

CHRISTMAS APPEAL
FOR
The Hospital for Sick Children

Dear Mr. Editor,—
Thanks for your kindness in allowing me the privilege of appealing at this Christmas time on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

I make this direct appeal to the people of Ontario, for the fathers and mothers of Ontario, outside the City of Toronto, have precisely the same claim for their sick children as regards the privileges of the Hospital, as parents who reside in this city.

In brief the sick children from any place in Ontario whose parents cannot afford to pay, is, on certificate from a municipal officer of any city, town, village or township, treated free.

This is a privilege not granted by any Hospital in the Dominion, or on this Continent.

Let me, in a few words, state that in the last 20 years, since 1891, there have been 4,731 patients from 450 places outside of this city treated free, as the parents were unable to pay for treatment. Last year 384 patients from 234 places outside Toronto were so treated.

The Hospital is not a city but a Provincial institution. The Corporation of Toronto grants \$18,000, not only for city children, but towards the maintenance of every patient in the Hospital, and the citizens of Toronto donate an average of \$10,000 to the maintenance fund of the Hospital.

It would take more space than you can spare to tell of the good work done for the sick and deformed children of this Province.

Why, in the Orthopedic department in 20 years, nearly 700 children, boys and girls, have been treated for club feet, and about 600 were corrected. Two-thirds of these came from places outside of Toronto, from parents who could not afford to pay.

Surely we have a fair claim for help from the people of this Province.

Every day is Christmas to the child whose little life is saved, or whose crippled limb is straightened with the might of money—your money—and the mercy of the Hospital.

Will you, the reader of this letter, think of what your dollar will do? It helps to restore health and strength, and gives sound limbs and straight feet to crippled boys and girls.

You give wealth to the Hospital, and the Hospital gives health to the children.

Yes, your money can put golden hinges on the door of the Hospital's mercy.

Will you, kind reader, help us and send a spare dollar to Douglas Davidson, the secretary-treasurer of the Hospital, or

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Chairman of the Trustees, Toronto.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

Wesley Stonehouse, aged 18, son of Mr. John Stonehouse, died at his father's home, Forest, on Thursday, after an illness of some time. The funeral was held on Sunday to the Beechwood cemetery.



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CURIOS RESERVOIRS.

The Use to Which Baobab Trees Are Put in Africa.

People of the Kordofan province, Africa, use baobab trees as reservoirs for the scanty water of that district. The trees have to be prepared carefully for this use. The large branches are first cut off near the trunk. If this is not done the trunk is apt to split as soon as it is hollowed out. A hole is cut in the trunk, generally just above a branch, which serves as a platform for the man who is filling the tree, and the interior is hollowed out. Round the bottom of the tree a shallow basin some twenty or thirty feet in diameter is made, in which the rainwater collects. As soon as there is a storm the people go out and fill their trees. The water so stored remains perfectly good until the end of the next hot weather or even longer. A few trees, naturally hollow, have a hole at the top between the branches and fill themselves, the branches catching the water and acting as gutters. These are called "lagal," and are highly valued.

The system gives a cistern twenty feet high and from eight to ten feet or even more in diameter. Owing to the labor involved in preparing and filling the trees water is usually bought and sold, and on the main roads where there is much traffic, as between Nahrud and Jebel of Hilla on the way to El Fasher, the capital of Darfur, the people do a regular trade by supplying merchants and travelers with water.

The bucket, called a "diwa," consists of a piece of leather suspended by strings six inches long, from a piece of wood bent in a circle, to which the rope used for drawing the water is fastened by three or four strings. On reaching the bottom of the well the leather opens out and collects the water, however little there may be.—Chicago News.

FAIRLY WARNED.

The Old Crook's Advice to His Brilliant Young Pupil.

"All this easy talk about 'honest graft,' said an author, 'makes me tired. There isn't any such thing. 'Honest' graft is on a par with the point of view of an incorrigible old crook I ran across when I was doing police work on a Chicago paper years ago. The venerable reprobate had a son about eighteen years old, whom he had carefully trained to follow in his own footsteps. They lived together, and every night the old man used to make the boy fork over the proceeds of the day's pocketpicking, allowing him just enough to live on.

"Finally the young crook began to rebel inwardly, and one night, after a particularly good day's haul, he secretly pawned a diamond scarfpin and kept the money himself. He gave the old thief the rest of the swag, however, and it was so goodly a pile that he opened his heart and handed the astonished boy \$5 and told him to go to a prizefight or somewhere and enjoy himself. So the boy began to put on his only glad rags. But he seemed strangely silent and distraught. The old man noticed it and demanded to know what was the matter and if the \$5 wasn't enough, and so on.

"Suddenly the lad burst into tears. 'Giv' me,' he sobbed, 'I ain't no right to this five spot. Here's \$10 I got on a pin today, and I was goin' to hold it out on you.'

"The old crook took the money and gazed with sadness upon his child. 'Son,' he said, 'I want to tell you one thing. Take it from me, folks that gets money that way will never, never come to no good.'—New York World.

**A BAD BACK
Is a Sign that the Kidneys are Sick.**

A bad back turns every twenty-four hours into one dull round of pain and misery—you are lame in the morning, nagged all day by a dull throbbing back-ache, can't rest in the evening or sleep well at night. It hurts to bend over, straighten up, get up from a chair, or lift even a light weight. Any sudden twist, turn or awkward movement sends a tearing twinge of pain through



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A large number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brent, London Road, gathered together at the latter's home Thursday evening of last week to bid them farewell before Mr. Brent moved to his farm on the 2nd line, Plympton.

Worms derange the whole system. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator derange the worms and gives rest to the sufferer. It only costs 25 cents to try it and be convinced.

The Sombra Outlook and Courtright Tribune have amalgamated. Mr. D. Fresco is the new manager.

The ladies of St. George's church, Sarnia, cleared \$290.85 at their tea on Nov. 30th.

The Strathroy Curling Club will have a membership of upwards of fifty this season.

Shiloh's Cure
quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heals the throat and lungs. 25 cents.
Judge Dowling held division court the other day in Bothwell, and is said to have established a new record in disposing of 11 cases in 10 minutes. He struck the town at noon while the litigants were at dinner, and dismissed the cases as fast as they came up.

Gas Distended His Stomach

Caused Palpitation, and Prevented Sleep—When Health Was Gone, Cure Followed Use of "Nerviline."

"My last wish will be," writes Harry P. Follard, a well-known boot and shoe traveler of Hartford, "that every one with a bad stomach may learn as I did, before it's too late, that Nerviline is the one remedy to cure. Why, I was in mighty bad shape, my digestion was all wrong, and every night I would awaken with a start and find my heart jumping like a threshing machine. This was caused by gas on my stomach pressing against my heart.

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