

him stuffing his famishing little body with good things. Perhaps there is no more exquisite pleasure for some women than to relieve in some way the wants of poor children. It is a genuine delight to watch Johnnie gobble his delicious brown bun, and gulp down his mug of milk, at one draught, and then to stow away what he cannot eat in his ragged pockets or frowsy shirt-front. It is not an unmixed delight either, for you feel how impotent you are, how unable to give Johnnie buns and milk every day, and you know you will come on him two days after lying asleep perhaps under a market cart, with the same wan look in his face that makes him the very incarnation of want, and the hopelessness of it all sickens you, and you turn away with a heartache, and looking up at the great buildings of the city, noting its wealth and power, you gaze beyond to the heaven that tops it all, and wonder wearily why such things be. But this is in London, not here in our bright young city, where the homeless children are more thought of and cared for than any other city of its size on this continent.

Childhood draws out the generous love of men and women, and in that way not only guards itself, but blesses those who give. Somehow this year the Children's Aid Society and its branch the Fresh Air Fund are not in as flourishing a condition as they might be. I have the latest report of the Fresh Air Fund before me, and I will give a few facts therefrom, for I want to help the children if I can.

To Mr. J. J. Kelso belongs the honor of having introduced this most necessary work, which is now a branch of the larger work, the Children's Aid Society. This society does not wish to solicit funds personally; it merely asks that all will send their contributions to the secretary, 32 Church-street. The Fund is intended for boys under ten, girls under twelve, and mothers, who, having their children at the picnic, are in this way relieved from home cares and can go also. The rules are rigid, and will be enforced in order to limit the trips to the classes intended to be benefited. There were close on 9,000 excursionists last year. 15,000 lunches, in which 800 gallons of milk were used. Such are the brief facts: Now for the