

School for The Poor

Barnie's new school opens and is free for all.

Yesterday, at 9:30 on the streets of London, a wonderful man named Dr. Barnardo opened a free school for poor children. Barnie did this because he wanted to give poor children an education and a future.

At 7:30, Dr. Barnardo and the other staff arrived and made sure that the classrooms and facilities were ready. Then, a long and nervous hours later, the Mayor arrived and made an announcement. Finally, all of the children came running in through the huge doors.

As they entered, the children noticed the warming fire, lighting up the nicely decorated walls. Also, they saw slates and chalk on

the tables and some reading books. There were a couple of globes and other school equipment dotted around the room. There was also lots of bowls filled with lovely, warm food.

Earlier that day, Dr. Barnardo quoted, "I opened this school because I am very fond of children and I think everyone - rich or poor - deserves an education. We also provide children with warm food to eat and



Children waiting to go into school.

a nice shelter to work in. My hope for the future is that I will be given another wonderful chance like this to make more schools and the first homes for the homeless children." After this, a child called Lottie Crony (a girl who attends the school) exclaimed, "I am very lucky to come to this school. Before, I always had to try and steal food if I wanted some. Whereas here things are much better. I get an education, food, and a shelter to work in. I learn baking, sewing and housework. These things should help me in my later life."

Another child's parent also quoted, "I am extremely happy for my child and I believe he is getting a marvellous education. I myself am happy and glad that he is learning new skills that he can use at school and outside. I think that Dr Barnardo is a nice man and I think it is excellent that he gives up his time for poor children."

In the future, Dr Barnardo hopes to see and open more schools and homes for the poor. He also hopes that children continue enjoying their education.

