

an addition to the ranks of its active office-bearers from those youth of our city who may choose the better part of giving to some work of charity, some labor of love, the leisure hours which many waste in frivolous pursuits. It must be acknowledged, and understood, that it is no slight and insignificant task in which the visitors of this society are engaged. To seek out with indefatigable industry the abodes of suffering; to discriminate with intelligent charity between the poverty which honest endeavour could not avoid, and the poverty through which the unrepenting victims of their own depravity seek to awaken and abuse the sympathy of the unsuspecting; to cheer the hapless child of sorrow, and to chide the wilful slave of sin; to arouse indolence, arrest vagrancy, alarm imposture; to give counsel to the erring, consolation to the suffering, work to the strong and idle, and aid to the weak; to induce the habit of cleanliness in places which have become the very homes of filth, and to create some notions of care and comfort where penury may have resulted from the riftlessness rather than from misfortune: all these duties the faithful visitor may find it fall within his province to perform. Such duties have their difficulties; but the difficulties are not such as should discourage and disarm our zeal,—but such as should stimulate our energy, and nerve to stronger determination to fulfil with fidelity our vocation. Whilst the subjects of sorrow and of suffering present their claims on every side, it becomes us to remember the words of Him who shall say “Inasmuch as ye did it not to the least of these ye did it not to me.”

This meeting is called upon to notice the breach which within the past year has been made in the Central Board. By the grasp of Death one of the most useful of its members has been snatched away. Those who were associated with him in endeavoring to carry out your scheme of beneficence have been privileged to mark the systematic energy and the true sensibility to human suffering which characterized the late JOHN NAYLOR in his performance of the duties which devolved upon him as Chairman of the Third District, and member of the Central Board. Well must it prove for the perpetuated usefulness of this association,—well will it be for the children of want,—if others of a like spirit be

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