

ten boys of younger age, the orphans of respectable parents, who are boarded, clothed, and educated entirely in the Refuge, and in due time placed out in the world as opportunities offer :—

In most cases some small sum is paid by the friends of the orphan. This part of the scheme has been most successful; indeed, it is impossible to over-estimate the importance of taking boys of this class in hand from the first moment they are thrown on the world, and before they are exposed to the contaminations and temptations which destitution brings with it. Beyond the boys' portion of the building is a little room, plainly furnished, with a large work-table in the middle, which is called the women's work-room. Here any of the respectable women of the neighbourhood who choose to come may bring their work of an evening, and sit round in friendly chat or listen to the readings which are occasionally given. There is always a large attendance, particularly on the evenings when the Bible-class is held. Next comes the men's club, which is a good-sized room, well warmed and lighted, fitted up with comfortable chairs and little tables, and supplied with newspapers, periodicals, and a decent library. For those who cannot read there are draughts, backgammon, and other games; the walls are hung round with pictures, and altogether the room has a cosy, cheerful look, which must contrast very favourably with the dirty taprooms which most of the members at one time used to think the most comfortable place in their experience. Tea and coffee are supplied from the kitchen attached to the Boys' Refuge. The current expenses of this club are defrayed by the subscriptions of the members, who are getting now so numerous that additional accommodation will very soon have to be provided; In the long evenings last winter the club was occasionally crowded to inconvenience, and this year either another room will have to be provided or the members will overflow into the streets. Classes have been formed for the instruction of the members in various branches of education, at which the attendance is said to be very fair, and on the evenings when lectures are delivered, or musical entertainments given, the room is always filled. In another part of the building a Boys' Club, on the same principle as the men's has recently been opened, and has proved equally successful. In the rooms above are beds for eighteen needlewomen, who during the day are either employed out of doors or are allowed to work in the Women's Club-room, downstairs. A kitchen is also provided for them, where they can prepare their meals. Each pays eighteen pence a week for the accommodation received, and none are admitted without satisfactory references. At first it was feared that this part of the scheme would be a failure, for, owing to some oversight, several black sheep crept in, but when they were got rid of, and a stricter attention paid to the character of those admitted order was soon restored, and all have behaved since in the most exemplary manner. The sum they pay defrays all expense of rent, superintendence, firing &c., so that this part of the establishment is quite self-supporting. The applications for admission are numerous, but at present eighteen is the largest number the building will accommodate. The soup kitchen is on