

want of sympathy that the Committee protests against receiving such cases, but because of their great sympathy. Our Home is for fallen women. These cases, of which we are speaking, are many of them very young girls who have heretofore lived respectable lives, and have been led to take one false step on the downward way. If right influences can at this point be thrown about them, there seems more hope that they may be led back to a virtuous life than there is in the other cases. Their very helplessness and dread of the future make them extremely susceptible to kindness. Assuming that they would receive no moral contamination from associating with those who have gone much further in the downward path, or even assuming that we could so arrange that we could keep this class entirely by themselves, our chief objection is this :—We are constantly receiving girls who have no sincere desire for reformation, for they leave us in a short time. A quiet, industrious life is too tame. These girls have seen this other class in the Home, they meet them again outside, perhaps living honest lives, and point at them as being “no better than we.” And often, in spite of every effort, they become discouraged, and at last become in reality no better than the others. The greatest good can often be done by individual effort. We appeal to ladies, mistresses of servants—make your servants feel that you are their friends; make it your duty to know something of their friends, and of how they spend their hours of recreation. And if they fall, help them to rise again. Do not think it will soil your hands to give them a helping hand. If our Lord in His spotless purity could stoop to such as these, are we to hold aloof?

There often comes a crisis in the history of a human soul when an encouraging word will turn the scale towards the right. We never know when that time is, so the best way to be sure of saying these words at the right time is to say them always. Not in a spirit of sentimentalism which condones the sin and makes it too easy for the sinner, but let these know that there is such a thing as “leaving the things which are behind.” The more we have of the spirit of Christ the deeper compassion we feel for those who make such sad use of this precious gift of life.

One of the two who died here during the year through long months of illness showed that she was trusting in Christ, feebly and falteringly, but He understands. The other had had every advantage of religious instruction, both before and after her entrance to the Home. She died suddenly, and we cannot feel sure of her state. We must leave her with Him also.

One case of flagrant insubordination occurred during the year. A number of the managers were summoned early one evening, as one of the inmates, an elderly woman, had been indulging in language and conduct which were insulting to the whole house. It was summer, and she was well supplied with clothes, but it was with feelings of great pain that we

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