

throats." Subsequently two hundred were gathered in a room lent for the purpose by Mr. George Holland. After a good meal, a talk on "The Prodigal Son" moved many of the lads to tears. "That night," says Miss Macpherson, "I knew God had called me, and my life was consecrated to the work of reclamation."

A small house was rented, and thirty homeless orphans received. Others were taken (one for boys and two for girls), and all four speedily filled. Then a warehouse in Commercial Street, Spitalfields, previously used as a cholera hospital, was opened in February, 1869, as "The Home of Industry," and quickly filled, became the centre of a large mission work, with sewing classes, mothers' meetings, evening schools, Sunday-schools, for adults as well as for children. The Bible Flower Mission, which afterward spread all over England and America, also had its origin here.

In placing the rescued boys in situations, difficulties arose from the proximity of old haunts and companions. Already some fifty families had been sent out to Canada, but the emigration of boys had not been thought of. At length she determined that, if God sent the money—without direct appeal to any one—it would be taken as a signal to go forward. Early in 1870 a thousand pounds were sent in, and this decided her to transplant a party of boys in Canada, who set sail May 12th, 1870, under her personal care. At Quebec a telegram was sent to the government by the port official, describing the boys as well-behaved and likely to be of service on farms, and orders were sent to entertain the party and the lady, and to forward them on to Toronto. Homes were soon found, and two other parties—one of boys and one of girls—followed the same year. Up to 1903 seventy-six companies of children had been sent out, making a total of 6,500 transported, without one serious accident.

The first Distributing Home was a free gift from the town council of Belleville, Ontario. A second, opened at Knowlton, is used as the Distribution Home for the Liverpool children emigrated by Mrs. Rirt. Miss Macpherson's only surviving sister. A third Home was opened in 1872, in Galt, but in 1883 gave way to a new Home at Stratford, Ontario. Miss Macpherson says:

"Our aim in all the work has been, not only the rescue of the body, but the salvation of the soul. The good seed has been sown in faith and prayer in our home training, and fostered in many a

godly Canadian family. Many are now acceptable ministers. Some are in China, Africa, and other lands as missionaries. Large numbers are professional or business men, while the majority are quiet, steady farmers, active members of various Christian churches. For others we still pray and hope."

Besides this emigration movement, a large evangelistic and home mission work centres in The Home of Industry, Bethnal Green Road, London. First the Widows' Sewing Class. The weekly sixpence in many cases is the poor aged one's only regular support. The class meets each Monday, the members do two hours' sewing, have a plain tea and a sixpence each. A very large Mothers' Meeting has also been sustained for many years. The members are taught about practical home duties and the care of children and Gospel truth, and many have been won to Christ. An afternoon Mother's Sunday-school, also for those who cannot get to an evening service, has gone on for thirty years. As to the Sunday-schools, three floors are crowded Sunday afternoons.

Ladies from The Home of Industry have, also, with the help of voluntary speakers, for years kept up two open-air services. Former notorious pugilists, atheists, and drunkards, converted, bravely testify before their old companions.

One word as to the Bible Flower Mission. Twenty-five years ago a bunch of violets, enclosed in a letter to The Home of Industry, was passed around among the widows, that each might "have a smell," and then sent to a dying woman, who passed away clasping it in her hand. This incident led to the proposal that friends should be asked to send a few blossoms; and now once every week ladies unpack baskets of flowers, from all parts, making up posies and attaching text-cards, which are then taken to the sick and dying in hospitals, infirmaries and homes. A mission in Spain sprang out of a bunch of flowers and its text, given in an East End hospital twenty years ago.—Christian Herald.

A MISSIONARY AND ANTI-MISSIONARY CHURCH.

Five miles north-east of Lexington, Ky., is the famous Bryan Station Spring, from which the heroic women carried water into the fort when they knew the thickets and cane-brakes all about them were full of savage Indians hid in am-