

ST. PAUL'S Alms House of Industry for Girls.

THIS institution was founded a little more than a year ago. It was then originated by a few members of St. Paul's Church as an experiment. That experiment has been so far successful. A fair trial during the period of twelve months past warrants the belief that it will in a large measure accomplish the end in view; and the promoters of the establishment, satisfied by experience, now feel themselves at liberty to make it known to their fellow-parishioners and to ask for their co-operation.

It is proposed to give in the following statements a simple, brief, and clear outline of the origin of the House of Industry, the mode of its support, its design, and its management, so that all who are appealed to for aid may be able to judge for themselves whether it be worthy of their countenance and assistance; whether that class of persons for whose benefit it is specially designed have any just claim upon their sympathy; and whether this be a practical and efficient way of putting that sympathy into exercise.

ORIGIN.—Some who are engaged in benevolent enterprises,—such as district visiting, providing work by sewing for poor women, clothing children that they might be able to attend Sunday and day schools,—were brought into contact with a large number of young girls who were growing up in the midst of the most baneful influences. They had constantly pressed upon their notice the terrible moral dangers to which these children, by the force of circumstances, were exposed, and found that the efforts made for their improvement in schools and by visits were, to a great extent, if not altogether, neutralized by what was seen and heard in their places of abode. The Rector of the parish,—often consulting and being consulted as to the best method of endeavouring to meet the evil, at last—in concurrence with the opinion of some equally interested friends—invited a few members of the congregation to meet in the vestry on Friday, January 21st, 1867. To this invitation there was an almost unanimous response. On assembling, the design was set before the meeting, and by all most heartily entered into.