

Such is a brief outline of the workings of the Institution, but not many understand or enter into the wider influence on the lives of people and of children, whom even a stroke of the pen may place for years under the control of an exacting master or remove to a veritable home where, as we have heard of one little one, "she is the brightness of our daily life."

When we get letters full of complaint, calling the unfortunate child all manner of names, we justly consider it is the person's own state of mind and efforts are made to remove the object of it to a less dolorous atmosphere. Far different is the case where the writer says "We like him very well in some respects but not in all," or "He has his faults but not so bad that we cannot overlook them."

There is a strain of genuine kindness in this, for who has not faults to be overlooked? And we heartily sympathise with the fervent prayers offered up for the truthfulness and well-doing of our children, whom we desire to see void of offence.

There must be shading in every picture, but it is very cheering to get letters saying "He seems just the boy for the place." or "My neighbor would like to get a good boy, like the one you sent me."

One bright little fellow wrote, enclosing five cents for a younger brother still in the Home and saying "I am enjoying my place more and more."

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