

SCHOOL FOR SERVANTS

ORANGE HOUSEWIVES SUCCEED IN ESTABLISHING A NEW INSTITUTION.

Patrons Will Be Enabled to Secure the Services of Skilled Cooks, Waitresses, Butlers, and Valets—Ladies and Gentlemen Will Be Giving Chafing Dish Lessons—Miss Craig in Charge of the Work.

ORANGE, N. J., March 21.—The Domestic Training School, the institution of which many of the fashionable housewives of the Oranges have been dreaming for the past year or more, was at last formally opened this week, and is now in full operation at the building, 432 South Main Street, formerly occupied by the Shepard School of Music, and which is admirably arranged for the purpose. An artistic gold-lettered sign, bearing the inscription, "The Domestic Training School," has just been hung out in front, and the building is being suitably furnished throughout. Miss Sarah E. Craig, the Superintendent, who has just arrived from Cincinnati, where she was at the head of the Young Women's Industrial School, has everything now in hand and is confident that the school will be a great success.

This new school for servants is one of the few of this kind to be found in this vicinity, and has been established by the Woman's Improvement Society of the Oranges, mainly because of the agitation of



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the subject of domestic service conducted in the columns of THE NEW-YORK TIMES so exhaustively more than a year ago. At that time Mrs. Louis D. Gallison, the President of the society, read an able paper on the subject, in which she made copious extracts from the articles in THE NEW-YORK TIMES. Mrs. Edward F. Church of South Orange and other members of the society followed later with interesting papers on the subject, and the result was the appointment of a committee to raise a fund for the starting of a servants' training school. The women of the Oranges, who knew from sad experience the trouble which resulted from inexperienced domestics, took hold of the plan eagerly, and persuaded their husbands, including some of the most prominent men of this vicinity, to make subscriptions toward the establishment of the proposed school. The necessary amount was finally raised, and the house in South Main Street was leased, it being slightly altered to suit the requirements of the school. Miss Craig, who has a high reputation as a cook, an instructor, and an author on subjects of domestic economy, was then sent for, and engaged to come to Orange to take charge of the school. She arrived here last week, and was introduced to the members of the improvement society.

The Domestic Training School has been placed in charge of the following Board of Managers, as a distinct branch of the Improvement Association: Mrs. Edward F. Church, President; Mrs. William H. Williams, First Vice President; Mrs. Wilson Farrand, Second Vice President; Mrs. Robert Ward, Third Vice President; Mrs. Anna C. Sutherland, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Sylvester Judd, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Edward L. Kellogg, Treasurer; Miss Adeline Belknap, Mrs. Stephen A. Condict, Mrs. Augustus W. Dunning, Mrs. Edward H. Eckfeldt, Mrs. Louis D. Gallison, Mrs. Samuel Lord, Mrs. Edward P. Jones, Mrs. George L. Mitchell, Mrs. Edward W. Peckham, Mrs. William Riker, Jr., Mrs. Charles W. Schumann, Jr., Mrs. Norman B. Tillotson, Mrs. William Watt, Mrs. John S. Tilney, Mrs. Frederick L. Van Ness, Mrs. Frederick Worth, Mrs. Hamilton Wallis, and Mrs. Frank A. Wright. The several committees in charge are as follows: Finance—Mrs. Louis D. Gallison, Mrs. Wilson G. Farrand, Mrs. Stephen A. Condict; House—Mrs. Sylvester Judd, Mrs. Edward L. Kellogg, Mrs. Frederick L. Van Ness, Mrs. Edward W. Peckham, Mrs. Samuel Lord; Investigation—Mrs. Edward L. Kellogg, Mrs. Norman B. Tillotson, Mrs. William Watt; Press—Mrs. Anna C. Sutherland.

Over 100 subscribers to the school have already been secured, each of whom is to pay \$10 a year, which will entitle them to secure trained servants, graduates of the school. An employment bureau is also to be established in connection with the school where any servants bringing good recommendations may register. The use of this bureau will be granted for an annual subscription of \$5 per year. In the school building the office of Miss Craig occupies the front room. Back of this is the dining room, where table board will be furnished to those who desire it, thus furnishing training for the cooks, waitresses and butlers, who may be pupils at the school. Behind the dining room is a fine large kitchen and butler's pantry, and up stairs are eight sleeping apartments for pupils at the school, and also the apartments of the Superintendent, who will be at the school all the time. All the rooms are attractively furnished. Miss Craig was seen by THE NEW-YORK TIMES'S correspondent in her office the other day, when she seemed very enthusiastic over her work, for she had just received into the school two ignorant girls, whom she had just begun to mould into accomplished servants. Miss Craig said the committee already had quite a number of applications from would-be pupils, and there are any number of ladies ready to give them good positions as soon as they shall graduate. The course of instruction will cover a period of from three to six months, according to the previous knowledge had by the pupils, and all kinds of servants, including cooks, waitresses, butlers, chambermaids, nurses, and valets will be trained. All pupils will be practically guaranteed good positions upon a satisfactory completion of the course. No charge is made for tuition, the pupils being supposed to give their services in return for their board and instruction, but when they get positions they will be expected to return a small part of their earnings to the school. One or two permanent boarders may be taken at the school, and any number of special classes in the housewifely arts will be formed. What will probably prove a great fad will be the chafing dish lessons, which Miss Craig will give to classes of fashionable young gentlemen as well as young ladies. It is proposed to make the school entirely self-sustaining, and orders from private families for all sorts of cooking—pies, cakes, and salads—will be filled. Teachers, governesses, companions, music teachers, readers, coachmen, gardeners, &c., are invited to register at the employment bureau of the school. Miss Craig will have one or two assistants after the school has been fairly started.

The Improvement Society held a big loan exhibition in the Decker Building this week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, for the benefit of the school, and a good sum was realized. Some very rare paintings, art curios, and antiquities belonging to residents of the Oranges were shown.