith-

ful, others have not. Though this is very discouraging, we must still work on trusting in our God and Saviour, and praying Him to give us increasing earnestness and influence in dealing with them.

Mrs. Spence is still our faithful Matron, her position is a trying one, sadly discouraged one day, somewhat cheered and comforted the next. She is well seconded by Mrs. Fowler the Sub-Matron, whose duties are more particularly confined to the work-room. We can recommend anyone requiring plain sewing done to try the Refuge.

Religious services and Bible teaching are attended to regularly on the Sabbath, besides which, the weekly visitors and others take every opportunity of reading to and advising the inmates. Our very sincere thanks are due to those ladies and gentlemen, outside the committee, who so faithfully attend to these services. Nor have they confined themselves to these alone, but on several occasions have also, by entertainments of a simple character administered to the amusement and instruction of the inmates. Their reward is with One who never forgets or overlooks even a cup of cold water, given in His name.

To Dr. Britton also our thanks are very justly due, for his unflinching kindness and attention to the sick and suffering in the Refuge, and that too without charge of any kind.

Of the second department of our work, viz: "The Aged Woman's Home," (which has been in existence only three years) we may confidently state, that we feel more and more satisfied that we are—as far as the accommodations will permit—supplying a long felt want. There are aged women in our midst, respectable, honest and well-living, who from no fault of their own, but from unfortunate circumstances of one kind and another have been left in their feebleness and with scanty means,—and in many cases with no means at all,—to struggle through the remaining years of their lives, with no near relatives to take care of them or to attend to their needed comfort. And it was to try and make a comfortable home for such, that the Aged Woman's Home was established, where on the payment of \$5 a month

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this end could be attained. We can only accommodate 19, as each has her own little bed-room. We have a kind, attentive and judicious Matron in Miss Lee, and also an assistant to attend to them, the old women themselves being required only to do such work as keeping their little bed-rooms tidy, but if not able it is done for them, and the stronger ones help the weaker. If it is asked, how can those who have no means pay \$5 a month? We reply: Such women as we have described are generally members of some Protestant church, which will gladly pay that sum to have them taken care of, or they are known to ladies who have been in the habit of assisting them, and who willingly contribute that amount, knowing the great difficulty of finding accommodation and kind attention for feeble old women. By following this plan the Managers are saved the necessity of appealing to the public for a *special and separate subscription for this department of the work*. We do collect once a year, and are very thankful for any *added contribution* for this Home, to what has, for so many years been so generously given to the "Industrial Refuge." Friends can easily understand that \$5 a month does not meet all the necessary expenses. True, we get the Government Grant, but we receive no additional grant from the City Council, above the amount allowed for the Refuge. Five of these aged women died during the year; three of them were over 80 years, and two over 70. The testimony of the women themselves and all those interested in them, and who had been the means of placing them there, was one of thankfulness, for the comfort and kindness shewn them in their great suffering and helplessness. And these sufferings were generally born with a very considerable amount of patience and resignation to the will of God. All were members of churches. Dr. Clapp our physician was most attentive and kind, and exerted his skill to the utmost to relieve their distress. The Managers feel deeply indebted to him, not only in these cases, but for his kindness to all in the Home.

The Managers also desire to thank very heartily the

students of Wycliffe and Knox Colleges, for the regular religious services maintained weekly at the Home, and also those ladies outside the Management, who so kindly and effectively attend to the religious instructions on Sabbath afternoons, as well as at other times. The visits of these ladies, their kindly words of comfort and readings are much valued by the aged women, many of whom cannot attend church.

They have also to thank Dudley & Burns, for printing the Reports at greatly reduced rates.

Dear readers, we leave our Reports with you. Give for these homes as our Heavenly Father will prompt you, after a prayerful consideration of their needs.

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“ Clark	25
“ Christie	25
N. W. W.....	25
Two Friends, 25 cts each	50
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\$35 65

Collected by Mrs. And. Jeffrey.

V. C. Proudfoot.....	\$ 5 00
Chief Justice Hagarty ..	4 00
Mrs. Mowat.....	4 00
“ A. H. Campbell,...	2 50
“ W. B. McMurrich..	2 00
“ Maclennan	2 00
“ Morse	2 00
“ Irving Walker	2 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Mrs. Wyld	\$2 00
" Robinson	2 00
" And. Jeffrey	2 00
" Temple	1 00
" J. Burns	1 00
" H. J. Baldwin	1 00
" Dever	1 00
" John Hagarty	1 00
" Bunting	1 00
" Greig	1 00
" B. B. Osler	1 00
" Worthington	1 00
" Riordon	1 00
" Beatty	1 00
" W. Wilson	1 00
" Wardrop	1 00
" J. D. Cayley	1 00
" H. Burnham	1 00
" A. S. Irving	1 00
" Baines	1 00
" S. C. Woods	1 00
" Harrison	1 00
" Langton	1 00
" F. Grant	1 00
" Simpson	1 00
" Biggar	1 00
Miss Michel	1 00
" Langton	1 00
A Friend	50
Mrs. Moffatt	50
" Chewitt	50
Miss Courtney	50
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	\$57 00

Collected by Mrs. J. F. Eby.

Mrs. Wm. Baldwin	2 00
" Robinson	2 00
" C. B. Robinson	2 00
" Bertram	1 00
" Douglas	1 00
" Laidlaw	1 00
" Fitzgerald	1 00
" Wm. N. Miller	1 00
" Hodgins	1 00
" Sherwood	1 00
" Patterson	1 00

L. L. Bevan	\$1 00
Mrs. Thompson	50
" Gundry	50
" Davidson	50
" A. Cox	50
" J. Evans	50
" Galbraith	50
" Davidson	50
" Patterson	50
" Rolls	50
A Friend	50
"	50
7 " 25cts each	1 75
Annie Hunter	25
Mrs. Graham	25
" F. Brown	25
A. Paxton	25
2 Friends, 10 cents each ..	20
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	\$21 55

Collected by Miss Vandersmissen.

Mrs. Bugg	\$ 2 00
" Bigelow	2 00
" Vandersmissen	1 00
Miss Vandersmissen	1 00
" Hillary	1 00
" White	1 00
Mrs. Hugh Baird	1 00
" Walter Cassels	1 00
" J. Douglass	1 00
" Fawkes	1 00
" Wm. Ince	1 00
" C. A. Lash	1 00
" Geo. Bethune	1 00
" Muttlebury	1 00
" Proctor	75
" Willson	75
" H. E. Hamilton	75
" Leslie	50
" R. McKim	50
" E. Dack	50
" J. E. Mitchell	50
" Bygrave	50
" Watson	50
" Jennings	50
" Cameron	50

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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Mrs. A. Hunter \$0 50
 Mr. Wm. Haldenby..... 50

\$54 00

Special for Aged Women's Home.

Mrs. Scott \$1 00
 " H. Kent..... 1 00
 " H. S. Janes..... 1 50
 " Wm. Heward..... 1 00

\$4 50

Collected by Mrs. R. Brown.

Mrs. T. G. Blackstock... \$3 00
 " F. Richardson.... 2 00
 " Dr. Ross..... 1 00
 " A. Gooderham..... 1 00
 " Sills..... 1 00
 " Dr. Castle..... 1 00
 " H. H. Fudger..... 1 00
 " Doane..... 1 00
 " Donogh..... 1 00
 " R. S. Neville..... 1 00
 " W. Sterling..... 1 00
 " T. C. Thompson.... 1 00
 " Jas. Pringle..... 1 00
 " J. Bastedo..... 1 00
 " Brown..... 1 00

A Friend..... 1 00
 Mrs. Dr. Sutherland... 50
 A Friend..... 50
 Mrs. F. Roper..... 50
 " J. Ringer..... 50
 " T. Willmott..... 50
 " A. W. Douglass... 50
 " Hutchinson..... 50
 " McLean..... 50
 " Berkinshaw..... 50
 " E. B. Dewey..... 50
 " B. B. Toye..... 50
 " R. Paterson..... 50
 " Faircloth..... 50
 A Friend..... 50
 "..... 50
 Mrs. Duncan..... 50

Miss Neville..... \$0 50
 A Friend..... 50
 Mrs. H. Clarke..... 50
 " Nicholson..... 50
 " Dr. Rose..... 50
 " Gordon..... 25
 " Blain..... 25
 " Baily..... 25
 " McDowell..... 35
 " E. Tynell..... 25
 " G. W. Shields... 25
 " Simpson..... 25
 " Thompson..... 30
 A Friend..... 30
 Mrs. J. R. Willington... 30
 14 Friends, each 25c.... 3 50
 Small sums..... 55
 K. H..... 25

\$36 55

Collected by Mrs. Gunther and Mrs. Torrance.

Wm. Tucker..... \$5 00
 H. T. Brown..... 5 00
 Mrs. Gunther..... 4 00
 " E. H. Bauld..... 3 00
 " Fisken..... 2 00
 " Torrance..... 2 00
 T. Dobson..... 1 00
 John..... 1 00
 T. W. Oram..... 1 00
 T. A. B..... 1 00
 C. J..... 1 00
 Mrs. Lander..... 1 00
 " Manley..... 1 00
 " Clarke Steele.... 1 00
 " Crean..... 1 00
 " Clark..... 1 00
 " MacVicar..... 1 00
 " S. Jones..... 1 00
 " Elmore Harris... 1 00
 " S. Pearay..... 1 00
 " Thos. Hodgins... 1 00
 " Carrier..... 1 00
 " J. Watson..... 1 00
 " Bonnell..... 1 00

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DONATIONS AT CHRISTMAS.

INDUSTRIAL REFUGE.

Lady Macpherson, turkey and goose; Mrs. Donald McKay, half a sheep; Mrs. And. Jeffrey, 3 currant loaves; Mrs. H. E. Clarke, Xmas cake; Mrs. Heron, pair chickens; Mrs. Tait, Xmas cake; Mr. Tucker, turkey; Walker & Sons, woollen shawls and 3 fur capes; Mr. H. Dixon 4 fur boas. Xmas cards from Mrs. Renaud; Mrs. R. Gilmour, and Mr. S. Blake's Bible Class. S. S. papers from John Macdonald, Wm. Gooderham, and others.

AGED WOMAN'S HOME.

Lady Macpherson, turkey and goose; Mrs. Donald McKay, half a sheep; Mrs. Topp, turkey; Mrs. Thompson, turkey; Mrs. Heron, pair chickens and oranges; Mrs. Wm. McMaster, 10 yards factory cotton, 5 do. flannel, 5 pieces carpeting, and basket of apples; Mrs. Saunders, 2 cakes and basket of apples; Mrs. J. H. Richardson, cake, Xmas cards, and cod liver oil; Mrs. H. E. Clarke, cake; Mr. Frogley, 2 cakes; Mr. Loney, goose.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS.—REFUGE.

Mr. George Scott, box raisins, lemon peel, soap, laundry wax and blue; Mrs. Gunther, two barrels apples; —Oram, large dish-pan; Mrs. Fletcher, easy chair for sick-room and strawberries; Mrs. H. E. Clarke, strawberries; Mrs. H. Major, (Whitevale) pail apple butter and barrel apples; Mrs. Renaud, treat of fruit, cake and buns; H. Darling & Co., Cloth for quilts; J. G. Adams, Dentist, Tickets to the value of \$15; Mrs. Gunther for A. W. Home two barrels apples.

INDUSTRIAL REFUGE.

By Salaries and Wages..... 485 66
Fuel..... 442 24
..... 148 05

\$ 371 31

INDUSTRIAL REFUGE.

To Balance.....

Dr.— Abstract of Treasurer's Account from 30th September, 1885, to 30th September, 1886.

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Dr. — Abstract of Treasurer's Account from 30th September, 1885, to 30th September, 1886.

To Balance.....	\$ 371 31	INDUSTRIAL REFUGE.	By Salaries and Wages.....	485 66
			" Fuel.....	442 24
To Proceeds of Work.....	1636 61		" Groceries and Provisions.....	1448 95
" Government and City Grants.....	845 68		" Dry Goods.....	119 00
" Subscriptions.....	1533 61		" Boots and Shoes.....	44 70
" Interest on Investment of part of J. Michie's Legacy.....	42 00		" Water Rate.....	68 15
" Amount Received on Sale of Land.....	200 00		" Medicines.....	66 20
" Miscellaneous Income.....	65 23		" Furniture.....	17 00
		AGED WOMAN'S HOME.	" Repairs.....	131 84
To Amount Received for Board of Inmates.....	772 50		" Printing and Advertising.....	28 50
" Government Grant.....	316 96		" Insurance.....	110 00
" Subscription.....	3 00		" Funeral Expenses.....	28 00
" Legacy of A. Burns.....	48 15		" Sundries.....	539 35
" Received for Work.....	2 10		" Amount paid out to Inmate of money held for her.....	15 00
			AGED WOMAN'S HOME.	
			By Salaries and Wages.....	291 00
			" Fuel.....	155 08
			" Groceries and Provisions.....	590 47
			" Medicines.....	9 38
			" Furniture.....	78 51
			" Funeral Expenses.....	14 00
			" Sundries.....	58 00
			" Paid on Contract for Add. to Building	541 50
			" Balance—	
			Funds in hand belonging to inmates, \$61.97	
			General funds of institution, \$492.65	554 62
				<u>\$5837 15</u>

Examined and found correct, shewing a balance of \$554.62 at credit on 30th Sept., 1886, of which \$61.97 is held in trust for the use of certain of the inmates, beside two mortgages for \$600 and \$392.50 respectively.

DAVID MCGEE, AUDITOR.