

In the 9th Rule, the permanently dependent are not regarded as proper subjects for relief, because, if they should continue to be relieved, the entire funds of the Association would soon be exhausted in the support of a permanent list; and its primary objects—the elevation of the moral and physical condition of the Poor—be defeated. Such persons should become a public charge, which is far preferable to reliance on incidental relief.

The 10th Rule refers to those who have become so pauperized in spirit by long-continued vagrancy or gratuitous relief, or so debased by other causes, that there is no hope of inciting them to self-support, and to aid whom would encourage sin and indolence, and foster a great social evil.

The complaints of unrelieved applicants who have been sent to the Association should not be listened to, until they have produced a card from the Visitor, *for a card assigning the reason of refusal should always be given to the unrelieved applicant*, which, if produced, will show why he was not relieved; and, if unproduced, a proof that he has been attended to. In either case, the Member will thus be made acquainted with the action of the Visitor, and the reason for it.

Two or three important results involved in the observance of the foregoing rules deserve notice. First: by refusing aid to the persons described, none are necessarily left to suffer. Even those who obstinately persist in their vicious courses, and cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community, still have a resource in the legal relief provided by the Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second: The Association does not supersede existing charities, but, so far as is practicable, makes them available to those for whom they are designed.—Third: That it is governed by such humane and economical considerations as have most important moral and social bearings on the individuals concerned, and the public.

☞ Visitors, in complying with the foregoing Rules, should carefully direct their attention to such particulars bearing on the different classes indicated therein, as will qualify them for an intelligent and judicious discharge of their highly important and responsible duties.

☞ The attention of Members is also called to the said Rules, and their co-operation with the Visitors most earnestly solicited, for, without it, the great and difficult work in which the Association proposes to engage cannot be effectually accomplished.