

rather than themselves, and it has failed. The root idea of the new charity is that the poor must help themselves and learn to rely on themselves ; and it succeeds. Every needy family which learns to rely on itself becomes independent ; while every family which learns to rely on others, is, or probably will soon become, paupers.

No truth, sad and terrible as it is, needs to be more fully appreciated in all our work among the needy than this, that paupers may be made. Injudicious treatment is making paupers to-day in many cities. Free soup in winter is a terrible temptation to idle and shiftless persons. So much easier to go with a pail for free soup, than to work and earn it. Free lodgings in our police stations, and free beds and free lodgings anywhere are a great temptation. Easy outdoor relief lures so many into idle ways. Indiscriminate relief is the great obstacle to forcing the poorest of our pauper class to support themselves. Picture, for a moment, the return of a professional mendicant, laden with booty, into the same tenement house where other men and women are working hard and earning less. What influence can be worse for all who see that begging pays better than work ? for the beggar and the worker, for adults, and especially for the young ? How quick children are