

others. An ordinary man can work when the line of work is indicated. A man, something more than ordinary, can devise new methods of labour for himself. He is a great man who can plan and do work himself so that for every stroke he makes ten others are made, for every good deed he does ten more are set in motion. This the famous Baptist preacher does. His is a working congregation. His new methods of labour bring into play the consecrated talents of hundreds, perhaps thousands, who would never have been so great a blessing to the world, but for the guiding hand of the man of whom we write.

Among the important undertakings which, outside of his ministerial duties, have called so largely upon Mr. Spurgeon's sympathies and time, a prominent place should be given to the Stockwell Orphanage. The subject deserves an article in itself. In an early issue of the *Sword and Trowel*, attention was called to various forms of Christian usefulness, the care of orphan children amongst others. The article was good seed in good ground, for soon afterwards a lady (Mrs. Hillyard) wrote to Mr. Spurgeon offering to place \$100,000 at his disposal, for the purpose of founding an orphanage for fatherless boys. Hesitating at first to assume so vast a responsibility, at length, after consulting with friends, in whose judgment he reposed, the fund was invested in the name of twelve trustees, the ground purchased, and the work begun. It was surprising how the money came in and from whom. Friends appeared in all denominations. The work was plainly of the Lord. One who has examined the Orphanage says of it: "The families are large, about thirty boys in each house, but they are under the care of affectionate and diligent matrons, and everything is done to compensate for the loss of parental love and training. There is more of the 'home' than of the 'institution' in the atmosphere. To encourage home ideas, and for the sake of industrial training, the boys in turn assist in domestic work during the morning of the day; each boy's period of service being restricted to one week in six, servants being entirely dispensed with. A working cook superintends the kitchen, aided by the boys. No uniform is suffered. The boys differ in the clothes they wear, in the cut of their hair, and show all the variety of a large family. \* \* \* With all the care of a Christian father, situations are chosen for the lads where their spiritual interests will not be in danger; and when