

"starved, and was picked off the streets in London, and my parents "were drunkards." This is but repeating the language of those who take these children to Canada; language that, applied to workhouse children, is as mischievous as it is unfounded. Nor is the mode in which these children are sometimes distributed and the conditions upon which they are placed in service less calculated to prejudice them in the eyes of the Canadian people. I was informed by an official at New London that only last summer Miss Rye took up there some 50 children, who, having been lodged and fed by the charity of the town, were next morning marched to the Town Hall, where applicants for them inspected them and selected them, each according to his or her fancy. My informant was naturally astonished to hear from me, that for the emigration of the pauper children the Guardians had paid eight guineas per head, at least double the sum that it could have cost to get them to their destination. The stipulation for the service of these children is, that for the first year the employer is to pay in clothing 30 dollars. But each child has an outfit sufficient for the first year, so that the employer gets the child's service merely for its maintenance. Employers may naturally feel that none but children the most destitute would in such a country as Canada be bound to serve upon such terms. No class of Canadians would consent to accept such terms of service for their own children.

It is to be regretted that some of the Union authorities do not manage to keep up regular communication with their own emigrant children. The teachers would do so I am sure if they could but know what store a child so far away sets by a letter or a word of news "from home." Even the little that I could tell made me a welcome visitor to a few of them of whose schools and teachers I happened to know something. One very bright intelligent child from a London District school, however, did not conceal her disappointment when her mistress called her in to see me. Having heard that an Inspector from England had come out to see her and the other children she had been counting, she told me, upon seeing, not a stranger, but her old friend Mr. Tuffnel.

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APPENDIX.

A.

Copy of Circular distributed in Canada by Miss Rye.

"Our Western Home, Niagara, Ont.,

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"The children vary in age from 9 to 12 years, are all Protestants, and nearly all absolute orphans, are bound (when not adopted) till they are 18 years old, on the following terms, viz., "up to 15 years old they are to be fed, clothed, and sent to Sunday school. From 15 to 17 they are not clothed, but paid \$3 a month wages, and \$4 a month from 17 to 18. If, through any unforeseen circumstances, it is necessary for a child to be returned to