



## Comprehension

Dr. Barnardo

Barnardo, still only twenty-six years old, received many tempting offers of honourable, well-paid posts, but he felt his first duty was to the children and he would not desert them.

In 1873 he married a charming young woman who shared his interests. He told her that some months earlier a ragged little girl of eleven had knocked at the Stepney Home and inquired: "Please do you take in little gels?" Before their honeymoon was over, the young married couple had planned a Home for Girls.

This soon developed into a series of Cottage Homes—the Ilford Village Homes—where girls of different ages could live as in a normal family with a loving 'mother' to care for them. Soon the children improved in health and behaviour, had a happy carefree childhood, and as they grew older, were trained to earn their own livelihood.

In 1878 Barnardo offered free medical service to the poor. He opened a clinic in the East End of London and founded a medical mission.

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