

The following, taken from a letter written recently by Dr. Barnardo to the chairman of a meeting at which the Founder and Director had hoped to be present, will be read with interest by every one of our friends. From the hopeful, cheerful tone in which he writes, it is evident that Dr. Barnardo is making progress toward recovery. Though his progress is slow, it is something for which we are all devoutly thankful, and that the day of restoration to his old-time health and vigour may not be long delayed is, we are sure, the earnest prayer of every "Barnardo boy" in Canada:

"I regret to say I am *strongly advised not to attempt* to be present at the meeting on Friday, and to strictly avoid for a while all meetings of every kind, and all causes of excitement. I, therefore, very reluctantly abandon the hope I had entertained of taking some part in the meeting convened for to-morrow, and can only ask you to offer in my name *my hearty and sincere gratitude* to all the assembled friends for the great sympathy they have exhibited during my distressing illness. I never knew I had so many friends before, and my heart is full of gratitude to God as I think of the thousands of warm-hearted servants of Christ who have been raised up to support His work in your and my hands, and, for the work's sake, to think so kindly of the workers. During the last few weeks, while I have been cut off from all active share in the management of the Homes, everything has been carried on by my tried and trusty colleagues in an admirable manner, and all the arrangements for to-morrow's meeting have been in their hands. Everything that would save me from trouble or anxiety has been done with the most solicitous kindness, and, as I have often said before, I do not believe that any philanthropic or Christian work anywhere has more enthusiastic and single-eyed servitors than ours; nor has any chief of a mission enterprise more loyal colleagues and comrades than I.

"Before bringing this letter, already too long, to a close, I desire, for the information of all who are interested, to add that although the suddenness and alarming character of the attacks from which I have suffered during the last two months have compelled me to relinquish my share in my beloved work for a season, I am assured by each and all of the three medical men, under whose care I have been and still am, that I may confidently expect, by the blessing of God, to be able to resume my usual duties after a while, and that if certain changes are effected in my hours of daily labor and in other matters relating to the management of my health, I may hope for some years to come, if it be God's will, to continue to occupy the position it has been my privilege and joy to hold for so long.

"If spared until to-morrow I shall have reached my fiftieth year, and although deeply sensible of many wasted opportunities for serving Christ (opportunities which can never return, but are gone forever) and of much failure and imperfection in what has been accomplished, I cannot but also look back upon innumerable mercies, and upon the continued and unceasing goodness of God vouchsafed, spite of failure, to His unworthy servant; and I would ask all present at the meeting to give God thanks *alone*, the Creator rather than the creature, for what has been accomplished; to praise His name to whom alone the praise and honor are due! 'Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.'"

MEDAL WINNERS

FAC-SIMILE OF LONG SERVICE MEDAL.  
AWARDED BY DR. BARNARDO.

We have the sincerest pleasure in publishing the following list of the names and addresses of boys who have recently received Dr. Barnardo's silver or bronze medal in recognition of the way in which they have faithfully fulfilled their engagements and earned good characters by industry and merit. Some of these lads have been six and even seven years in the same place, and in every case there has been an unblemished record. They are now, we consider, fairly launched in life, able to look after their own affairs, and each lad to paddle his own



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canoe, and Dr. Barnardo presents the medals as an expression of his approval and pleasure at their good conduct while they have been under his care, and of his good wishes for their future success and welfare in life.

We wish we could publish a picture and sketch of each of our prize-winners, but considerations of space will not permit of our presenting more than three. They are good representatives of the others, neither better nor worse, and the story in each case, as well



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as in the others, may be summed up by saying that they have done their best and done well.

JOHN R. HEAD is now in his fourth year in the country. He is an "old hand" at Stepney and had been several years in the Home before he came to Canada. John did not take kindly to farming at first and found it uphill work to begin with. But we strenuously persuaded him to "stick to" it and put his shoulder bravely to the wheel. And our advice was well bestowed. John is now a stalwart and energetic young farmer, and realizes that there is a future before him. He has an idea of setting up for himself before long, and, in company with his "chum," Douglas Ellis—another of the right sort—getting a place of their own. That they will accomplish their aim, we have little doubt, and we heartily wish them God speed.

WILLIAM DEWBURY has not eaten the bread of idleness during the past five years, and that he has kept his situation for this length of time is highly creditable to him. Year by year Mr. Griffith has brought us the same excellent report from his annual visit, and no one has better earned the silver medal we have had so much pleasure in presenting to him.

GEORGE L. SWADDLING—a good boy, and a good record of five years' faithful service. George has now the world before him and a hundred dollars in the bank at his back, and we look forward with the fullest confidence to his doing well in the future. He has earned the esteem and regard of those who know him, and the moral for our readers that we draw from George's history is, "Go and do thou likewise."

The other boys whose long service and good conduct have recently been rewarded with a medal from Dr. Barnardo are:

- HERBERT C. CAVE, Box 35, Tweed P.O., who came to Canada in August, '89.
- VALENTINE TURNER, care of Mr. Stewart Stinson, Mono Mills; June, '89.
- CHAS. W. LEACH, care of Mr. A. Stewart, Woodbridge; April, '90.
- ARTHUR H. SMITH, Mount Elgin; April, '90.
- JOHN HESLOP, Warkworth; April, '90.
- CHAS. E. LAWRENCE, care of Mr. F. Crossley, Jura; June, '90.
- WM. LUFF, care of Mr. R. Patterson, Zimmerman; June, '90.
- WM. WHEELER, care of Mr. Alva Lane, Warkworth; April, '90.
- WM. C. DREWRY, care of Mr. J. B. Muir, Avonbank; April, '89.
- FRANK SINCLAIR, care of Mr. J. Rainey, Cookstown; April, '88.
- GEORGE HART, care of Mr. G. Lee, Chatham; June, '90.
- PETER CONNELL, care of Mr. R. Jackson, Cumnock; June, '89.
- JOHN ALLEN, Blackwell; April, '91.
- FRANK W. STEVENS, care of Mr. A. Andrews, Watford; April, '91.
- JOSEPH LEWIS, care of Mr. Henry Culver, Port Hope; June, '91.
- GEORGE SUMMERSBY, care of Mr. C. Atkinson, Newport; June, '91.
- WILLIAM HENRY BRAY, care of Mr. John Cropper, 464 Cannon street East, Hamilton; June, '88.
- JOHN MOULDEN, care of Mr. W. F. Young, Dunlop; August, '91.
- WM. PICKERING, care of Mr. Alex. Morrison, Smithdale; August, '91.
- DAVID A. LLOYD, care of Mr. John Shale, Exeter; March, '92.
- GEORGE MANNING, care of Mr. W. T. Bowman, Ilderton; March, '92.
- JOHN H. WATSON, care of Mr. J. Keats, Chatham; April, '90.
- ERNEST T. ARGENT, care of Mr. W. Stewart, Cedar Mills; June, '89.
- EDWARD SKENNEL, care of Mr. Edward McCracken, Rosemont; March, '92.
- CHAS. E. NANSON, Thamesville; July, '92.
- HORACE G. SHARPE, care of Mr. Donald Brown, Riverstown; July, '92.
- ALFRED BUSH, care of Mr. A. Winger, Wardsville; March, '92.
- WILLIAM HENRY STEPHENS, care of Mr. J. Bickley, Ealing; July, '92.
- CHRISTMAS ASPINALL, care of Mr. J. M. Shier, Leaskdale; March, '93.
- PETER ASPINALL, care of Mr. D. Walker, Leaskdale; March, '93.
- ALBERT CARPENTER, care of Mr. T. Reid, Branchton; March, '93.
- JOHN HAYES, care of Mr. Samuel L. Billings, Leaskdale; March, '93.
- ALFRED HOLLYFIELD, care of Mr. W. Ramage, Dromore; March, '93.
- ERNEST HAWTHORNE, care of Mr. F. W. Howe, Arnprior; March, '92.
- FRANCIS ORPWOOD, care of Mr. R. Staples, Lifford; March, '93.
- DANIEL BARLOW, care of Mr. C. McFadyen, Glamis; June, '93.
- AS. E. DAVIS, care of Mr. John Lamb, Nassagaweya; June, '93.
- DOUGLAS WILLIAM ELLIS, care of Mr. J. Stephens, Ballymote; June, '93.
- CHARLES WILLIAM SMITH, care of Mr. J. C. Campbell, Melbourne; August, '93.