

THE PARK RIDGE HOME.

The following letter is a reply to the one sent by the Frederick Douglass Center to the Illinois Industrial School for Girls:

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 30.—To the Frederick Douglass Center: The board of the Illinois Industrial School begs to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 20th inst., inquiry concerning the policy of the school regarding its colored wards.

Replying thereto the board desires to assure you that it has but one policy for all its wards.

When the change was made from Evanston to Park Ridge, the wards were of necessity placed in homes pending the building at Park Ridge. As cottages have been built, these wards have been transferred from such homes to Park Ridge. At present we have 75 girls there, 14 at Hep-sibah, 14 at Mrs. Covington's and 36 still in independent homes. As rapidly as may be these children will be moved to Park Ridge. In the meantime the board feels that the wards at Mrs. Covington's are better cared for than at any time during its guardianship of them and is using its utmost endeavor to improve conditions still further. The children attend the public school and have the same teacher in domestic science as at Park Ridge.

The board wishes to express its appreciation of the interest of the Center in these children and to assure you that should you be able to place the children to better advantage the board of the industrial school will cheerfully yield its guardianship of such children.

Very truly yours,

ELLEN M. HENROTIN,
President.