

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHILDREN'S RESCUE HOME. NEWPORT, MON. 1925.

A wish has been expressed that a short account of the Children's Home should be published each year, with the list of subscribers, in order it may become more become fully known.

The Home has been in existence in Newport for just 40 years. When one of the Sisters of the Community of St. John Baptist-Clewer, Windsor, who was working in the poorer parts of Newport, realised how much such a Home was needed for poor neglected children.

The first Home was a row of houses connected with each other in Severn Terrace, close to St Woolos Church, and children from Newport were at first admitted. This plan, however, had to be abandoned, on account of the proximity of the parents and the children's knowledge of their old haunts. Children began then to be received from all parts of England and Wales, and the numbers increased rapidly.

In 1908, the present buildings at the top of Oakfield Road, were opened and blessed by the Bishop of Landaff; the money for the buildings having been raised through the vigorous efforts of the Sister Foundress, and the generous donation of her many friends.

The House provides accommodation for 30 children, 20 to 25 Industrial Girls and also the Sisters and Matrons. The children attend the County Council School of St. Woolos until they are 14, and then enter the different industrial departments for four years, and are trained as Laundry and Kitchen-maids or for House-parlour work. We seek domestic service for the girls away from Newport, and with families where other servants are kept, and there is much for them to learn after they leave the Home.

This year eight children have been admitted to the Home, and four girls have gone out to service. One girl was found too delicate for service so she helps us in the Workroom and we are most glad to keep her with us.

Children and girls all go to an old House on the Glamorganshire coast, which was bought many years ago, for three or four weeks every year, and bathe and paddle to their hearts content. They need this holiday to keep them in health and we would be grateful for any help towards sea-side expenses. The funds of the Home are supplied by voluntary subscriptions and donations; the payments for the greater number of the children; the Annual Sale in November; a Jumble Sale; and a 'pound day,' falling this year on April 4th.

Sometimes friends get up an entertainment for the benefit of the Home, or give the children a treat, such as a Char-a-banc ride in the summer or a Christmas Tree in winter.

The Home has no endowment or grant of any kind, and though hitherto we have managed to remain solvent, very necessary repairs and renewals have to be set aside for the more important items of food, clothing and fuel.

The Sisters would be very grateful for more subscriptions from Newport itself. Only six names in the accompanying list for 1924 belong to Newport; and though it has been found advisable not to receive children from Newport, yet the Town benefits considerably by the Institution, and more subscriptions from the Townspeople would be much valued.

SISTER FLORENCE, C.S.J.B., *Sister Superior*.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS, 1924.

| | £ | s | d | | £ | s | d |
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| Anon. | 10 | 0 | 0 | Malvern and Worcester Collection | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Payne | 1 | 0 | 0 | Miss Gresson | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Anon. | 1 | 10 | 0 | Miss Hall | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Pitman | 2 | 0 | 0 | Cheltenham Collection | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss B. Allen | 1 | 1 | 0 | Miss Hempson | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Miss Rodger | 1 | 0 | 0 | Binfield, Berks. Collection | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Countess of Beauchamp . | 2 | 0 | 0 | Mr. Layard | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Rhodes | 2 | 0 | 0 | Mr. Lovell | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Leonard Brown | 6 | 0 | 0 | Chepstow & Abergavenny Collection | 65 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. de Rougemont | 2 | 0 | 0 | Lady Mowbray | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. A. Bird | 1 | 0 | 0 | Miss Medley | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Redpath | 6 | 6 | 0 | Mrs. Maconachie | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Broadbent | 1 | 1 | 0 | Miss Noel | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. E. Steere | 10 | 0 | 0 | Miss Palairat | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Lady Cable | 37 | 16 | 0 | Donation | 53 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. J. Smith | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss de Capell-Brooke | 1 | 0 | 0 | | £442 | 7 | 6 |
| Miss Tilley | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Mrs. Cleeve | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss Trior | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss H. Coles | 2 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss Ward | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss Deane | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss Walter | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Mrs Ducat | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss Wintle | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Mrs. Eyre | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Balance of Dearden Legacy | 30 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss Houlker | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | | |