

removed her to this institution, where she died last August. Her case was very interesting, but I have not space in this report to relate it. Two of our clergymen kindly visited her and partook of the holy communion with her. This was a great comfort both to her and me.

I find the Bible Society Almanac eagerly sought after by my poor people, and they are waiting anxiously for those of the present year, several having paid in advance for them.

I find of great help in my Bible work the assistance of two other kindred associations—the S. P. C. A. and the Victorian Order of Nurses. Through the instrumentality of the first many changes have been made—men have been compelled to treat their wives and children in a more humane manner; and in passing I would remark that only one case has come under my notice where the woman abused her husband, which speaks well for the poor suffering women of our city.

In connection with the second mentioned society, I have found their ministrations of great assistance, especially in homes of very poor people, and hope they may be strengthened and encouraged in their work not only by the aid of God's Holy Spirit, but by the sympathy and financial assistance of all Christian people; and my prayer is that the Master Himself will continue to guide and protect His work, and that His Holy Spirit may be poured on all those working for Him, so that they may be filled with faith and courage.

Before closing I wish to call the attention of the committee to the condition of the people at the east end of our city. The lives and morals of these people are in a very low state, and something practical ought to be done to raise them to a higher standard. As a specimen, I might mention that when I made my usual visit there on Christmas eve I found two parties—a man and a woman—chasing each other and using profane and obscene language. Two clothes-lines filled with clothes obstructed their way, and at times it was such a medley of dark clouds and clothes-lines that it was hard to tell one from the other. Finally the woman emerged from some unseen place with a hatchet in her hand. This ended the disturbance; the man not being proof against cold steel, he ran into his wretched den; and when I came out of the tenement where I had been waiting till the war was over, the woman made her way across the alley into another wretched hovel. I followed her, when she ran into a bedroom, closing her door behind her. I called, but received no answer. A little child was in the room, which was without a