In this connection Statement No. 39 is submitted, of the cases sent to the Criminal Court by the station-house justices, and the Court's disposition of same. It is interesting also to note the work of the Bureau of Identification, as indicated in art by Statement No. 40.

LODGERS AT STATION-HOUSES.

Some years ago it was the practice in Baltimore, as elsewhere, to some extent, to afford lodgings at the station-houses to indigent applicants. It became apparent, however, that this form of encouragement of the tramp element tended to make this State and city particularly attractived to this class, as may be best understood when it is related that in one year alone (1893) 39,976 such lodgings were given. This system drew numbers of persistent mendicants, among whom were criminals, and very many of whom found their way into the keeping temporarily of the penal institutions of the State and city. As may be supposed, modification of this hospitality was necessary, and, except in extraordinary instances, applicants for lodgings at the station-houses were referred to the charity association homes, where labor, equivalent to price of lodging, etc., is required for aid. This soon proved the undoing of the professional tramp, so far as this locality is concerned. He has avoided us for this and other good police reasons, and assistance to those who are for the present without shelter is confined as nearly as possible now to the more deserving.

During 1902 and 1903 the station-houses took care over night of 159 unfortunates, more than half of which number were women. See Statement No. 41.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Statements of other matters of public interest in connection with the duties assigned this Board are also appended, to which attention is respectfully asked, for instance:

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