Minnesofa Magdalen Soriefy.

In response to the request of several clergymen and prominent citizens at the time of the convention of charities, held in St. Paul last autumn, the Magdalen Society have prepared the following statisties: To show why the "Home" was opened, we copy from the first annual report by the president, Mrs. D. S. B. Johnston, who is now in her Heavenly home: "In August, 1873, five persons belonging to houses of ill-fame came to the Womans Christian Association asking for help to turn from their lives of shame. The association asking for help to turn from their lives of shame. The association asking for help to turn from the woman of St. Paul to meet them at Plymouth Church for the purpose of establishing a Christian Home for the reformation of fallen women. The result of this meeting was the organization of the Magdalen Society of Minnesofa, under whose auspires the Woman's Christian Home came into existence the following October, and was formally opened the first November, the first inmate being received after 9 celeck r. M. the daughter of the keeper of one of the most notorious houses in the city being the applicant. The five who first applied had left the city of before the result of the properties of the court of the way the properties of the short time according to the charter."

The matron's reports show the number cared for is about one hundred and seventy-eight, but owing to the loss of the reports of two months in 1875, and of two months in 1878, we cannot give the exact number. This does not include the infants born in the "Home," as they do not affect the questions at issue, namely, as to how the work wears, and the desirability of continuing in it.

It is known to all who have interested themselves in our work, that we have cared for two classes of fallen women. One especially encouraging feature of what we have done has been with the young mothers of

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illegitimate children. We are aware there are those of different opinions from our own as to this part of our work, and just here we wish to say, in justice to ourselves, that some reports current are entirely false; as that we have received and cared for inmates the second and even the blief them. It the "Home" is to them a cover for their inquity.

The fact is we have never received one who are to become a mother to care for her the second time. At this date, we are able to recall seventeen (17) instances in which reconciliation has been effected between the parents and the straying ones of both classes. Two laws been married at the "Home" to the men who led them away, eighteen (18) others have been apparently well and happily married since leaving the "Home." Two wives have been reconciled to their husbands. Of the large number found situations, we have favorable reports of more than thirty (30), some of whom are still in the places to which they went to large number, and we still have standing applications for those pre-pared to go from us. Twenty-seven (27) give evidence of possessing the higher and better life of the christian. Four (4) have died, who entered the d-sk valley fearing no eril. There are twelve (12) inmates now in the "Home." What thirk you, fellow townspeople! Is it a small thing for a little handfull of humble women to have thus assisted more than

Of the fifteen (15) of whom we feel no assurance of benefit received, three were keepers of houses, whose coming to us we felt was with no carnest desire for reform. We have tried to be faithful in sowing heside all waters. Of this number but four (4) were in the "Home" long enough to really come under its influence. The figures we give have been carefully gathered from managers' and matrons' reports, who have their information through correspondence or means less direct, of many we have lost all throc, which we regret. Perhaps it is a self-evident fact, and needs no expression here, that those who are the most deeply in earnest to do and be right, are the most andous to be in some manner in correspondence with those who they gladly acknowledge have helped them.

There are some facts in relation to the class not mothers, that we wish might be borne in mind. It is not the one great sin by which they are branded that is their only enemy, but those other demons, tobacco, wine, opium, which they most frequently fail to cast out.

One came seeking our assistance, with an earnest desire to reform. In attempting to leave off her opium eating, tremens ensued, and she gave up in dreadful despair. Two others, but for timely assistance, must have taken their own lives, feeling theirs were living deaths without whisky, but both are good women now. A pleasant portion of our work has been finding of homes for twentyfour helpless little children, homes in the true sense of the word, where they have been adopted as the parent's own loved and tenderly cared for ones.

Many nationalties have been represented. Americans, 51; Germans, 23; Irish, 20; Swedes, 18; Norwegians, 19; Zrench, 5; Scotch, 2, and the remainder unknown. We have had Protestants, 78; Catholics, 35, and the large remainder, no particular belief.

In the first years we received inmates from many other States, but three years ago a resolution was passed limiting admission to those of our own State only, as our resources were so small, and we felt that we ought not to try to bear more than Minnesota's burdens, though we had, and do still have, applications for admission from other States.

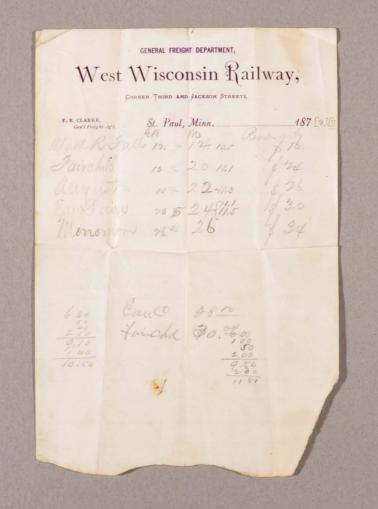
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It must be evident to all thinking persons that the care of all these bodies and sonis must make heavy demands upon brain, nerve, beart and time, of the little band of women who have this work in charge, for many times the duties are very arduous, and the results disheartening, and we have to pray that our faith fail not. There are those who we have abundant reason to know, do not forget us, who both sympathize with us and give us material sid. But the depleted condition of our treasury compels us to appeal to the generosity of our citizens more widely and earnestly for the assistance we need, and we do so through the liberal pages of the press, trusting that our feelings and strength may be spared the trial of begging our bread from door to door.

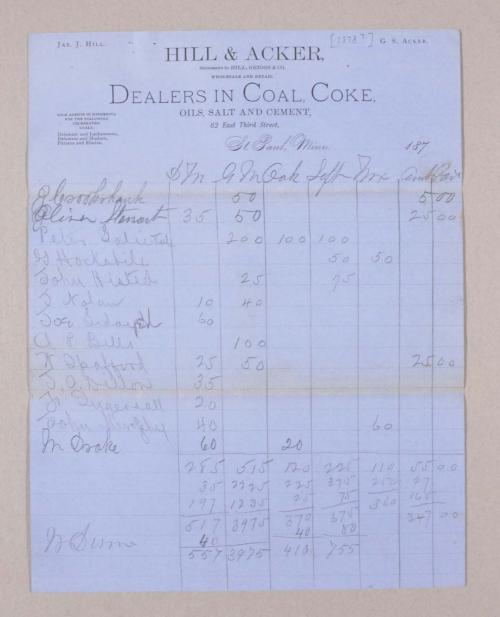
Donations of money may be sent to Mr. E. M. VanDuzee, at the First National Bank, St. Paul. Other donations to the Home, No. 11 Nash Street.

By order.

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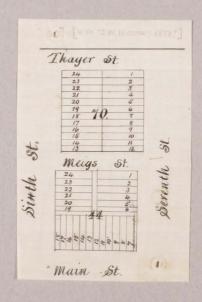
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