

## HOMELESS IN PARIS

(£100,000) to cover gaps which to the honour of our nationality in Paris should not be left bare.

It is not one grand central building which is lacking, but Homes in different parts of this great City of Paris.

What a joy it would be to see these Homes established ! After the initial expenditure, such Homes should be very nearly self-supporting.

When speaking to two girls, saying that I hoped we might soon rebuild one of our Homes and have forty more beds ; they replied " Forty ? Oh ! Mrs. Lewis, say Four Hundred ! You would fill them directly. You don't know the need."

It is surely worth while to provide for one's own.

To impress upon each that she is wanted, that there is a niche for her in life which no one else can fill, is a great antidote for recklessness or despair.

" *Chaque médaille a son revers.*"

How often beautiful Paris mocks the lonely heart which is only brought into contact with the other side of its sumptuous sights and the *dernier cri* which attracts to its witchery.

That there are innumerable pitfalls should evoke more concern. THE APATHY AT HOME IS PAINFUL. It is here that the real work of PREVENTION should be started and inspire an ORGANIZATION to bridge dangers. Situations should be verified and their character known ere an inexperienced girl pays a heavy fee for what is said to exist—but cannot be found !

A closer union should be formed betwixt British Consuls and Chaplains in Europe, and these should be associated with the various agencies at home, whose aid our young countrywomen naturally seek—an ignorant agent can be capable of as much mischief as one of evil design. Wherever possible a safe *pied-a-terre* should exist upon arrival, to avert unforeseen difficulties.

There is a great gulf between the girl who braves her future for an honourable career in her venture on to foreign soil, ignorant of the different laws and social con-