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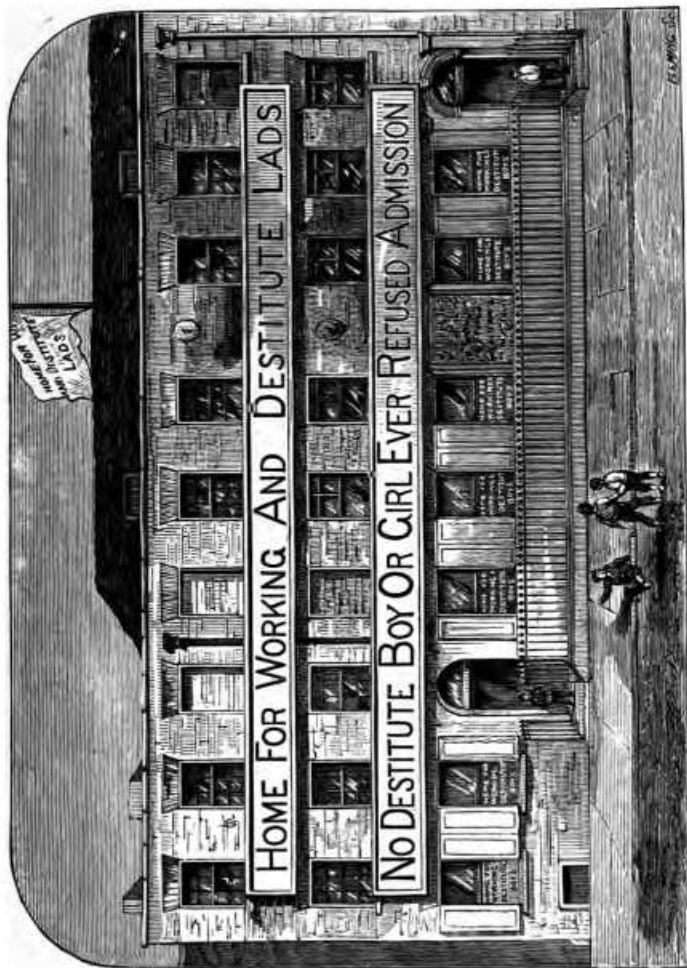
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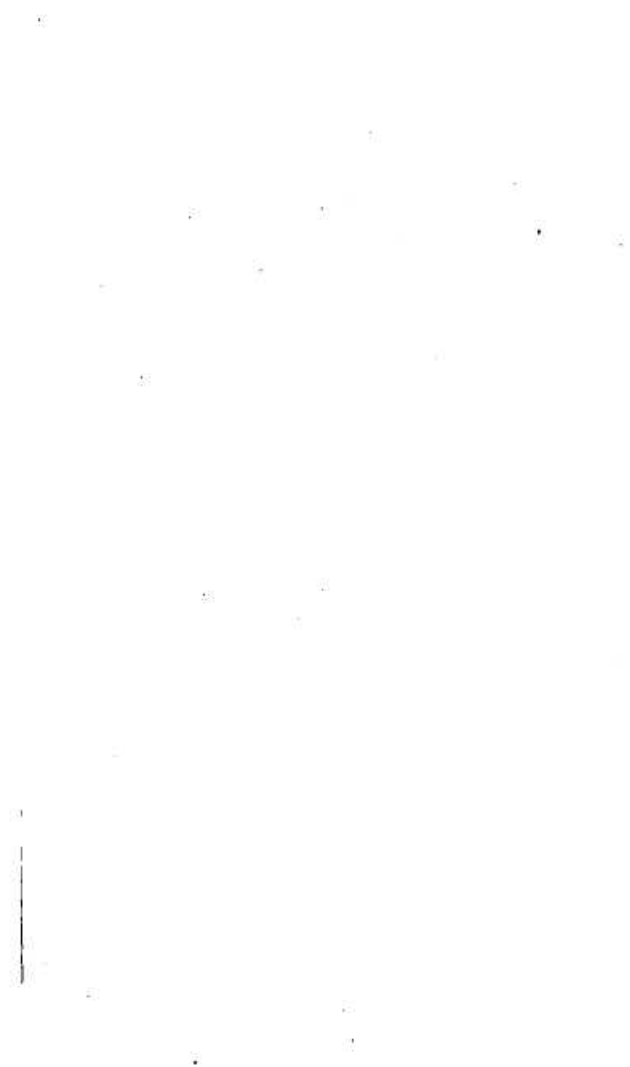
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## INTRODUCTION.

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SOME few years ago Charles Dickens wrote one of his most touching and tender sketches of places he visited in the streets of London, and called it 'A Star in the East.' It was a description of the Children's Hospital, in the East End of our great city; a noble charity, begun in the simplest and homeliest manner, and too quickly consecrated by the early death of its founder.

Since then another Star has arisen in the East. The hospital deals with sick children only, taking them from their miserable homes, and nursing them carefully and gently through a few weeks of suffering, which are rendered almost pleasant from contrast with the rest of their sad experience, and then perforce returning them to their unhealthy dwelling-places. But the Industrial Home which is planted there, little more than a stone's throw from its elder charity, lifts the children it can admit within its walls, right away from the present misery, and the future degradation to which they are exposed; and setting their young feet fairly upon the lowest of those 'great