

except in many. Of the children three young women had attended the School, but having left it suddenly had been for some months lost sight of. At last they were discovered, and the story of the household came fully out. The mother led a dissipated and immoral life, and had led her daughters into profligacy, which ended in their being sent to gaol. The father and mother were often in gaol, either at the same time, or the one got free only to find that the other had been again confined. Two little boys were kept by their mother in the infamous house she frequented when at liberty, to beg for her. The three girls were come upon by the missionary while in gaol, and with them the benefits of the mission began. They were persuaded to enter the Magdalen Asylum, when they gave steady evidence, by a long continued reform, that they had been won from the error of their ways. It is surely no light thing that God has permitted an agent of the Society thus to bring back to the light of life three of one family from the very gates of death and of hell. While the daughters were at the Magdalen Asylum, the father was sent to gaol, and while there was visited, and promised reformation. On getting free he seemed to remember his promise, and at once left for a country town where he could get employment. Thus another of the household was, for the time at least, drawn up from the abyss. During the father's imprisonment, the mother also was sent to gaol, and her two boys of 6 and 7 years respectively, were thus left alone and uncared for. Learning their position, the agent took steps to get them admitted to the House of Industry, and after a short time got them sent away to a married sister in the States, who was in a comfortable position, and kindly offered to take care of them. Thus two more waifs were saved from we know not how sad a future. The mother, once more free, returned to her wickedness, but was soon in a miserable condition, disease of the lungs which had long been hanging about her, having reached its later stages. For her an order on the Hospital was got, and she was taken there, that she might, at least, die in comfort, rather than in the filth and