

while she was at her ease and appeared to want to say something to me : she had neither hat nor coat on ; her little chum Johuny had a cap, but no coat or rubbers, his knees and toes were both out, and both seemed very interested in the proceedings : it was the first time Nancy or her friend had ever been to a Mission or Church as " their Mas and Pas had no use for religion, it doned them no good," and had it not been for the fact that Nancy was a stranger in the neighbourhood and went on a tour of investigation on her own account and having been attracted by the music and songs of the Mission ; the chances are that I should never have had the pleasure of knowing her and my life at least would have been that much less the richer.

I was in the midst of giving a lesson on cleanliness, and as I looked at these two late beautiful but dirty additions I could not help appreciating the situation and realise how appropriate and opportuue the moment. I was impressing the fact upon them " that all children were like beautiful flowers but that only the roots of the flowers were in the earth or were dirty or soiled ; the flowers themselves were like the children —above the earth, and were always bright, clean and beautiful ; to which Nancy seemed to agree with a vigorous shake of the head, sitting all the while with eyes and mouth wide apart, drinking in every word. Towards the close of the lesson I was holding out various bribes to induce the children to come always with clean hands and