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IN DEEP GRATITUDE FOR HIS EXAMPLE
AND COUNSEL.

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We shall undoubtedly find great difficulties and discouragements in work of this kind, but do not let us be tempted to relax our efforts on account of them, or to lose our faith in human nature.

When obstacles and trials seem
Like prison-walls to be,
I do the little I can do,
And leave the rest to Thee.

If everything connected with our work should apparently go wrong, we may be quite sure that, if only it is done in union with GOD, in the end all the evil will work out for good.

F. L. F.

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Our Working Girls

CHAPTER I

THE NEEDS OF THE WORKING-GIRL

“Where is Abel thy brother?” is the first question that will meet every one of us before the throne of God.”

THE working-girl needs especial help and guidance at the time when her life as a wage-earner begins. At fourteen she is not much more than a child, her character is still unformed, and her temptations are very great. How can we best help her? Surely by providing her with some place where she can find good influence, sympathy, amusement, and instruction. All these she should find in a properly worked Girls' Club. Although there is still prejudice in some quarters against these most useful institutions, they have at last won an honoured place in the field of philanthropic work.

Of course nothing is free from the danger of