

place every other day whenever he wants to come in." Society got the magistrate to withhold the issue of a warrant on this unique information, and the Secretary went out to investigate. Found the case as described above. Made the father sign a bond to send the boy to an institution for 3 years and covenant to pay \$60 a year for his maintenance.

4492.—Report that a girl aged 9 years, an orphan, is going about a country town without anyone to look after her. Had child taken care of.

4528.—Report that a woman had just died in the north end of the city, that she had left six children destitute, of whom four were dangerously ill, and the eldest was not expected to live. Saw the family, and at request of the doctor procured such nourishment and medicine as he thought necessary, and also gave the daughter in charge of the sick people, money with which to get other necessities until the church people could look after the case. The minister brought case to notice of his congregation, when the family were well taken care of, the eldest daughter however dying in the course of a few days.

4543.—Woman reported having her child, aged 3 years, with her in house of ill-fame. Sent child to orphanage.

4768.—Boy aged 14 years, turned out of doors by his father, who was the standard bearer of the Salvation Army in a country town. Boy had no clothes, save a few old garments given him by different people. Used to sleep in barns and do odd jobs for his meals. Father was summoned before police court, when he wanted to get rid of the boy, but Society asked the case to be continued for a month, to see how the father treated the boy, he, the boy, to go to his father's home in the meantime. There was no more trouble after this.

4782.—Man and woman reported for being habitual drunkards, and neglecting their five young children. On visiting the house occupied by this family, it was found that they had nothing but a lot of rags lying in a corner of the room, which they used for a bed. They had absolutely no furniture of any description, and their only cookery and table effects were an old oyster can and a cracked cup. The drunken mother had a poor sickly child at the breast, pitifully moaning because it could not get the nourishment that it so much needed. The father was found in a saloon near by. The parents were arrested and sent to prison, and children committed to care of charitable institutions.

4783.—Woman reports, by letter, that she had to leave her husband on account of his ill-treatment and constant drinking, and asking the Society to look after her 3 little children, as she never intended to return to her husband. Put children in home, and got man to take the pledge. He had his eyes opened and gave up drinking. After a lapse of eight months there was a happy reunion of husband, wife and children.

4796.—Reported at 10 o'clock p.m., that a woman of loose habits and a common drunkard, had 2 children, aged 7 months and 3 years respectively, which she was in the habit of leaving shut up in a basement without anyone to look after them, while she went around the houses of ill repute in the neighborhood. The children were screaming, but the woman was of such a violent character that no one liked to interfere. Searched for the mother, and found her in a low den in company with a lot of sailors. She was arrested, and next morning sentenced to city prison, and the children committed to charitable institutions, beyond the control of the mother.

4833.—A merchant of the city brought one of his work girls aged sixteen years, to Society's office. Girl states that her mother died eleven years ago, and about nine years ago she was placed with her aunt, her mother's sister.