

Varied goods bring various customers, and thereby hangs a pretty story:

Two customers came in at the same time the other day. One was a lady wanting some pretty fancy articles; the other a dustman, who asked for rag to bandage his leg. The dustman evidently wanted a little sympathy along with the rag, and, while waiting at the counter, began to tell the history of his trouble.

For some years he had suffered from this bad leg. He had tried different hospitals and many doctors, at last finding one who cured him in three weeks and sent him back rejoicing to his work. Now, however, he was suffering again, and the great wish of his heart was to find that doctor and 'get under' him again. The story was told in such earnest tones that our lady customer at the other counter heard it all, and came across to ask him a few questions.

'Oh, I know that doctor well,' she remarked, cheerfully. 'I will tell him all about you.' And she was as good as her word.

The very next morning, when the dustman came (by appointment) to the Dépôt, the physician's card was put into his hands, and a day and hour fixed for the interview.

Our Dépôt is a grand means for bringing those who want help into communication with those who can give the help wanted. A more difficult thing in large towns than residents in the country might imagine.

And now we are drawing near to our final

paragraph about the collecting cards, &c. Not long ago a lady sent us back her Victoria Orphanage collecting card with ten shillings and a new idea.

She had during some considerable time collected this money from herself in this very pleasant manner. 'I call it a red leaf card,' she said, 'because whenever any pleasant little thing happened to me I filled in a square, and the heap of red leaves has now amounted to one hundred and twenty. So it is to me a very bright and joyful register of pleasant things, and I hope it will help to bring joy and brightness into some little life.'

We have the following acknowledgments to make of money sent anonymously: A young lady sends us 20s. saved out of her allowance for boots; a general servant, reading in our Jottings that working-people assist, sends us 2s.; and two boys at Lundy Island 12s. 9d., which they have collected.

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The Orphanage of Mercy and S. Mary's Convalescent Home are not local institutions. They receive destitute orphans and sick children from all parts of the country.

Cards for collecting shillings up to 30s. and pence up to 10s. will be forwarded on application. Gifts, such as fancy work, old and new clothing of all kinds, boots and shoes, blankets, bedding, crockery, fruit, vegetables, groceries, books, toys, are always very welcome.

Contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Miss Helen Wetherell and Miss Frances Ashdown, Secretaries of the Church Extension Association, 27 Kilburn Park Road, London, N.W.

