

A HOME FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS AT MIRFIELD.—
St. Agnes' Home, Mirfield, an institution for waifs and strays in connection with the Church of England Society for providing such Homes, was opened last Saturday afternoon by the Bishop of Wakefield. The proceedings commenced with a service held in the Mirfield Parish Church. His Lordship preached a short sermon, taking his text from St. Matthew 10th chapter and last verse. The Bishop, clergy, and congregation walked in processional order to the new Home, which is near the church. His Lordship formally declared the building open for the purpose which it is intended to serve. The Home comprises a villa with three rooms on the ground floor and four large bedrooms. There is accommodation for twelve girls, but at present there are only six in the institution. Tea was provided at the National School, Mirfield, after which a meeting took place. The Rev. H. Walsham How, Vicar of Mirfield, presided.—The Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, Vicar of Dewsbury, said that every Church person in the diocese would be more or less interested in St. Agnes' Home. Similar institutions had been established in other parts of the country, and he believed that, being conducted in the name of religion, they had greater spiritual force and moral energy than other agencies under State control. He should not be surprised if the Home at Mirfield had to be enlarged to accommodate 100 children in a short time.—Addresses were also delivered by Canon Kirby, Barnsley, the Rev. J. A. Seaton, Cleckheaton, and Mr. F. Ellis, J.P., Dewsbury.—There was also a sale of St. Chad's hosiery and of fancy articles in aid of the Diocesan Fund.