

line of the House, and exercise a decidedly bad influence in almost every respect over the younger children.

Neither moral suasion, nor harsh measures seem of any avail in their case. True, ours is a reformatory, and it is our duty, and our privilege also by the Divine blessings, to be instrumental in reclaiming and reforming the erring, yet the question has often arisen in our mind during the past year, does not the admission and the retaining of such girls retard, rather than forward this great work?

We have sometimes felt disheartened when we consider how little good was effected, compared with what we thought ought to be, and desired to see accomplished, (and have thought too perhaps the fault was in us,) yet it may be that we have been as successful as could be expected, considering the natures we have had to deal with. In some now with us, a decided improvement is visible, both mental and moral, and occasionally we are surprised to find we have succeeded in reaching the heart and producing for the time better feelings in some of the most hopeless and reckless. Most of the letters we have received from, and concerning those who have left us, are exceedingly encouraging. Some have already made a profession of religion, others are anxiously concerned about the "one thing needful," while nearly all bid fair to become useful and respectable women.

Thus as we enter upon a new year we are encouraged to renewed and more persevering efforts, relying not on our own strength, which we are daily made to feel is but "perfect weakness," but ever looking for wisdom and guidance unto Him, whose promise is "Ask and ye shall receive," and whose favor alone we feel can secure us the blessings we so earnestly desire.

Our Sabbath School has been continued with reasonable success under the superintendence of Mrs. Dr. Knowles, for whom we are happy to say the children entertain feelings of affection and respect. She has our hearty and sincere thanks for the interest she has ever manifested in the religious training of our charge.

Many precious passages of scripture, both in the Psalms and New Testament, have been committed to memory by the children, and thus treasured up in their hearts must have an influence for good, for "my word shall not return unto me void," saith the Lord.

In closing this report it is with more than mere formality, I return my thanks to Mr. Lincoln for his valuable advice and suggestions, the cheerfulness with which he has ever responded to our many calls upon his time and patience, and his hearty and efficient co-operation in all our plans.

To the Board of Managers I feel exceedingly grateful for