

is the only "square meal" the child gets in twenty-four hours. One school served more than seventy-six thousand meals in a single year.

The literary education keeps pace, grade for grade, with that given in the public schools. Besides this, instruction is given in a number of trades and handicrafts, and little girls are taught to sew and to cook. "The trades selected," says the fifty-second annual report, "are elementary carpentering, cabinet-making, cobbling, basket-making, chair-caning, rug-weaving and simple forging. These classes are alternated with the ordinary school studies, and are found to be most helpful in making school attractive to the irresponsible, half-vagrant boys we teach. To-day there are hundreds of so-called incorrigible truants from the public schools attending our industrial schools, and while their work is crude, and their behaviour often bad, the teacher puts up with it patiently, realizing that this is the one last chance to wean the boys from their vagrant street life. If they can be induced to attend school for a year, it is found that, as a rule, they settle down to some degree of regularity, and acquire pride in skilful workmanship. They are then encouraged to seek work in factories and workshops, where their manual dexterity, such as it is, gives them an advantage in wages over other boys, and they settle down to become useful workmen. This is truly a victory, and it is the recollection of many victories which encourages our teachers to endure the aggravations and bad manners they must submit to in order to reach these wild lads." These boys, positive, stirring, full of initiative, will be powers for good or evil by the time they reach to man's estate. "The public schools," said my informant, "will not be bothered with them." Such boys are much more easily interested in handicrafts than in books, and the moral effects of industrial training are found to be excellent.

The report translates the halting and broken English of one happy father as follows:—"Only one year with a clean record in my boy's life, and that year spent in your manual training class! He has been discharged from every school in the district; he was a member of a gang of boys who lived in a car down on the flats; he used bad language, played craps and went with the gang to get lead pipes. Such a change! He loves his work; his mother couldn't get him to stay at home, for he said he might miss something." The same report says, "Our girls show a decided preference for the lessons in cookery, probably because so many are entrusted at home with the preparation of the daily dinner. They try to have it well on the way by the time mother returns from her work, so that little remains for her to do in order to complete the