

land. Few, if any, laws for the alleviation of the distress of neglected and oppressed children appeared on the Statute books of Great Britain at the commencement of the reign of Victoria the Good, but during her long lifetime numerous enactments came into force, looking to the amelioration and social uplift of the children of the very poor, and these laws were for the most part the result of the unremitting efforts of men (and women as well) whose hearts had been stirred by the injustice done these unoffending little ones. A civilization that makes no provision for the perishing children in its midst—children perishing for lack of love and care, no less than for lack of food and raiment—is a civilization unworthy the name, and is happily a condition of things now quickly passing away.

Men like the late Dr. Barnardo have conferred an inestimable benefit, not simply on suffering humanity, but on those classes of humanity who were living in more or less guilty ignorance of the duty they owed to their suffering brothers and also indirectly to the State. Who shall say which was the more important result of his life's labours?