

stood what the preacher's mission is, the pastor stood higher than ever for his rebuke of the prevailing indifference and apathy in regard to this evil.

The women of the congregation were awakened to earnest activity against intemperance by the sermon. At the female prayer-meeting it was the theme of remark and supplication. Very earnest were the words of exhortation and prayer among the participants. The motherless and worse than fatherless children were interceded for with tender interest. It was known how they had been provided for.

"How much better off they are now than they ever were at home," said Mrs. Lacey. "They may yet be introduced into the best homes, where they will be fitted for usefulness."

"I suppose the institution is conducted upon Christian principles, is it not?" responded Mrs. Kirk. "Such institutions usually are."

"Oh, yes," answered Mrs. Lacey; "it would not be of much use were it not so conducted. The object is not only to bring the children under good influence there, but also to provide them with good homes. The managers put them into such homes as soon as they can."

"I didn't know that they took such young children," observed another lady.

"They receive younger children still," Mrs. Lacey replied. "It is not unusual for them to receive infants. I have been told that more children one or two years old are applied for than can be provided.