

seventeen during the same period have been given out either in the way of adoption or of apprenticeship. But the Lady Managers having thus drawn your attention to the number of children, would in the next place seriously enquire, what would have been the probable fate of these sixty children were it not for this place of refuge so opportunely provided for them? Yes! what would have been their fate not merely in time but in eternity? Those who walk the streets of this rapidly increasing City can readily answer this momentous question. How often on such occasions are we shocked to hear the lisping lips of infancy uttering their Maker's name, but in angry imprecation or in blasphemy? How often do Parents hurry past such noisy groups lest their own children should be polluted by the obscene and ribald jest, with which their ears are greeted? Suppose then these sixty children again let loose upon society, and what a frightful increase of crime would be the result? But thanks be to God, it is not so; 'the Orphans' Home' has provided a shelter for them, it has snatched them from a life of infamy, and instead of suffering them to become the wretched victims of such scenes and such conduct as we have now described; it teaches them to 'remember their Creator in the days of their youth'—it trains them to be good and loyal subjects, to 'fear God and honor the Queen,' to 'obey Magistrates,' and that not from wrath only but also for conscience sake—but above all it teaches them their accountability to their God; it impresses on their infant minds the reality and the certainty of a future state, and that not only 'for every idle word they now utter, they must give an account on the Day of Judgment,' but also, that it is only by a patient continuance in well doing they can ever expect to attain to a blessed immortality."

Such are the blessings imparted to its children by the Orphans' Home, such the objects which the Lady Managers have ever in view, and for the attainment of which they are always ready to devote their best efforts; and this they say in no vain glorious spirit, they know well who has said, "Without me ye can do nothing," and, "that it is not by might or by power but by the Spirit of the Lord" that God's work is ever wrought. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood," it is 'the Spirit of the

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