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Personal Notes

AN important and interesting stage in the history of Dr.

Barnardo's emigration work has been passed since the previous issue of *UPS AND DOWNS*. The dispatch of the last party has brought the total number emigrated to a point beyond the five figures, and actually ten thousand and forty boys and girls have now gone forth from the Homes in the old land to the different quarters of the Empire, trained, educated and equipped to make their way in life as citizens of Greater Britain, and to build up by their enterprise and industry the great territories over sea that own the sovereignty of our Gracious Lady, Queen Victoria. These figures represent an amount of permanent good accomplished, a triumph of philanthropic zeal and organized effort that calls forth the deepest thankfulness and heart-felt congratulation. A population equal to that of a good-sized city has exchanged the lot of suffering, want and neglect, for the bright prospects that already many of them are realizing, of making useful and successful careers for themselves as the reward of their own honest exertion, and to the number of ten thousand, those who might otherwise have grown up to be a burden upon society, and whose lives would, in the majority of cases, have been wasted

and blighted, are now in various quarters of the Empire—in Canada, in South Africa, and far away Australia—taking their place as useful, respected members of the community, reaping the fruits of their industry, and able to look forward to success and independence in the years to come. It is surely a noble tribute to the energy, courage and enthusiasm of the founder and director of the great movement that has accomplished such a result, and not less so to the munificent liberality of the people of England, who have year by year provided Dr. Barnardo with the funds for the support and carrying on of his enterprise. And yet, regarding these figures in a purely commercial aspect, where was there ever a more advantageous investment of British capital? When has such an asset been realized as these ten thousand young colonists, almost every one assisting, by his labor, in the development of the natural resources of the countries that they have made their home, and adding to the wealth of the Empire by their industry? From an Imperial standpoint, Dr. Barnardo's work, in its having placed out in the British colonies, under the most favourable conditions, over ten thousand healthy, well-trained young people, has rendered incalculable service to the Empire. From