

## **Ten Reasons for Supporting the Girls' Friendly Society**

1. Because it is a standing witness to the possibility of purity of life and conduct for every woman and girl in the land.

2. Because it is a Society in which each individual Associate and Member is bound to give her help, her sympathy, and her prayers to her fellow Members, and in which the elder or better instructed are especially called upon to afford the protection of their friendship and care to the younger or more ignorant.

3. Because it is preventive. It supplies to independent wage-earners of different classes, a high social standard of opinion, a circle of friendly interests, introductions in strange places, aid in sickness, encouragement to thrift, and thus lessens the strain of temptation on those who are lonely, poor, sick, or out of work.

4. Because it is an International Society, which has been enabled, by God's blessing, to commend its principles to, and to link together in friendly bonds, over 250,000 women, of all ages, of all ranks of society, in all parts of the world.

5. Because it is a Church Society with an organization, Diocesan and Parochial, which follows that of the Church.

6. Because, in both town and country parishes, it affords to the clergy valuable help in parochial work, especially with regard to girls of all classes who have out-grown (or do not attend) the Sunday Schools, and to the fluctuating population of girls and young women, in profession, business or service.

7. Because, though its Associates must be communicants of the Church, it receives and helps any girl eligible for membership without distinction of Creed.

8. Because the value of a systematic endeavour to band together, in purity of life, those, who, as the wives, mothers and teachers of the future, will make or mar the lives of coming generations, cannot fail to be recognized by all thoughtful men and women.

9. Because, by its means, lives are brightened, hearts cheered, temptations lessened, the weary recruited, the sick tended, the ignorant taught, not only through the agency of the Associates, but by that of the Members themselves.

10. Because the Aims and Objects of the Girls' Friendly Society, harmonize with the most loyal Church life, and the highest Christian principles, and thus entitle it to claim the sympathy and co-operation of all who value the preservation of purity, the good of their neighbour, and the glory of God.