

mother. Some have applied for aid who have been able, by disposing of their jewelry, etc., to maintain themselves, and pay the premium necessary to learn dress-making. The aid they want is simply that of motherly guidance and protection; and how much the protection is needed may be judged from the fact that every means is employed by the Glasgow gentlemen, by whom they were acquainted, to bring them again into the slough from which they have been rescued.

But, of course, in the great majority of cases, considerable expense has to be incurred in maintaining the girls till they be fitted for employment; nor is it felt desirable that they should pass too soon out of the hands of their benefactress; for they are, as might be expected, almost uniformly in a state of deepest and most deplorable ignorance. During their weeks of pupilage they regularly attended Bible classes and prayer-meetings, besides being otherwise instructed. Great care is taken that the heads of the humble household in which they are lodged be God-fearing persons, and a system of visitation is kept up by which, while the most perfect freedom is allowed, it becomes impossible that any of the patients—for morally they are patients—can get into danger without its being known. The visitors by whom the lady is aided in this system of kindly and affectionate supervision, are humble working people by whom she has been heartily aided since the commencement of the work, and without whose aid it would have been morally and physically impossible that her philanthropic ideas should have been realized.

As we have said the funds, owing to the heavy demands on them, are exhausted; and we submit to the Christian public that there would be moral disgrace and moral disaster in the arrest from such a cause, of a work which has been signally blessed.—We are glad to know that partly in consequence of our former allusions to the matter, the lady has been provided with funds in some measure adequate to her bygone wants; but nearly the whole of these supplies have been obtained through the canvassing of her personal friends; and we need not say that this is a resort that soon fails. We submit, therefore, to the Christian community, that there is here a call in Provi-

dence, that should speak to both heart and conscience. The money and effort that have been expended, hitherto, are yielding compound interest. The bread cast on the waters are already returning, in some instances with tenfold increase. Take an instance—that of a home in which strong drink and debauchery were supreme. The father was a confirmed drunkard; and the fireside a perpetual scene of squalor, brutality and despair. The grown up daughter was driven to the streets; this benevolent lady got hold of her, and enabled her to take a house for her mother, her little brother and sister. By her industry she had nearly succeeded in providing for them all single-handed, when the father made his appearance, found himself in a changed house, and has himself become a changed man. So that now a virtuous, happy or thriving homestead has been erected out of materials that had become a sink of iniquity and a source of moral pestilence in our midst. The family relationship which had become a curse, dragging the whole homestead as with a cart-rope, into the depths of misery and crime, is being blessed as a means of a mutual elevation, encouragement, and strength. Other poor victims of vice who were mourned over by relatives—deeply blameworthy many of them, but still affectionate—as worse than lost have been restored; received back with touching kindness, and now know their life of shame only as a bitter memory which they must carry with them to their graves. At present there are about 60 being maintained; and as the factories are for the time over stocked with hands, more difficulty than usual is experienced in finding employment. The girls, however, are learning the use of the sewing-machine. When we mention that for want of funds girls are being sent back to their dens of infamy who would gladly be helped out of the mire, we feel that it is impossible to say anything stronger in the way of appeal to Christian charity. The question is no longer whether we shall seek out victims and persuade them to abandon their career, but whether we shall shut the door of hope against those who are imploring help, in many cases in an agony of anguish, and who are willing to submit to any test of their sincerity.—*Glasgow Guardian.*