

SPECIMEN CASES.

CHILDREN.

4541.—Man for indecent assault upon a boy 10 years of age. Sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.

4196.—Five children neglected by their father, a notorious loafer. The man is a clever mechanic and could earn good wages, but prefers to send his wife and children out begging. Brought him before Magistrate under the new Dominion law, which provides "that any person being able to work and thereby maintain their families, wilfully refuses or neglects to do so, is a common vagrant" and is liable to be dealt with as such. Convicted and sentenced to six months in city prison with hard labor. This man had done no work for six years, and his family had been supported by the charitable public. On his discharge from prison he went to work, and is now earning \$12.00 per week.

4184.—Child deserted by its father, who had left his wife and taken up his abode with a woman who was one of the principals in a noted murder trial. He was arrested under Act, as in next preceding case, and got six months in city prison. This and last case has proved a terror to drunken loafers.

4806.—Four children and their mother sold by their father (with mother's consent), to a man for \$40.00. Children were got away from mother and placed with friends.

4777.—An emigrant girl, placed in service by Miss Stirling, becoming in the course of a few years incorrigible, the parties with whom she lived could not keep her and were anxious to know what to do with her. Got the Ladies of the Women's Home to take temporary charge of her, and communicated with Miss Stirling, who looked after the case.

4341.—Asked by foster mother of boy aged 10 years to take charge of him, as she had to go out to work by day in a laundry, and the boy would not go to school and was getting beyond her control. Got him adopted by a farmer in the Cornwallis Valley. He likes his new home, and the farmer's family are very fond of him.

4236.—Boy aged 14 restored to his sister, whom he had not seen since she emigrated from England three years ago. It appears that the girl was taken charge of by some charitable lady in England and sent out to Nova Scotia and placed out in a family. The boy having heard that his sister had gone to "America," started a year ago to New York and travelled over the greater part of America seeking his sister. Whenever he reached a town he would go to work and then advertise for his sister thus, "Alice V. come and see Bertie." If he received no reply he would move on to another town and repeat the advertisement. And so on from place to place till he reached Halifax, on his way back to England in despair. Our Secretary thought it well to try once more the advertisement. It was fortunately seen the same evening by a lady with whom the girl lived. The girl was shown the advertisement and stated that she had a brother of that name. The Secretary was communicated with and the almost superhuman efforts of the boy to find his sister were crowned with success.

4334.—The mate of a vessel, trading out of this port, appointed our Secretary guardian of his five children, whom he wished to take from their mother, who was a woman of drunken and dissolute habits.

4387.—An infant was found abandoned in a field. On investigation, it turned out to be the illegitimate child of a servant girl and a soldier. The