

for its support ; they were told also that it was a most unpopular work, and most unbecoming for *young* women to undertake. Hardly a day passed that letters of warning were not received asking them to take the fever as an evidence that it was not God's will that such a work should be undertaken.

On the morning before Christmas, however, upwards of fifteen members of the Bible class gathered in the newly-rented house, armed with pails, brushes, brooms, and other indispensable articles, known to the house-keeper, and together they whitewashed, scrubbed and cleaned the old building from attic to cellar. Yes, and furnished it with accommodation for fifteen inmates and a matron at a cost \$247. Bureaus and wash-stands combined were made of inverted flour barrels with tops of white marble oil cloth and draped with cretonne, over which hung a small mirror. Evangelist Crossley, on the day of the opening, advised the inventor to get out a patent on it. Some are in existence to-day.

At nine o'clock Christmas eve, house cleaning being finished, a weary looking lot of girls met in the dining room, some with faces bespattered with white-wash, others showing traces of black lead, and just as they were they