

rary table, and shall be glad to aid in any way the publication of the Telephone, and if a few words of friendly greeting from Portland can help to cheer and encourage you, dear friend, they shall not be wanting in future.

As your heart is in all woman's work, may I tell you of our latest enterprise, viz:-the establishment of an "Industrial School?" You know how difficult it is for children to learn to sew in these days of Public Schools and Sewing Machines (both so good and useful in their way) yet in the former the teacher has her hands full with book, slate, black board, map etc., without thinking of the work-basket, and on the latter, Mama and Auntie or the Seamstress rattles off the children's clothes in quick time and consequently the little ones are not taught to make themselves useful with the needle, a great want, we think, in the education of any young lady. In the homes of the poorer classes where sewing machines are rare, the need of instruction is still greater.

Now the object of our School is to provide complete instruction in the art of cutting and making plain garments; plain sewing in all its branches, including mending and darning will be thoroughly taught, also knitting, crocheting and plain varieties of trimming. We hold five sessions a week: Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons, Saturday Morning and Afternoon for special accomodation of school-children, and an adult class on Thursday evening for persons employed during the day.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of a lady in every way competent, to conduct the School; her salary is secured for this year, and we shall all work together I trust, heartily and unanimously for the provisions of the future. I should like to send you a copy of our Rules some time, if you feel interested in the work, as they will tell you more fully of our plan than I can in one letter.

I visited the School yesterday, and on open-

ing the door of the Ladies' Parlor in Union Hall, such a pretty sight as I saw! I wish you could see, as well as hear, through the Telephone. About thirty fresh young faces turned to greet me; all full of eager interest, sewing and knitting, not as though they felt obliged to finish a set task, but as though they took real pleasure in their work, which I was permitted to examine, and very much surprised I was to see the improvement since the first day's lesson. The room was bright, warm and cheerful, and I have no doubt many a ray of sunshine will go forth from that little sewing circle, which will cheer and brighten many homes. We hope for great things from this small beginning, and believe this Industrial School of ours will become a power for good in our City, and trust the good influence thrown around the institution, will extend into the distant future, spreading and widening in the lives of those little ones growing up to take our places, when our day of work is over.

I cannot now tell you of the Intelligence Office School of Cookery and other woman's work which we hope will grow out of this School. I fear I have already trespassed on your time and space; let me only stop to ask your prayers for our success, and a word of encouragement whispered through the Telephone, which I trust you will not think of giving up. I should be sorry to see it die in its infancy. Let our Sisters arouse themselves and give your bright little paper the support it merits, and may God bless your efforts.

Yours sincerely,

BELLE.

[Our rule is, not to publish anything unless we know the writer's name. "Belle" has omitted this, but we publish her letter, because it is good. Portland Union is always getting further on, we are glad to hear all about it. You do not say, but we presume the hours are enlivened by temperance teaching slugging, and Pledge Cards are circulated. P.V.B.]