

## A SENSIBLE MOVEMENT.

### By Which Tramps Can Earn an Honest Livelihood.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to the Provident Association for its recent action in opening up a new industry for that class of men usually denominated "tramps." ~~This has been my theory for a long time.~~ Let every able-bodied man who goes from door to door annoying peaceful, industrious citizens with his demands for "a few pennies to buy a cup of coffee," or for a meal, be arrested as a vagrant.

Give him employment in breaking stone or chopping wood, with sufficient pay to buy his daily food, and surely in a very short time we will be rid of this ceaseless begging. Those who are not willing thus to earn their bread should be compelled to leave the city or be put in the workhouse, where labor will be enforced. There is no better remedy, and the sooner these worthless, lazy fellows come to understand the situation the better it will be, both for themselves and the community.

In looking back over my life of half a century or more, how well do I remember when "beggars," as they were then termed, were an almost unheard of quantity and the presence of one in my native town caused quite a sensation. Why is this, when there has been such a greatly increased number of eleemosynary institutions? There is something wrong somewhere. Now, let us try this new remedy for the disease, and my opinion is it will work wonders in a brief space of time. Let us support the Provident Association, if we give to no other charity, for it surely is ruled by wisdom and judgment.

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