

or four times during last winter—in the summer he obtained employment and was getting on comfortably, until the fire in Sheppard street again reduced them to destitution—they lost their all. This misfortune induced your Committee again to come to their aid, and a good new cooking-stove was purchased for them from Messrs. Richey & Harris (who supplied it at a reduced price) which with other assistance enabled them to re-furnish their home and they are doing well once more. An emigrant, a hawker of Crockery, from London, arrived here with his family in July, he could not find employment and to add to his difficulties, his eyesight became affected, now he is totally blind of one eye, with a cataract in the other, which will, it is feared, ultimately destroy the sight. About three months ago, amidst his poverty and troubles his wife gave birth to twins. This extremely severe case was brought before the notice of the Committee, and it was resolved after thorough examination, that something should be done to enable himself or wife to earn a livelihood. The Committee, with the assistance of three Ladies, made enquiries, and found them really deserving of help, consequently the wants of the family were supplied, their arrears of rent paid, and a basket with a stock of cheap crockery, furnished the man to commence his old business as pedlar; the total expense being about \$26. He is now making a living and will most likely manage without further aid from the Society. This case has demonstrated the feasibility of a Ladies' Committee being appointed to visit female applicants at their own homes. A resolution was adopted at the Quarterly Meeting in April, authorizing the Committee to invite the co-operation of Ladies for that purpose when necessary or expedient.

Twenty-five families, who formed part of the three or four hundred sent out in 1857, by the Woolwich Emigration Society, principally dock-yard workmen, have frequently received assistance during the past year, most of them were in very destitute circumstances during the winter 1858-9, and continuous relief had to be afforded to keep them from actua