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FIAT JUSTICIA.

Mrs. LEONORA M. BARRY, organizer of the Knights of Labor, has been delivering lectures in Toronto in the interests of that organization. She is a fluent and pleasant talker, and possesses the power to entertain her audiences with much ability. Her style is earnest and argumentative, and she is said to be meeting with much success in the work she has chosen to perform. She was a noticeable figure in the recent Woman's International Council, in Washington, where she delivered an address the subject of which was "What the Knights of Labor are doing for Women." In that address she said that the Knights of Labor were building around working women a wall of protection to defend them against the indignities and humiliations to which they have heretofore been subjected. There are no better law supporters—no more loyal citizens than the members of her organization. In their endeavors to right the wrongs to which the working classes are subjected, the Knights of Labor do not demand revolution, but reform. They do not seek to effect reform by brute force, or by the destruction of property. One of the aims and objects of the Knights of Labor is to elevate woman; and in doing this Mrs. Barry desires to bring all working women into the folds of her organization, no matter what their nationality, creed, color or position in life may be.

The objects Mrs. Barry has in view, and the good she is working to accomplish, which are here but very briefly outlined, are most commendable, and we most heartily wish her every success. She is capable of performing a vast deal of good in her

chosen field; and no doubt in the hereafter many will rise up and call her blessed, in that in her mission she brought smiles and sunshine where gloom and darkness had before prevailed; happiness, where misery had its abode; faith and hope where despair had weighed down the soul. If she brings but a cup of cold water to one fainting child of toil she will be rewarded therefor, and the success which is illumining her path shows that the name of those who have been made happy through her ministrations is legion.

We trust that this good lady in searching out objects for her care and solicitude will not allow her range of vision to be circumscribed by the bounds which encircle the Knights of Labor, or that her good work will be confined to those who already are or who she thinks may eventually be brought within that fold. There are many of her sisters who are prevented by circumstances from ever becoming connected with her organization; and if her mission does not lead her to include these in her solicitude, it falls short of that divinity and exaltation of which it should be possessed. No doubt Mrs. Barry has, during her experience as a public lecturer, encountered many such, for in her own country—the United States—we have abundant reasons to believe, there are thousands of women and children who are to-day suffering from the oppressions which she has made it her high duty to relieve; oppressions caused by no evil acts of their own or of their husbands and fathers; but because such husbands and fathers in their good judgment see proper to stand aloof from the Knights of Labor organization. That such suffering women and children exist in Canada is not a mere matter of belief, but an established and painful fact; and we respectfully suggest that Mrs. Barry, good Samaritan as she is, will give these some thoughtful attention while in this country.

But for fear that her engagements may prevent her from hunting up such cases, and that those who may surround her may not feel any burning desire to assist her in this direction, we will venture to give her the name and address of one such woman. She will not have to go far from Toronto to look into her weary eyes, listen to her sorrowful voice, hear her pitiful story, and see its corroboration in the hungry little children who hover around her knees, and in the lack of comforts that would help to cheer and brighten her life. Mrs. Barry, we desire to introduce you to Mrs. Farr, of the city of Hamilton, Ontario. Mrs. Farr is the wife of an humble bricklayer in that city who was able, willing and anxious to work, but who, last season when work was plentiful, was debarred from working at his trade for the sole reason that he was not a Knight of Labor—a member of the organization to which you belong, and of which you are an honored and influential officer. Mr. Farr being thus deprived of the means of supporting his family, his wife was forced to go out and earn a scanty subsistence by scrubbing the floors of offices or doing any other chores that might be offered. She had to do this or else she and her helpless little children would starve and freeze. In the pursuit of this menial occupation in passing along an icy street the poor woman had the misfortune to fall and break her arm, and so even this means of warming her freezing children and of putting food into their hungry stomachs was taken from her, and her case became a pitiable one. The only crime involved in this painful history was that Mr. Farr was not a Knight of