

ries to a host of prison officials, devoted to the providing of asylums for those poor creatures, where they might retire when the time of their punishment would be over, or whither under certain circumstances they might have the option of going instead of being sent to prison; would not the result be highly beneficial to the nation at large? At least it is an experiment well worth trying, and since private charity, although so restricted, can do so much good, how much more could be done if State aid were to supply what private charity is unequal to.

What a difference there is to those poor fallen women, between the cold walls of a prison cell, which only increase their rage and make them hate the unfeeling world that sent them there, and the plain white-washed walls of the Asylum which speak to to their heart, for thereon they behold the Crucifix that reminds them of Christ whom they have offended, the image of that Mother in heaven who prays for them though all their relatives on earth have rejected them; the pictures of the Saints who were once sinners as they are, and yet gained heaven by severe penance, as they should strive to do. Even that colored print representing a sheep in the wilderness caught by its wool in some brambles, which pierce and hurt it, while the charitable Good Shepherd who has just found His lost and loved sheep gently disengages it, goes straight to their hearts, those hearts which have passed through so much sorrow, passion, agony and guilt. How it says to them more plainly than words could say "Come to me, all ye who are burthened and heavily laden and I will refresh you."

What a difference too, between the stern harsh voice of a matron ordering No. 25 to be punished severely for some breach of prison discipline and the kind remonstrance of the Sister reminding her dear "child," of Jesus-Christ who died for her, asking her not to offend Him anew by disobedience? Which of the two will the sooner reach the heart of that poor out-cast, for after all the most obdurate person has a heart and there is a way to reach it?