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PARTING WORDS.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.

The time has come when you have to leave the Orphanage, in which for years you have enjoyed the comforts of a happy home and the teaching and training of a good school. I wish, therefore, as a Friend and Trustee, to offer you a few words of advice before you enter upon the more active duties of life.

Let me remind you that the great desire of the generous Founder of this institution was, not merely to provide for you during your residence in the Orphanage, but to

prepare you, while here, for occupying positions of usefulness and respectability after you have left us.

This is expressly stated in the Trust Deed executed by Sir Josiah Mason, and as you have never seen this interesting and important document, I give you a few extracts from it in illustration of the statement just made:—

“Proper arrangements shall be made by the Trustees for the instruction of the children, having due regard to their respective ages and capacities, in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar, arithmetic, geography, and history and such other subjects of general and useful knowledge as may be from time to time directed or authorized by the Trustees.”

“It is hereby declared to be the express wish and direction of the Founder that all the children shall be brought up in habits of industry, and that as far as practicable, the girls be instructed in sewing, baking, cooking, washing,

managing, and in all ordinary household and domestic duties, and in other useful knowledge, with a view to their being fitted to become useful members of society in those positions in life to which it may please God to call them, and which He may give them talents worthily to fulfil.”

Quite in accordance with the wish thus expressed, is the injunction inscribed on one of the beautiful windows of the Mausoleum Chapel that stands in the Orphanage Grounds, and which is as follows:—

“The Founder of the Orphanage to his Trustees concerning the Orphans:—

“They will be what you make them.

“Make them wise and make them good,

Make them strong in time of trial,

Teach them temperance, self-denial
Patience, kindness, fortitude.”

