

authorities? Why? Because the evil was not attacked with the proper weapons. Undoubtedly, the law can do a certain amount of good but it cannot do all—it can only help. The evil is a moral one, it is the heart, that is at fault, and the Holy Scripture tells us "*In the hand of God is the heart of man*". It is God then, it is religion alone that can reach the heart and heal it: the heart once healed, vice is at an end. We do not try to stop physical evils by moral remedies. When the Mississippi over-flows its banks no one ever dreams of using moral suasion to persuade the river to return to its ordinary bed. Why then expect that physical remedies, such as brute force can put a stop to a moral evil, It may no doubt now and then prevent such or such a crime but it cannot reach the source and cure the evil at the fountain head, the corrupt heart. Repressive legal measures are certainly most useful, but they must be not only vindictive but medicinal; in other words, while they punish those who thus offend against public morals, the punishment should be such as may lead to the complete reformation of the offender. How can this be done? By enabling these poor unfortunate creatures, many of whom would gladly give up a life, of which they are tired and which they never loved, to find a shelter, a *home*, where by honest work they may support themselves and no be the objects of hatred to God and of scorn to men which they are at present. Too often, alas! in many monasteries, have the Sisters of the Good Shepherd been obliged to let poor penitents go back into the world, where a thousand dangers awaited their weak hearts, because, the funds of the house being insufficient, there was no means of keeping them in the Asylum. Ought not those whom Divine Providence has called to aid in the government of States — ought they not consider before God, and ask themselves, how can they best prevent crime; how can they put a stop to the fearful deluge of immorality, which floods the world at the present day? Were some of those large sums of money now set apart for costly female prisons, and for high sala-