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A letter was read by Julia Wilson from her sister Mina Townsend containing information of Margaret Eaton and Agnes Boyle.

Margaret's account of herself was that she had been very sick, had been in the almshouse which she had left about two weeks before had wandered about not knowing where to get a home till some women had taken her in charity, and she was then in great trouble, as she knew not where to find employment.

She looked quite decent and said she had not tasted liquor for a long time. Mina Townsend sent her to "The Temporary Home", where she remained a few days, when the Matron procured her a situation. She called at the Home some time afterwards, quite intoxicated. The Matron thought she subsequently denied the charge, saying she was suffering much from Rheumatism, which compelled her to leave her place, and that she was now staying with an Irish crew in Port-below South.

A German girl calling herself Mary Agnes Boyle had also been sent to "The Home" who said she had lived three years with Mrs Talbot in Baltimore, from whom she had brought a recommendation, which, she had accidentally left at a place where she was unwilling to remain, because it was a Tavern. A lady who was at the Home, looking for a chambermaid, hesitated about taking her

without a character, <sup>105</sup> but finding that she was acquainted with J Wilson, M Chilton, H A Tyson and other Friends in Baltimore, presumed her story was true, and received her in her family; but, finding her incapable of doing her work, after a few days dismissed her, advising her to return to Baltimore, which she promised to do in the afternoon cars. Shortly after her departure, a girl in the family found that a new shawl, valued at seven dollars was missing, and, spreading the alarm, they found that nearly all the clothing of another girl had been taken. They went to the car office but she was not there - and at the time

Mina Townsend's letter was written nothing had been heard of her. Margaret and Agnes met at the Home and recognised each other - each expressed a hope that the other was doing better - which was thought nothing of at the time. Margaret afterwards informed that Agnes had begged she would not expose her - said she had been transported from Germany for theft, got a place from ship-board, and stole about two hundred dollars from her employer, and was sentenced for upwards of five years. We sincerely hope that she will not again escape justice, but that our next account of her may be from the Phila prison - for we believe her good as well as that of the community will be promoted thereby.

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