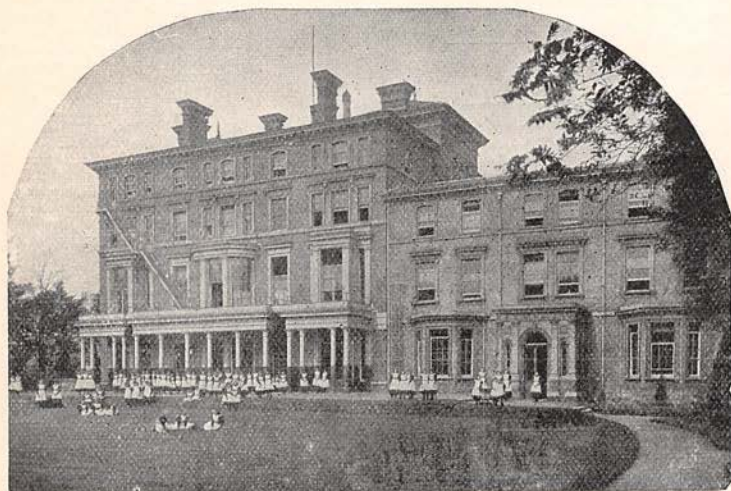




### The Orphan Asylum at Slough.

OUR picture shows a very fine building which is devoted to a very noble work. If readers of *The Sunday Strand* should visit Slough, they would be abundantly repaid if they should also inspect the British Orphan Asylum. It was instituted in the year 1827, and has always enjoyed the patronage of the royal family. His Majesty, King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, as well as the Prince and Princess of Wales, are patrons of this noble institution. It is especially devoted to the care of orphan children whose parents moved in the middle



classes of society. Perhaps this fact is one of its best credentials. The need of the waif and stray is so obvious that it is less likely to be overlooked, but the equal need of the child who has hitherto been well cared for, but who is left at the mercy of an unkindly world, is not always so apparent.

The average number of boys and girls maintained and educated in the Institution is upwards of two hundred, and it may well be supposed that to feed, clothe, and instruct this large family entails a very large expenditure. There are invested funds and annual subscriptions, certainly, which go far to meet this expenditure, but every year there is required at

least £4,000 in addition, which has to be obtained from more casual sources.

Visitors to Slough would be especially struck with the happy looks of the children who are there enjoying the comforts of a home and being fitted to enter upon the battle of life with a fair chance of success.

The Secretary is Mr. C. T. Hoskins, 62, Bishopsgate-within, London, E.C., and he will gladly give particulars of the work of the Institution to any who care to inquire.

### The Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society.

THE origin of this Society was a very simple one. A worthy, philanthropic medical man, Mr. John Rye, of Bath, had a friend, who had formerly been a pilot, and was in the habit of reading the newspaper to him. One morning their attention was arrested by an account of some fearful wrecks of fishing boats, attended with great loss of life, on the North Coast of Devon. Mr. Rye's friend asked him if there was any fund out of which help could be obtained for the relief of the families of these men. Mr. Rye made inquiries from the then Governor of Greenwich Hospital and found that there was none. Together they drew up a prospectus and presented it to Sir George Cockburn, Admiral of the Fleet, who heartily took the matter up, and from that day to this the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society has been doing its good work unostentatiously and very thoroughly. It is not only supported by the contributions of the charitable, but largely by payments of seamen themselves. It also gives rewards for saving life on the high seas. It has been instrumental of ridding the country of what used to be called "turnpike sailors" or "trampers," for the honorary agents of the Society always forward, direct to their destination, all genuine cases, thus leaving no excuse for begging.