

Many a young one's heart was cheered by the invitation and the workers of the

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FUND

left no stone unturned to have all deserving youngsters present. In addition to those who had got invitations, no little one was refused admittance. The result was that before the feasting and merriment commenced at seven o'clock the body of the hall and the first gallery had as many of the juvenile fraternity as it could hold. Fully 1,600 were present. All were happy as could be. A bag of candies and cakes was handed to each on entering. For this great distribution a staff of ladies were in attendance. The stock from which all was taken included:

350 dozen buns.
300 pounds fruit cakes.
450 pounds candies.
4 barrels apples.
100 pounds raisins.

To the philanthropist a more pleasant and gratifying sight than the assembled children could not be had, and while they feasted and waited longing eyes were cast at the screen which was to disclose the wonders and marvels of the evening. The buzz of voices was entertaining, but never did it approach noisiness or discordance. All the children seemed to acknowledge and appreciate the fact that an effort was being made to entertain them. Enclosed in each "baggy" was a neat Christmas card, bearing the imprint of a tiny maiden holding in her hand a basket of flowers, and bearing the following words:

These roses that I send you
Will quickly fade away,
But the love that I send with them
Will last for aye and aye,
And though this Christmas morning,
Many presents you receive,
That none bring better wishes
I trust you will believe.