

a portion of their time and talents to this object. There are many of our less favored sisters dependant on their own exertions for a living, whose difficulties are much increased by undue competition, and to whom a living means, not the indulgence of costly fancies, but a constant struggle for a bare subsistence. This class has a claim to sympathy and support which is recognized and upheld by all Associations of this kind ; and so closely do these institutions resemble each other that we shall scarcely be guilty of plagiarism in taking the following extract from the last annual report of Providence (R. I.) " Our ideal of what this Home should be is, that it shall take the place as far as possible, of the home where the father and mother preside ; and where the stranger who comes to our city for employment, may find the help and comfort she needs. This may help to answer the question, so often asked, regarding the scope and usefulness of our work ; and when we appeal for means to help to pay for our estate, we would refer, not only to our own success, but also to the large sisterhood of these Associations throughout the land. Such homes have been established in the principal cities of Canada and the United States, and subscriptions are asked to pay for the house and land on the same grounds as funds are solicited for Colleges and Universities. The work is on a kindred basis ; and those who accept its privileges and are able to pay the required sum, are no more