

LETTERS

IN RELATION TO INMATES.

GIRLS.

In the way of introduction to our usual extracts from letters received in relation to female inmates who have gone out from the Refuge on indenture, two or three letters will be given in full, for the purpose of showing the character of some of the children submitted to our charge, the benefit arising from their commitment, both to the public, and more especially to the inmates themselves, and finally, the necessity of observing proper care in selecting homes for them where the work of reform by patience, good sense, and above all a high, moral or religious recognition of the duty assumed, will be perseveringly prosecuted. In effecting this great aim, one of the writers says, "my faith is strong," and yet this lady has one of the least promising cases upon which to exercise her patience. Could such guardians be always selected, a most desirable object would be obtained, but unfortunately, such is not our experience, and here is one of the greatest obstacles which we have to encounter. The letters given at length are just as received, and we would observe that the subjects of most of them were vagrants, hotel, or street beggars.

The concluding letter of all is given in full, as showing a great annoyance to which masters are sometimes subjected. There is only one way successfully to encounter it. When the parent or friends are unworthy, a firm stand should be taken to resist all communication with the child. It may