

known her sober but once since, although she has frequently visited us. At the request of this woman, called at her residence on Bank street, where we found her with her youngest son; had a hunt for the other; found him upon the street; upon our approach he endeavored to give us the slip; caught him, and talked to him kindly. Finding him an intelligent boy, soon succeeded in obtaining his confidence. Considering the shortest way the best, at least in this instance, persuaded the poor creature to have her children committed to our care, through her friend Justice Whalen, which was accordingly done, she testifying that her husband had deserted her, and, that, being no longer able to provide for them, she was desirous that they should be committed to the care of the Children's Aid Society. In consideration of the mother being exceedingly intemperate, his honor deemed it advisable to retain from her all information relative to the future residence of her children. Bidding adieu to the poor creature, conveyed the rescued lambs to "our fold," where they remained until an opportunity offered to lead them in a flock of thirteen to green pastures in the country, among the glorious old hills, where the perfume of sweet clover is substituted for that of vile whiskey.

These boys were not only very pretty, but quiet intelligent, the oldest could read both German and English, the youngest could spell very readily. These little ones are now in excellent Christian homes, where they have been adopted, there being no other children. This we know to be the fact, having upon a number of occasions visited them, always finding them perfectly happy and contented, with no desire to return to the pit from which they were digged, seldom alluding to their poor besotted mother, being well aware that it is to their advantage to remain in positions where they are not only surrounded by every necessary comfort, but where they have the advantage of obtaining a good education, which they never would have received in our streets. Within one hour after the reception of these children, we came to the conclusion that "upon the other side of the house" their antecedents were good. Nor were we mistaken in the opinion formed, Since procuring them homes in the country, upon one bright Sabbath morning we received a visit from a German gentleman, who introduced himself as the father of the above mentioned boys, declaring with deep feeling that he was of necessity compelled to separate himself from his wife—she having early imbibed a love for ardent spirits, against which he had used every influence at his command, but without success. As a last resort he was compelled to leave her, determined no more to return. Previous to the adoption of this course, he had procured for his two sons good places in the city with his friends, paying their board and clothing them himself. His wife, however, would not, as has heretofore been shown, al-