

CHILDREN.

Report that a woman was sick and that her daughter had left her with no one to look after her. Went to the house and found the rooms in a very dirty and disordered state. The mother was lying on a bed insensible. On enquiry from a lad aged 12 years what was the matter, he said that his mother was an opium eater and that she would take all the money she could get (had spent as much as ten dollars in one week) in order to satisfy her appetite, that a few minutes ago he had got her ten cents worth of chloroform, and that that was what she was now suffering from. Said that he had been to work, but had to give it up because his mother took all he earned and provided him with nothing to eat, that he had no comfort in his home, and that for the past week he had slept in a chair in his clothes. He asked to be sent to the Industrial School to get away from his surroundings. I enquired as to where his sister was—he said that she was married to a soldier and that she had taken rooms in one of the upper streets. Got him to show the way and upon reaching the house found two good-looking girls about fifteen years of age occupying two rooms with all the appearances of just setting up house-keeping. The boy having pointed out his sister it was learned that she was nearly sixteen years of age and that she could not stand her mother any longer as she was continually crying out for the opium, and did not care where the money came from so long as she got the drug in some form. The girl said that she was not married but was going to be to a sergeant in the army. Enquired who the other girl was and found that she was only 14 years of age and just from the country, having fallen in with the other one (before she moved from her mother's) when seeking a boarding-place. Made them both dress themselves, pack up and leave the house. Put them back with the mother with a woman to look after them. Sought out the sergeant and had that couple married. A storekeeper living near the house from which I had taken the girls having learned the history of the second girl, volunteered to pay for her clothing and education for the next two years in some boarding-school. Got some charitable ladies to take the girl and place her out. The boy we got into the Industrial School.

A man in ill-health applied to have his two children taken care of. On investigation found that his wife had left him, and had taken their

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