

INTRODUCTION.

IN the record of our Lord's life on earth there are few more exquisitely touching words than those uttered by Him when, not willing that two or three only should appropriate His family affections, He said, "Whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother and sister and mother."

It is with the tender relationships of sister and mother borne to Him by every consecrated woman the world over, that we have to concern ourselves. In that day in which the secrets of all hearts shall be laid bare, will not many a faithful woman ask of Him with unfeigned surprise, "When did I act the part of sister or mother to Thee?" and will He not reply, "Inasmuch as thou wast a sister or a mother to any for My sake, thou wast 'My sister and mother'?"

We must not limit this blessed bond of relationship. The need of men and women and children, to have sisters and mothers to care for them, is infinite.

The waifs and strays of society, who never felt the touch of a tender loving hand, are not more needy than some of the children reared in the gay world, who are only cared for among a thousand other beautiful things, as feeding the pride of their parents. The bodies of the former are ill kept and uncared for, but what shall we say of the starved hearts and souls of the latter? Too often the most cultivated teachers