

that the Industrial and Ragged schools have peculiar and urgent claims on Society, and the facts now adduced as the experience of other communities may readily be corroborated by their own.

The Governor of the City Prison in one of the largest metropolitan cities of Britain, recently stated in his Report, "That of 16,653 individuals imprisoned, the commitments for *theft*, amounted to 34 per cent,—that these prisoners were nearly all from that class to which the Ragged boy appertains, and were maintained at a cost of £12 per ann. The Report of the Ragged School for the same City the same year stated that the children were fed and educated at about £5 per ann: The financial view of the question therefore involves contrast, not comparison. £5 per ann. is about the cost of maintaining the Ragged boy who at that price is being trained to become a useful member of society. £12 per ann. is the cost of the incarcerated thief, who at the expiration of his term of imprisonment is again launched on Society but to tax it afresh for his maintainance. The query therefore is, which price does the public prefer to pay, £5 per ann. to save a boy or £10 per ann. to harden him in sin and crime." But to proceed;

A Ragged School was formed in Albemarle street some years ago, and for a time appeared to succeed, but the teacher being removed, the school through various causes fell off. For the purpose of resuscitating it, Miss Cogswell organized a ladies committee, over which she presides. This Committee took charge of the Girls' School, and brought it into fair working order,—the average attendance being from about 30 to 40. The Boys' School was under indifferent management, for although a schoolmaster was engaged, unfortunately he proved quite unequal to the work. Such was the state of things during the winter of 1863.

Miss Cogswell had also under her special direction an Industrial Class for boys, who were instructed in shoe-making. Being desirous that this latter class should be extended, and witnessing daily the miserable life of the street boys, this lady entered most heartily into the plan of forming