

and woman discharged from that institution is engaged for some department of domestic employment before she is discharged, have all tended to diminish the opportunities for the regular work of the Prison Gate Mission.

Again, the attention of the workers has been drawn to the fact, by a series of visits to houses of ill-fame, and conversations held with the inmates, that a large preventive work could be done by efforts for the salvation of numbers, who having made one false step, and not recovering themselves, naturally drift downwards, until they find themselves swelling the ranks of our criminal classes. Ninetenths of the boarders in houses of ill-fame, in a certain district in our city, stated to one of our visitors, that their rapid descent into vice and crime, dated from a period previous, or subsequent, to the birth of their illegitimate children. They either ran away, or were turned out by parents, and finding it impossible, with burdened hands and on account of the heartless prejudices of society, to earn an honest livelihood, they abandoned themselves to a life of shameless prostitution. This led us, as there was no other Home where such could be received, to open our doors to maternity cases, as well as prostitutes, inebriates and jail cases, and we may say that our maternity cases are our most hopeful and encouraging ones. We have at present in the Haven, a very interesting young girl, who is a good illustration of this department of our work. Young and very pretty, from a country town, she presented herself a few weeks ago for admission to the Maternity Hospital. Her illness was not expected for a few weeks, and being without money, she was sent to the Haven. Our matron and visitors dealt very tenderly with her, and soon discovered her history. She was scarce more than a child, only sixteen years in March last, and was seduced by a man double her age. When her situation was discovered, the father turned her out and harshly closed the doors upon her, refusing most unjustly to listen to any explanation the child had to make. The mother wept, and would have