

came from Scotland and went to the States, writes at the close of his letter, "and hoping God will bless you for your kindness to poor strangers including myself while I stayed with you." Another young man, who had walked from Yarmouth, came here penniless. After two days he shipped in a vessel, and when he received his money came and desired to pay his expenses, saying, "It will help another poor fellow along; I have been treated kindly and I can never forget it."

An old man who came from Amherst and had walked 25 miles, came to the Refuge on Sabbath day, his feet and ankles all skinned and swollen, without socks to his feet.

A boy 15 years of age, whose mother died when he was eight, and whose father left him, followed the sea as cabin boy, was discharged in St. John, N. B., came to Halifax, applied at the police station for shelter, was sent here by City Marshal.

A young woman who having neither money nor friends, and who, so as not to be seen in the city during the night, went to the north common to walk about, but was observed by the policeman who brought her to the Refuge about 1 a. m. She afterwards obtained a good place in the country. Case after case might be cited but space will not permit.

Second. As to it being a preventive to crime, it must be quite clear to every mind that while there is a class who would rather suffer than ask, or do anything dishonorable to obtain food, yet the great majority are those who get their wants supplied from one source or another; therefore it is reasonable to suppose, that if such are penniless and friendless and no man give them to eat, that rather than want they will be led to steal, or associate with those who will lead them into crime. Who is there, that is ignorant of the fact, that in this, as in other cities, there are open doors for the young man or woman to enter into, that leads to paths of crime and vice? and who can tell how many of the 660 have been saved from such? Take for instance the young woman referred to above. What if it had been one of those who so often prowl round that part of the city, instead of the police sergeant who observed her? doubtless she would have found a home! but not the one she was brought to.

A young lad who came to this city, a stranger, with a few dollars (two or three) not knowing any one, soon found companions, who having taken him to a questionable house where he had liquor and lay all night on a bench, woke in

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