

In the course of the twelve months, 9,785 children were fed, clothed, educated, and maintained by Dr. Barnardo, and at the present moment the number actually in residence in the various Homes, and dependent upon them for support, is but a few short of the immense total of 7,000. Dr. Barnardo's Homes are, in fact, becoming the recognized National Organization for befriending and caring for the children who, from whatever cause or circumstances, are left in destitution and want. Such children are freely admitted, at any hour of the day or night, on no other plea than their destitution and need, without payment or promise of payment, without process of election, or the exercise of influence, with no other delay or formalities than establishing the fact of the condition of destitution. Children are received of all ages, from the helpless infant of days to the grown lad or girl almost on the verge of manhood or womanhood, who has fallen in "hard luck" and is friendless in the world. No question of religion, sect, creed, nationality, colour or physical condition is a barrier. "No destitute child ever refused admission" is writ large over the door of Dr. Barnardo's Receiving Homes that have now been established in most of the principal towns and cities in England, and within whose shelter these thousands of boys and girls have been gathered during the last year. The financial support given to the Homes during the year by the free-will offerings of benevolent people, in large sums and small, has exceeded by the magnificent sum of \$160,258.50 the income of the previous year, the donations received amounting to a total of \$868,640.84. We are sure that when they read these figures and realize what noble results have been accomplished, there will be a ready and warm response in the hearts of all Dr. Barnardo's old boys and girls in Canada to the appeal that he makes to his friends and fellow workers throughout the

world to unite with him in grateful praise and humble thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, whose gracious Hand has alone given the increase, and whose Divine Spirit has touched the hearts of His people everywhere to give thus willingly and generously to His cause.

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The Director. We have been taken severely to task in the highest quarters for having published in

previous issues of *UPS AND DOWNS* what are spoken of as sensational reports respecting Dr. Barnardo's health, and for making ourselves alarmists on the subject. We have been unkindly reminded of the people who were in fear where no fear was, and have been given to understand that the function of *UPS AND DOWNS* is not to issue disquieting bulletins regarding the condition of health of the Director of the Institutions. We are always submissive to orders, and having been bidden to "shut up" on the subject, henceforth we are mum; but we may permit ourselves the pleasure of informing our readers that when we met the Doctor in London a month ago, we came to the conclusion that we had never seen him looking better or more full of activity and energy. We should certainly not expect to be believed if we were to record the number of hours that have constituted the Doctor's day's work during the past winter. We can hear the midnight chimes ourselves when, for instance, grinding out copy for *UPS AND DOWNS*, and be at the desk again at six in the morning; but we are drones and idlers as contrasted with the continuous super-high pressure at which the Doctor works. Telegrams, letters marked "urgent and immediate," public addresses, interviews of the most important character, and with all sorts and conditions of men follow each other in bewildering succession; at one moment he is instructing an architect in some highly technical detail concerning the sanitary appointments of a new Institu-