

sickness, or incapable to work by age or infirmity, poor suffering creatures of both sexes with lives tainted by no crime, whose existence has been embittered by constant poverty. Moderately as such a class may exist among us at present, cared for to no limited degree by private benevolence, the probability stares us in the face that as population and wealth increase, so with equal stride will pauperism advance. Pauperism indeed the very result of modern civilization, having grown from the abolishment of villanage, and hitherto in old countries existing as a consequence where free labour exists, has become an inseparable feature in large communities of men. We cannot hope, even with all the resources at our command, ever to be wholly free from what seems to be a law of our being. That there will be constantly periodical appeals for aid, not only on the part of the immigrant but from the unfortunate denizen of the city is a contingency which we must calculate. It is these appeals our Society is specially formed to meet. But whether direct legislation to this end will ever be demanded no one can foretell. Indeed it is a fair question whether at this moment a duty does not lie with the municipality to succour the few cases of extreme want which may present themselves; and that it is not now called upon so to do, may be explained by the fact that the national societies have relieved them from the obligation. In fact the operations of the Committee assume the character of a board of guardians under the Poor Law Act. The weekly meetings were attended on each day by from eight to twelve applicants; and the regularity with which their proceedings were carried on pointed out the hour, when those who needed their good offices should apply. Nor were the Committee indiscriminate in their charity. Cases where the necessity was apparent, were examined at the residence of the applicant; and we endeavoured in all cases to satisfy ourselves, that

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