

EIGHTEEN CHILDREN ARE CARED FOR AT NEW HOME

City's Newest Charity a Most
Worthy One and Deserv-
ing of Support.

The temporary home for convalescent children and children whose parents are ill with influenza, which has been arranged for in the Stayer mansion at Fourth and Walnut streets by the Kiwanis Club, opened yesterday morning and by early evening, eight-teen children ranging in age from a week to thirteen years had been admitted and were being cared for successfully.

Throughout the day the Kiwanis members, good high-hearted men, had extended visits to the place bringing clothing and equipment with every visit and today with satisfaction the result of their experiment. Every one of the cases was such as would have also justified the establishment of the place. If there had ever been any doubt of the need it was dispelled yesterday when parents and in the hospitals were brought in from cold and influenza, influenza being in fact a welcome from the group of young women who have volunteered their services to conduct the home as long as necessary to find lots of love and sympathy for play; to be entertained with music, games and songs, or to sit down to a splendid lunch served in a fine big dining room and at night to be tucked away in excellent beds in one or other of five big dormitories.

Miss Elizabeth Engleman, of the Italian street in charge. An expert check-book was accepted to prepare the book and a group of young women, who have been prominent in various phases of war work throughout the year, are their volunteer assistants.

The twenty-six fine large rooms in the home and all the arrangements for the purpose for which the home has been established. On the first floor there is a large playroom for the children, a dining room, kitchen and pantry, together with a room for physicians who may be called on.

In all the home is a splendidly furnished place for play in what was the ball at the head of the grand staircase. On this floor are five dormitories with 20 beds and cribs, several sets of baths and toilets and quarters for the nurse.

One of the most interesting incidents was that of a week-old baby whose mother died three days ago. It was found to require hospital treatment and was sent to the Allentown Hospital. Other cases include three children whose parents are in the hospital in the city and unable to care for the children. One case is that of four children whose father is in the hospital and the mother has gone home through worry. Through four of influenza all relatives had abandoned them.

From the disappointed shocked family one little son was brought to the child who happy had little in the company of his new friends.

Two talking machines were placed in the home together with a splendid assortment of classical records and books for children.

Kiwanis wishes to acknowledge with thanks several of contributions of cups, bedding, etc., from the following: H. R. High, secretary Kiwanis Club; Mrs. Herbert Meyer, Mrs. Catherine Longman, Mrs. Elaine Connor, Van H. Hines, Mrs. Morris W. Knapp, Mrs. Charles Zuckerman, Mrs. Herbert Paul, Mrs. J. J. Hoffmann, Mrs. Harry J. Miller, Mrs. George Hunsbuck, N. York, Rev. Charles Haber, Mrs. C. N. Naylor, Mrs. Wilhelmsen, Mrs. Morris Knapp, Mrs. John D. Hoffman, Jr., Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Florence (Leland) Ingers.

There is still great need of sheets, pillow cases, bedding of various sizes, and especially for children's clothing, as some of the cases now at the home are in need of clothing. One can scarcely imagine the conditions existing in some quarters of Allentown, but it is possible to assist.

If you know of any case that needs the attention and help of this home, get in touch with Charles Kline or Edith A. Baker and the help will be extended promptly. And then bring the clothing, or send your donations to our address, and we will do our best.

Such contributions for this work will be acknowledged in the paper on Monday. Checks should be sent to John Hilkey, treasurer of the Philadelphia Deposit and Trust Co., who is handling the funds.

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