

who came to the chapel expected that the preacher would be sure to help them in pecuniary matters, and when they were disappointed or did not get all they expected, they went no more, and even spread false reports amongst the denizens of the lodging houses. Again and again the good man was imposed upon. The articles of clothing which he would give to some destitute persons would be pawned for drink. Some who would promise to do well, and would leave the town under pretence of going to their friends, would be found in a state of greater destitution than before, and all their money gone for drink.

With such a host of discouragements, had Mr. Ashworth given up his "Chapel for the Destitute" it would have been no marvel, but he persevered, and as months and years rolled away, he saw that he had not laboured in vain, nor spent his strength for nought. He did not accomplish all that he had set his heart upon, but he had the pleasure of knowing that many happy homes had been created, and how many had been prevented entering on a downward course it would be impossible for him to tell. He soon found the work to enlarge on his hands to such an extent that it was impossible for him to do all that was requisite; hence he pressed for volunteers, whom he organized into companies for conducting cottage meetings, distributing tracts, and in various ways helping on the good work. He also employed Scripture readers and Bible women, who gave all their time to the work of visiting the poor and starting Sabbath schools in needy districts.

The result of the labours at "the Chapel for the Destitute" began to be made known through the newspapers; and as the chief actor in the movement had been accustomed from the first to keep a record of the proceedings, he sent forth again and again little leaflets giving accounts of some cases of reformation which had been effected, not knowing whereunto this would grow. The author never anticipated that his tracts would command the attention which was soon awarded them. As the demand increased he sent forth others, and every succeeding issue only seemed to augment the desire for more of the same kind, until now it seems that some three millions have been sold in England alone.

As the demand continued, the tracts were collected and sent forth in a volume entitled "Strange Tales from Humble Life," by John Ashworth, and many have remarked, as they have perused