

model?" A few hundreds of such women as Mrs. Le Favre would reform the world, socially, and make it vastly better.

THE ILLINOIS WOMAN'S ALLIANCE, we may here note, "is incorporated under the State laws with charter to investigate all public and charitable institutions and factories, where women and children are employed or confined, with a view to alleviating their discomforts and righting injustice done them; to secure the enactment of such laws as they deem will benefit women and children, and to see that these laws are enforced." The Alliance will undertake to see that there is sufficient school accommodation and that children attend the schools, and to look after their clothing, &c. It has obtained a system of factory inspection by competent women—factories where women are employed; it is urging for Industrial Schools for dependent children, on the "Cottage Home" plan, where they can learn how to earn an honest livelihood; for the better accommodation of women and children who have been arrested; for public baths for women and laundry accommodation for the poor; and for other essentials of good and happy living for the people. Are there not women in Canada who could bestir themselves and form like alliances for like noble purposes?

IN TORONTO, for example, and in every city in Canada, there is any amount of like work to be done, much needing workers, while there are women of leisure who would be happier, because the better fulfilling woman's mission, by engaging in like work. "Faith Fenton," writing in the Empire the other day on "How the other Half Lives" opens up, too, a field ready for laborers surely. "Within ten minutes walk of the corner of King and Yonge streets, on a leading thoroughfare, stands a dilapidated roughcast building, in the last stages of abandoned old age. The broken, rag-filled windows, torn shutter and refuse-littered lawn rendered unnecessary the grimy inscription,—'Men's lodging house.' Within is a large room—and such a room. Entering from the frosty starlit night it seemed like a vestibule of the nether world, with its foul atmosphere, its solitary flickering lamplight, its accumulation of grime and its burden of marred human faces. The ceilings black; the floor blacker; rough benches, a rude table, a rusty stove and the bunks that lined the walls three tiers deep were the only furnishings."

HYMN SINGING,—“Come ye sinners poor and wretched,” &c. May be all very well in such a place, but some degree of cleanliness should precede such attempts toward godliness. No wonder the words of the hymn “rose laboredly through the heavy offensive atmosphere,” and that there was an “occasional laugh or drunken comment from the motley crowd.” After a good bath, clean clothes, a few good meals and nights in a decent bed surrounded with pure air these men would have more “respect for things sacred.” How fitting a thing for a few of the wealthy women of that city to take up this lodging house question, and transform the houses from disease incubators into decent human abodes. It could be done. Plenty of men would come forth from their business and help. Who will make a start?

THE late M. Chevreul who recently died in Paris aged over a century, never cared for the pleasures of the palate, consequently ate very little himself, and tailed at those who ate more. He considered that the Revolution did France a great evil by throwing the cooks of the nobility out of employment, and leaving them to open cheap restaurants and serve palatable meals to the masses.

THE EMPIRE, in referring to the recent shooting, by Popoff, of the handsome Mary Petrikofsky in New York, very truly remarks: The plain truth is that until some one is hanged by the neck until he is dead for the “didn’t know it was loaded” offence, no community can ever feel that a proper deterrent for such crimes has been established. Is it not about time that these reckless idiots who handle loaded firearms and kill innocent people were taught a lesson.

DR. D. A. GRESSWELL has recently been appointed Chief of the New Health Department of the Colony of Victoria, at a salary of £1,000 a year. They evidently place a fair value on medical knowledge as applied to the prevention of disease in Victoria.

THE great principle of public health legislation and action is, that no member of the community shall, wilfully or for profit, damage another man's supply of the three absolute essentials of life, viz: food, water, and air.

NELLIE BLYE's trip, an exchange thinks, has a sanitary aspect, circling the globe in about 60 travelling days brings forcibly before us the fact that the world is not such a very big place after all, and makes us realize how really close together all nations of the world are. Hence the necessity for international sanitation.