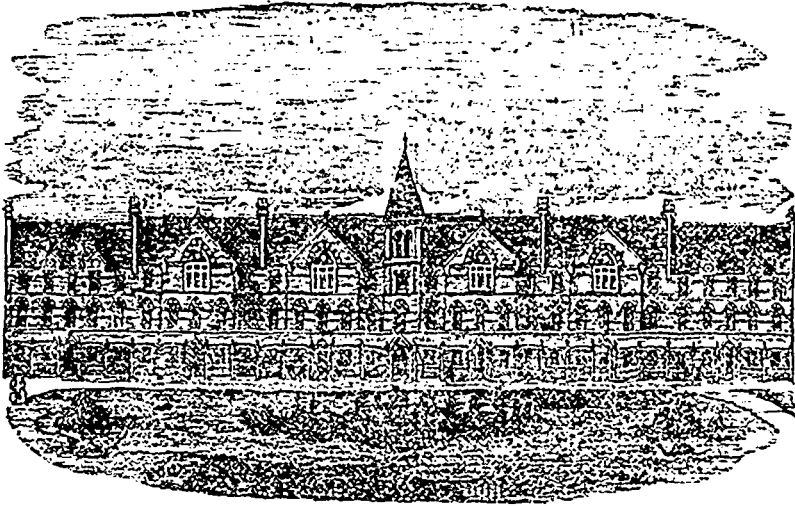


STOCKWELL ORPHANAGE.

Mr. Spurgeon writes:—"The plea for help comes to us from all parts of the kingdom, and as the children are selected according to their need, and not elected by favor, only those who are proved to be the most necessitous succeed in their application for admission. Thus the evils which naturally rise out



and it must be an equal joy to the subscribers to know that their loving contributions are put to this blessed use.

"With songs of gratitude we mention that nine hundred and twenty-four fatherless children have up to the end of March, 1884, been admitted to the benefits of the institution.

of the voting system are avoided, and friends are spared the expense and labor of a contested election. Fatherless children, between the ages of six and ten, are eligible for admission, without reference to class, sect, or locality, so long as there is room. This is as it should be, for it seldom happens the necessity which attends orphanhood can be relieved in the district where it is experienced, or by immediate friends. It is a constant joy to the president and the committee that they are able to mitigate, to such a large extent, the misery and need which are brought under their notice;

What an amount of substantial benefit this represents! As we seldom take more than one of a family, we have thus aided nearly as many widows, and how many other fatherless children have thus indirectly been benefitted the readers will be able to estimate. The catholicity of the institution will be evident by reference to the religious profession of parents:—Church of England, 348; Baptist, 219; Congregational, 103; Wesleyan, 89; Presbyterian, 19; Roman Catholic, 3; Brethren, 3; Moravian, 1; Bible Christian, 1; not specified, 138."

The above cut represents the girls' side of the Orphanage Buildings.

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We thank you for advertising and ask a continuance, if not an enlargement, for another year. Practical men tell us they consider Buds and Blossoms one of the best mediums on account of its permanent and inviting character. Few papers or magazines are more likely to live and be passed round to many readers. Moreover our large free issue is monthly going out into new channels and enlarging the boundary line of our acquaintance. Increased issue means less profit on your advertisement to us, and makes less space of additional value to you. Already we have space taken in New York by men who well know the value of advertising and they paid our own price and asked no questions. Any change you may wish we will try to make. Notify us at once, or if you do not wish to continue your advertisement, that we may sell the space to some one else. We rest assured we shall not lose many. Our friends once gained, value the work being accomplished by BUDS AND BLOSSOMS, and are satisfied in a business point of view that it pays.

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Buds and Blossoms. There are quite a number of subscriptions not paid. Any subscribers who think they can enlarge our list by sending a copy to a friend can have one sent if they write to us, the condition being that they write a few lines to say it is coming. We have been notified by a coloured brother down by the Mississippi that they are organizing a Buds and Blossoms Club. By prayer and work we see no reason why a great work should not be accomplished.

Will you aid us sow the seed? Buds and Blossoms promises fruit for the harvest which is the end of the world.

Other Testimonials. The Editor of the *Presbyterian Witness* writes:—"Buds and Blossoms.—This is the name of a monthly Magazine published by Rev. J. F. Avery, of this city, containing 40 pages. 24 pages are beautifully printed and illustrated in the Religious Tract Society's popular style. The other portion has more of a local tone, and is mainly from the vigorous and pointed pen of the editor. The subscription price is the modest sum of 75 cents a year. To circulate this is to confer a boon upon the community.

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