

pecially during the winter months ; or with the few books which are necessary for their instruction. Christian philanthropy of an unsectarian character, especially if properly organized, might doubtless do much in the visitation of parents and children at their homes, in pleading with parents who are insensible of the advantages of education for their children, and, in providing such clothing, books, or other aid, as may be required, in order to the regular school attendance of many children, who are now exposed to the malign influences of idle and vicious street associates.

But it is not a little remarkable that the conclusions arrived at by the thoughtful and earnest philanthropists of Manchester, point to the necessity of compulsory attendance at School. Such is the result of full two years labour of a band of peculiarly enlightened and active educational volunteers. Among their conclusions, which are as applicable here, as in England, are these : 1. " That no private or voluntary effort can reach the depths of this evil in the social constitution. 2. Further legislation is urgently needed to provide for, and, as far as possible secure, the primary education of every child in the community. 3. There must be a mild and gentle kind of compulsion or pressure to bring the children to the Schools. And, 4. That no child should receive wages who cannot read and write." Here, say these practical philanthropists, education is already provided and we are now at a stand still " because of the indifference and inertness of parents as to the education of their children." Of our city it may also and especially be said " here is education provided, yet it is by no means universally received, because of the indifference and inertness of parents." Our legislation provides for the building,

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