

# Further expansion of City Mission

**T**HE Melbourne City Mission, which cares for 350 to 400 people in its homes, and touches 2000 people every week through its 13 activities, is again expanding.

At its Judge Book Memorial Village, Eltham, where it has nearly 200 elderly residents, it is building a large recreation hall to accommodate 250, and another 14 single bedrooms.

It hopes to put up another sick bay of 20 beds, which will bring the total of sick beds to 43.

The Judge Book Village was opened in September, 1956, and its present matron, Miss M. E. Greenwood, has been on the staff from the beginning.

**Hartnett House**, in Albion Street, Brunswick, has a toddlers' and babies' home and a separate home for unmarried mothers.

Here the mission proposes to start building immediately a matron's cottage facing Austin Terrace, and a cottage home for eight children and staff quarters on a new piece of ground it has just bought adjoining the main home.



**WITH** a smile and a scowl these two babies look out upon a new world. They are receiving special care from Sister Sylvia Eldridge at Hartnett House.

Sister Ruth Hayes, assists the matron in the babies' and toddlers' home.

And, casting a benign eye over them all is genial Mr. J. T. Tacey, a retired baker, who acts as maintenance missionary.

Swinborn Lodge, in Argo Street, South Yarra, once known as the Elizabeth Fry retreat for girls, was founded by the Swinborn family of Quakers 89 years ago and handed as a gift to the City Mission in 1943.

The mission changed both the name and the policy in 1957, transformed it into a hostel, bright, attractive

and comfortable, for the troubled girls from court and did away with the old laundry where girls were once compelled to work under drab conditions.

Now they go out to work on trust and in place of the old laundry there are 11 single bedrooms.

"The girls rapidly improve in health with the regular meals and hours." Scots-born matron Mrs. Jean I. Sutherland said. Matron is assisted by her daughter, Miss J. Sutherland.

The mission has conducted this home for years without any recognition of the Government, but now is asking for Government approval as a girls' hostel and is seeking the support of the Social Welfare department.

## Special care

In addition to its original purpose of caring for the mothers and their babies, this home also takes toddlers and works in conjunction with the hospitals in nurturing babies needing special care.

Matron T. E. Kiely, who is officially recognised as one of the leading figures in child adoption in Victoria, has a big family of about 56 toddlers and babies, as well as 24 waiting mothers and a staff of 12.

"This is a lovely service for humanity, to nurture these children along," lovingly remarked Sister Sylvia Eldridge who, with

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