

all contribute, it is the duty of the Committee to interest itself on behalf of the distressed, (who by residence are entitled to a share of the public relief,) and to put them in a way of obtaining that assistance from the community at large, which by law they are entitled to: By such proceeding the funds which the Society appropriate to the Committee for general relief, will extend further, and the Committee be enabled more effectually to succour the unfortunate who have no claim on the community at large.

The Committee shall also attend carefully to orphans, and the children of parents whose misfortunes or vices have put it out of their power to support their offspring, taking care to have such children bound to good masters or mistresses who may bring them up to some useful employment, and, in cases of difficulty, to apply to the Magistrates and Overseers of the Poor, who by law are bound to interpose their authority to relieve distress of this description. Attention to this duty will be the means of rescuing many helpless children from ruin, and save the community the pain of daily seeing hungry and distressed children begging food from door to door.

In a town like this, the sources of vice are numerous, and much of the distress which we are called upon to relieve arises from the temptations into which the inconsiderate and unguarded fall: it will therefore be the peculiar duty of the Committee to point out to the Society at every quarterly meeting such measures as shall appear necessary for the Society to adopt to discourage as far as in its power the growth of vice and immorality.

In all cases where the poor suffer oppression, it will be the duty of the Committee to interpose its interest in their behalf; and if occasion shall require it, to call for the aid of the Society, which, as far as its means will permit, will have recourse to the legal authority of the country for their relief.

In all cases where the misfortunes of individuals shall require assistance beyond the means furnished to the Committee quarterly by the Society, (under the denomination of the fund for the ordinary relief of distressed