

on in the house. A right school is just about to be opened in Buckland, and there is very great need of a working class for the mothers and grown-up daughters, if we had only more helpers. There is also an opening for us in some of the farm-houses : in two cases we are allowed to visit and teach the young servants, and we see that this may lead to the happiest results. Without stopping to speak of the extensive visiting amongst the poor and sick required in the parish, I may mention, that one of our number has opened a Night School for mining and factory girls in a large village near, which has been fairly attended, also a Sunday School. She labours on these alone, with somewhat, it is true, to cheer, for there is great willingness to learn, and many a sign of awakened gratitude and affection, even in the roughest and least promising; but much also to discourage, for all she does seems but a drop in the ocean, and unless a strenuous effort be made, in this hitherto-neglected place, this present generation, just entering on the responsibilities of life, may be added to those of whose souls the Church can give no good account, and whose blood may be required at her hands. In this one district, which, owing to peculiar local difficulties, is almost unprovided with the means of grace, there is full employment for four or five devoted women, if real good is to be done. We are most anxious to establish a Soup Kitchen here, and shall probably do so, although our strength is already overtaxed. All this, and more, within and adjoining the parish; but without, are entreaties for help from Plymouth, to which it is impossible to attend. Cases are brought forward of young girls, who might yet be saved, could they be received at once; and this Mr. Hayne cannot do until he has more help. And if we look beyond the wants of Buckland and its immediate neighbourhood, what a wide field for the labour of regularly-trained, devoted women, opens on our view! Many rural districts are in as sad condition as ours. Many large towns present equally painful features of irreligion as Plymouth; or look at many of our Charitable Institutions, what a happy change might be effected were the inmates under the care of a Deaconess rather than that of the hired matron or nurse. Again, how much is wanting to raise female education amongst us, what urgent need for middle-class schools, and training schools for teachers and governesses, in which the education of the heart and affections may be considered of even more importance than the training of the intellect, and in which the teachers, recognized as the servants of the Church, would be labouring to bring souls to Christ, not for worldly gain. Or turn to our Colonies, and see how much our Bishops there desire the help of women in various ways. The Roman Catholics are aware of the importance of gaining a hold on the rising population there, and are in the field before us; in many places the school conducted by the Sisters of Charity is the only one to which our children can be sent. Indeed, the question is no longer, *can* women be employed with good effect in the Church's work. That point is conceded on all sides: but, are women to be found, who will thus devote themselves? I believe there are many amongst us, whom God Himself is calling to a life of greater self-devotion, by