

## QUOTATIONS.

The time has come for every city and town to organize its charitable energies, so as to prevent the increase of pauperism.

The simple, old-fashioned ways of charity will no longer work. In spite of all we do, the great fact stares us in the face, that pauperism is steadily gaining ground. More paupers each year; more money wanted, larger almshouses building or to be built.

Gratuitous relief fosters thriftlessness, indolence, and blamable inefficiency, lessening self-respect and self-reliance. While a kindly impulse may prompt you to give relief, your duty to the family requires you to consider their moral good, and not the gratification of your own emotions. Relief is easy to give. Permanent improvement is slow and hard to effect. Carry aid too far, and aid a man so often or so unwisely as to sap his manhood, his self-respect, his self-reliance, and charity has left a curse where it came to bless. Better, infinitely better, than all this is the counsel, love and help, which seek to rescue from pauperism each man, woman or child who is in or near that slough of despond, and plant them again on firm land. The root idea of the old charity has been to help the poor, *i. e.*, for us to help them, and it has failed. It has tempted vast numbers to rely on others