

feelings as they separated from themselves one black sheep, and then another, as ronegades, incorrigible, and hopeless. It did not seem to the Doctor to be becoming in a mere human agent to limit divine might.

Holding these views, our friend made a beginning in Stepney during the year 1867. A hired room was opened nightly, the only assistant, as yet, being a man who was a recent convert. There were serious difficulties in the way of progress. All who know what wild natures East End urchins are when first brought in from their native territory, the gutter and the cellar, will not be surprised to learn that notice to vacate one room after another successively was handed in, the nightly display of juvenile ruffianism being unendurable by the tenants of the cottages; nor can the poor people be heavily censured if they retained any desire for peace and domestic enjoyment. The boys were so rough and unruly that the most skilful disciplinarian might have despaired of bringing them into subjection. They even appeared to be ungrateful for the attention paid them, for their teacher became a target wherewith they aimed filthy missiles, and he was greeted by defiant shouts and yells, the disturbance at times culminating in a fight among the assembled youths. This, however, being but the beginning, did not continue. Seeing how their benefactor stood erect among them, with a courage greater than their ingratitude, the lads capitulated to the conquering power of love. The work grew until seven hundred scholars would come together of an evening, and until constables on duty around the school bore witness to the visible improvement in the order of the streets. The Mission extended its borders. Sewing classes, clothing-clubs, and other agencies were added to the original school, and half a dozen paid assistants were engaged, besides forty voluntary helpers. The work showed a disposition to grow rapidly, one industry after another, brush making,

boot and shoe manufacturing, and wood-chopping being added to the general programme. At this conjuncture the necessity was first felt of exercising some sort of parental vigilance over reclaimed boys who had attained to positions in which they could earn their own livelihood; a Home for *working* boys, as well as a Refuge for the destitute, was required, and must be provided. Boys who had never realised any domestic joys must be made to know their meaning by tasting their sweetness, and so learn that there were social enjoyments to be found elsewhere than at penny gaffs, or at tap-room fires. The proposed Home was provided, and at present about one hundred and sixty lads are in possession, the weekly cost of each inmate, inclusive of board, lodging, education, and learning a trade, not exceeding six shillings. It will not be supposed that an institution like this, uniting under one roof so many branches of industry and learning, was reared without a great exercise of patience and perseverance. The founder refused to contract any kind of debt, even for the sake of poor boys, and hence the workmen employed in making the necessary alterations were discharged more than once when funds were exhausted; but, completed and opened in September, 1870, the buildings now form a social oasis amid the squalor of Stepney-causeway. After this measure of success, the hands which reared the Boys' Home are about establishing a similar institution for girls, the honorary superintendence of which will be handed over to Mrs. Barnado. We saw a couple of beautifully formed little creatures who are to be among the first inmates of the new house. Rescue the girls during childhood from the streets, and introduce them into those respectable life courses now opening up for women everywhere, and the master social curse of our day will be checked at the fountain-head.

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