

to good Mr. Barlow's memory, and will prove of invaluable assistance in the management of this branch.

An important department of the work is located at Gravesend. How this came into operation can, perhaps, be best described in Dr. Stephenson's own words. He says:

"As our work progressed, we found that there were many children who seemed to have a special claim upon our sympathy, who yet came so fairly within the provisions of the law that the aid of the State might very properly be sought for their maintenance. This led to the establishment of our *Certified Industrial School* at Gravesend."

The Industrial Schools' Act provides that any child who has committed a first theft, or who is found wandering, or begging, or without proper means of subsistence, or in the company of thieves, etc., may be taken before a magistrate, and committed to an Industrial School until the age of sixteen. This phase of the work has been remarkably successful. Hundred of lads have been trained for useful, happy lives, and the grateful letters written by many of them in after years testify to the excellence of the Christian training the Home has afforded them. There are also branches at *Ramsey* (Isle of Man) and *Alverstoke* (near Gosport).

Such, then, is a brief outline of the "Children's Home" and its work on behalf of the orphan and the outcast. The sole qualifications for admission into its shelter are *destitution and grave moral peril*. There are no limitations of sect, nationality, parentage, locality or age. Every possible endeavour is made to give priority of admission to the most *needy* cases, and it would gladly enlarge its borders if only the funds would permit. Dependent entirely upon voluntary contributions for its support, it appeals to the practical sympathy of all true lovers of their country, for the children of to-day will be the men and women of the future. During the twenty-one years of its existence, about 2,600 needy little ones have been taken into its friendly shelter, and upwards of 800 are now in residence. The success of the training may be judged from the fact that only about *one* per cent. turn out absolute failures, while hundreds are now in honourable positions; some preparing to enter the Christian ministry, and many others taking a zealous part in various forms of social and evangelical work.

It should also be stated that Dr. Stephenson has never limited his energies to the work of which he is the honoured Founder and Principal. In almost countless ways he has rendered willing service, not only to the Church of his early choice, but also to the