

The Myers Kindergarten

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The building known as the Myers' Kindergarten and School for Backward Children, has been recently completed in Auckland. It is situated on a piece of land presented to the city by the Hon. A. Myers and known as Myers' Park. Mr. Myers bought up a piece of land of the "slum" type, cleared away the houses and generously made a gift to the city, with the result that the fine new kindergarten now stands, an ornament to the city, in place of one of

A very essential feature has been kept in mind, namely: that the successful training of men and women is undoubtedly attributed to the groundwork received when young, and here the little ones are taken from the playground of the street and taught to live the beautiful.

In front of the kindergarten each child has a small flower bed set aside. Flower boxes are placed on the sills of the windows in the building which



North East View of the Myers Kindergarten, Myers Park, Auckland.

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those evils of the modern city generally dubbed "slumland."

The building, beautifully situated on a rising portion of the ground in the park surrounded by grassy slopes, shrubs and foliage gives the whole effect a picturesqueness which must bear a wholesome influence on the minds of the children. The whole of the works have been most carefully thought out in every minute detail; one notices at once the hygienic properties in the construction throughout, there are no square angles in the building where dust can be collected, all external and internal angles of the walls, floors and ceilings are rounded, not with the usual attempt at rounding angles but one that can be seen which leaves no excuse for the accumulation of dirt.

will give a brightness to the rooms when the flowers are in bloom.

The general equipment is such that the child is taught to do everything for itself. The door handles are placed sufficiently low to enable a child of very tender years to open the door. The lavatory basins and the other sanitary fittings are especially adapted for their use, and the hat and coat hooks are of such a length that a child has no difficulty in hanging up its own clothes thereby forming habits of cleanliness and tidiness.

The kitchen is so arranged that a child can, with the exception of handling boiling water, provide a meal for himself, and afterwards wash up and put away the crockery used. A cupboard containing the plates, cups, biscuits, etc., is placed upon the