

care for them. Letters from friends across the ocean have recently proved them to be connected most respectably. The only alternative in this sad circumstance is to find new parents, who will be able to provide for them a happy home. Similar efforts in the past have been successful. We remember years ago a little waif who was brought in to be clothed, fed, and cared for. A worthless mother begged leave to see her occasionally, but eventually lost all interest. A lady who adopted her writes a few weeks since: 'I wish to tell you about Jinny; she is quite well and perfectly happy. She has a sweet disposition, and is all I can wish. Her sole companion is my sister's only son, Willie H., grandson of Mrs. H., the American authoress. I merely tell you this that you may know the different sphere of life in which poor little Jinny will live from one of degradation, through the efforts of your noble Institution. The Girls' Home, Toronto, will be ever dear to me. I often think when I kiss her good night (and "Susy," her doll, also) that if she should be taken from me it would be worse than death, but I hope you can assure me that I shall not be troubled in that way. I must beg your pardon for so long a letter, but if left to myself I should extend it to pages. The fact is, I love little children, and to feel that I have one that I can call my own seems pleasant. With my prayers and wishes for the poor little unfortunate children, I am most sincerely, E. A. P.' One more incident might be interesting. It is that of an outcast child brought to the Home about eight years ago. She at first went to a lady for adoption, but she becoming discouraged, transferred her to a friend, who promised to give her a fresh trial. They moved to San Francisco over a year ago. The blessing which has followed earnest Christian teaching in her new home speaks for itself in the following note:—'San Francisco, Nov. 29, 1873. Dear ladies, I do not feel quite equal yet to writing letters, but I should like you to know that I have taken the most important step of my life, given my heart to God. Having obeyed the command, Matt. vi. 33, I may confidently hope for God's blessing in all my future. You may be gratified to hear I like the climate and my home, and that one of my chief pleasures is going with mother to teach at the Chinese Mission. That God may bless all your efforts at the "Home" is the prayer of yours, gratefully, Eliza.' Her adopted mother says, 'It is with great pleasure I enclose the note from Eliza, because I am sure it is the *very best news* the ladies at the "Home" can receive of her. During the week of prayer held at the commencement of the year, we attended regularly, and to my

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