

W. W., aged 10. Father dead, mother a disgraceful drunkard. The boy habitually trained to beg : and living on the street ; often afraid to go home for days.

W. O., aged 9. Mother dead, father in the Kingston Penitentiary, elder brother in Penetanguishene Reformatory ; was living with a sister who is leading a dissolute life ; and required him to earn his daily board by begging.

The condition of those, as of other boys who reach the home, looking as if they had come down the chimney, is explained by the fact that the poor little houseless vagrants had found shelter the night before, in the coal sheds of the city gas works.

With these, as with other boys of the same class, the first difficulty is to cure them of acquired habits, and especially to impress them with the meanness and degradation of begging. The above named boys are now fairly started as news-boys, paying their way as lodgers in the Home ; and in a fair way, it is hoped, for acquiring ideas of honest industry.

From year to year the Managers are encouraged by gratifying evidence of permanent good accomplished by the Institution. The News-boys' Lodging has now been in existence for ten years ; and several of its earliest inmates, now grown to manhood, have visited it during the past year, to express their gratitude for the opportunity which it afforded them to win their way to an honest independence. A lady, in recently sending her subscription for the N. B. L. by a youth who had formerly been one of the inmates, stated that, though residing in her service, he had always seemed to look upon, and to speak of the Lodging as his home ; but now he has become a member of a Christian church ; and has his leisure occupied in Sunday School work.

JUVENILE CRIMINAL LAW.

The Managers have still to deplore the mischievous operation of our unsatisfactory Criminal Law. From time to time, boys of tender years are arrested on some trifling charge, detained sometimes for days, on remand ; or committed for brief

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