

This is a work that is full of hopefulness, for it has to do with the beginning of things where well directed effort is almost certain of reward. It offers an unlimited field of pleasant and profitable employment to the volunteer workers who realize the possibilities of good in the saving and reclamation of unfortunate children, and it means to the community relief from the burden of pauperism and criminality that is the sure outcome of indifference toward neglected childhood. A noted tramp, who was spending his life in evil and idleness, was suddenly changed into a sober and industrious citizen at a lodging house meeting in England. When asked by his acquaintances the cause of his remarkable change, he replied, referring to Lord Shaftsbury: "He just put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'Jack we'll make a man of you yet'." Back of those few words was the earnest yearning after a lost soul and the magnetism of sincerity that rarely fails, and as a result the whole current of a life was changed. With the same spirit animating us in child-saving effort failure need never be feared, and young lives will certainly blossom out into careers of usefulness and honor.

