

earn an honest livelihood ; and God cares for the widow, His eye regardeth the fatherless ; He ever seems to make them his especial care ; and if ye will work with Him, in providing for their necessities, and aiding in their labours ; the widows too shall appear, when it is approvingly said, " Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of *these* my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

But the care doth not stop in providing a refuge only. The children attend Sunday School. A day school under the direction of a Committee of young Ladies is held in the house, at which a good elementary education is given; the spiritual wants of the inmates are attended to, by the periodical visits of Clergymen ; and the Scriptures are read to those who from infirmity, or want of education cannot read for themselves.

And to the Institution thus constituted, your assistance will now be peculiarly acceptable. This winter has been a trying one throughout the community, and the Ladies' Benevolent Institution has not been exempt ; scarlet fever, whooping cough, and other diseases to which children are particularly subject, have succeeded each other in the house ; and led to additional expense. The insufficiency of the present building has added to the discomfort and distress ; this, through the liberality of the community will be remedied in another year, but it is to be borne in mind, that a large house will open the door to greater expenditure, as the benevolent Ladies who manage the Institution are ever