

Girls' Training Home for Domestic Service.

BERRY STREET, EAST MELBOURNE.



SOME MEMBERS OF THE COOKERY CLASS.

O B J E C T :

To Train Homeless Girls, principally wards of the State who have just left school, for domestic service, and thus only supply a great want, but provide a Home for these girls where they are welcomed for their holidays, or in cases of minor illnesses.

Five shillings a head per week is paid for each, and with subscriptions and receipts for laundry work, the Committee hope to be able to board, clothe and train these girls, to enable

them, not only to earn their own living, but by the rendering of decent service to be a comfort in the homes they enter.

The Chief Secretary has expressed his approval of the object of the Home, and promised that as many of the most suitable wards of the State as are available shall be sent there.

The work done by this Home in no way duplicates that of kindred Societies.

Only girls of good character are admitted.



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SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The Training Home aims not only at giving the girls a course of domestic instruction, which will make them capable and valuable members of the community, but it aims at building them up physically and morally; teaching them quietude and calm, and how to work neatly and methodically. It seeks to remove physical disabilities from which they may suffer, to give o pursue the right path. to report that only one members who had passed through the Home.

The Institution is not merely a Training School, but a Home, and its doors are always open to all former inmates for their holidays, when ill, or temporarily out of employment. The Home is in fact a home in the best sense of the word, and a sympathetic matron stands in place of a mother to many girls who would

otherwise have no one to go to for counsel and advice. A mutual regard exists between the girls and the Matrons—Miss Watson, Miss Pettit, and Miss Frances. Touching incidents of the love some of the old girls bear to the Home, and of their desire to help the present inmates, are always occurring. Last year several of the old girls gave a Christmas Tree, furnishing it with dainty gifts, the results of their savings.

Most of the girls are between the ages of 13 and 16. Respectable parents or widowers can board their girls at the Home at the rate of 5/- per week, and have them equipped to earn their own living. This amount is found insufficient to house, feed, clothe and train them, as it really means less than 8½d. a head per day. There is a Laundry at the Home, for which custom is solicited.

One hears continual lamentation over the scarcity of servants, yet the only Institution in the State which aims at supplying the public with trained



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SOME OF THE LAUNDRY CLASS.



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AFTERNOON TEA.

domestic servants is hampered in its movements for want of funds. The untrained and undisciplined servant in every department of life is unsatisfactory. It is only by training servants, and so elevating the status of domestic service, that we can do away with this difficulty. By subsidising the Home, citizens not only subsidise the domestic service supply of the State, but at the same time they give homeless girls a sure means of earning a livelihood, a training which will give them a protection of a home during the tender years of their life, and one that will stand them in good stead when they become mothers in the future.

The Home is doing national work, and seeks your sympathy, co-operation, and support. Annual subscribers are urgently needed. Contributions can be sent to—

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FRONT VIEW OF THE BUILDING.

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