

“ bring out poor children to be pounded half to death, and slave to the
“ uttermost, that is all they care for. I know ——— has got me
“ several places, and me not know how to do their work as they did;
“ they would scold, and offer to strike me, and of course I would leave;
“ and another thing, I was not going to be told that I was glad to come
“ to Canada, for I was half starved, and was picked off the streets in
“ London, and my parents were drunkards. Dear sir, nobody knows
“ what a girl has to put up with that comes from the old country, for
“ they know we have no parents to take our part, and they can do as
“ they like. It is well for ——— to talk about the girls that is
“ working for their living, she does not know what a girl has to put up
“ with. I always tried to do what I could, and every time I went to
“ ———, she would always be scolding and telling me things
“ what folks said about me, and I always thought I would not try to
“ do right any more, for nobody cared for me; for there was a time
“ when I was sick, and had all my clothes taken away to pay for my
“ board, and only one dress to cover me, and was obliged to borrow
“ money to get clothing with. I have been in Canada three years, and
“ have worked my way through sorrow and woe, and can do so still, even
“ when we were so far away from our parents. They would not let
“ me see the only sister I had, and there is many more just like me, so
“ when I get better and able to go work, I am going to New London,
“ and I was a very foolish girl to leave England, for I had a good home
“ if it was a orphan’s home. I must conclude.—I remain, your humble
“ servant, S. M.”

It is due solely to the extreme kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Robson that a girl who was placed in service by them is now able to find a temporary place of refuge under similar circumstances. I may say of this case, that so completely does Miss Rye trust to the care and supervision of friends, that she was not able to give me the address of the girl or the particulars of the case when I applied to her. Her confidence, however, in Mr. and Mrs. Robson is fully justified by the great interest that they take in the children.

G. B., a boy of 13, from the Cheltenham Union, was placed out in Montreal “ the day after landing.” Nothing heard of him since 1872.

T. B. was placed out in 1870, and visited in that year. Further reports, if any, lost in the fire in 1872. Nothing heard of him since.

M. G., a girl of 17, sent out from the Southampton Union. Her conduct and intelligence while in the workhouse is reported “ fair.” She was seen or selected by Miss Macpherson before she was sent out. All the information that I could obtain with reference to this girl is, that she was placed in service with the Reverend C., of Amhurst Island. “ Is giving satisfaction, and writes she is happy. Heard unsatisfactory accounts. Left her place. Heard nothing further from her. July 1871, turned out bad. Mr. C. had taken every pains with her. Ran away, and determined to go back to her former life.” As to what “ her former life ” was, or under what circumstances she entered upon it, nothing seems to be known, no more than of her ultimate fate. There is no record of any visit having been paid to her.

L. O. was first placed with Mr. B., “ who spoke against Miss Macpherson, which was more than the girl could bear;” left. “ Pleases Dr. H. by her bright and cheerful way. Has done very badly for some time. Spring, 1873, Mr. R. called, received unfavourable report. December 1873, heard that she and her baby of four months old were at Brighton.” I could not obtain her present address.

There is no record of E. S. having been visited at all, but I have received the following account of her :—“ Doing well in first place; is