

SPECIMEN CASES.

CHILDREN.

3887.—A little girl kept by her mother in a house of ill-fame. The evidence given in the police court when the mother was brought up under the "Act to Prevent and Punish Wrongs to Children," showed the necessity for removing the child from its surroundings. The court ordered the child, (being R. C.,) to be sent to the care of the Sisters in charge of St. Joseph's Orphanage.

3890.—Report that a girl of apparent respectability was in a house in a questionable neighborhood and was sick. Investigation revealed the fact that the girl was from Cape Breton and had been in service with one family for two years, (the time she had been in the city,) that in consequence of her condition she had to leave and had nowhere to go. As she was a Roman Catholic called the attention of the Sisters to the case. They took charge of her. This woman was afterwards married and is now living very comfortably and respectably.

3892.—Two children reported to be with a drunken mother, who neglected them. One a boy, aged 15, went to work and upon going to his home for his meals was driven out and told to get his food where he could. On returning at night was obliged to go into a shed in the yard to make room for strangers whom his mother would have with her. The other boy, aged 11, was sickly and weak minded from ill treatment and neglect. This woman held a decent position in the community while her husband was alive, but bad company had induced a fondness for liquor. As it was thought desirable to try and help the woman, as well as the children, she was sent to the Womens' Home, the small boy to the Industrial School, and the big boy was found a decent boarding place. The recital in the police court of the latter's trials induced a gentleman present to take up a subscription with which to get him some clothes. About fifteen dollars was subscribed by the court, reporters, officials and others, and expended by the gentleman in the manner indicated above.

3898.—Reported late one Saturday night that a woman in a delicate state had been kicked in the stomach by another woman and was dying. Found the facts as stated. Got doctor and supplied fuel, food, and nurse till next day when the woman was removed to hospital. She remained there in great danger for some weeks, and in the meantime her assailant was