

and false doctrine, and to propagate truth and holiness. Any attempt at undue interference in public affairs by the priests or other emissaries of the Church of Rome should be resented and resisted, but in the present age of the world, and in Canada, at any rate, where no man is hindered in the exercise of his own private judgment, it cannot be necessary to assume a hostile attitude towards a Church that includes in its members many of the most loyal, respected and right-living of our citizens. In our dealings with Roman Catholics and with all others who disagree with us, we should seek to obey the command to be "pitiful," to be "courteous," "not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing;" "to do unto others as we would they should do unto us." We regard sincere and pious Roman Catholics as our brothers in Christ whose minds are indeed at present darkened by a veil of error and superstition, but who, we believe, will in God's good time be brought into the full light and liberty of the gospel, when the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

On the second page of the cover will be found the list of names, to the number of fourscore and ten, of those lads who have just been recipients of Dr. Barnardo's medal given in reward for good conduct and length of service. These medals, be it understood, are not distributed broadcast, but are only given to boys who have kept the same situation for many years and have maintained an unblemished record. We have applied unsparingly the pruning knife (we had almost said the axe) to the list of candidates with the object of cutting out all who can be considered as in the least doubtful and who have not fully lived up to a high standard of character and conduct. The boys whom we have been able to recommend to Dr. Barnardo for this last distribution of medals completed long careers here on April 1st and have during this time worked faithfully for their employers and have

made a good reputation for themselves by their general conduct and behaviour. It has given us sincere pleasure to award to these lads, on behalf of Dr. Barnardo, the mark of distinction that we believe they have worthily earned, and to give prominence to their names for the example and encouragement of others.

We are thankful to record that business has been "booming" since the last issue of UPS AND DOWNS. The party that arrived in April was gone almost before we had time to realize that it was here, and it scarcely enabled us to fill a tenth of the applications on the books. We hoped for another party early in June, but although there is one in prospect, unforeseen circumstances have arisen to delay its departure from England, and we are afraid we shall not get away before the second week in July. The party will be a mixed one, and we anticipate will number about three hundred girls and boys; but if it were to be a thousand we should find not the least difficulty in providing for them. We have never known a better demand for our youngsters, equally active both in Ontario and Manitoba. Good times throughout the country have brought good times in the work of placing out our trained boys and girls, and we only wish we could greatly enlarge the scope of our operations, and that our "stock-in-trade" were less restricted.

September 4th to the 9th—the second week of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition—will all our friends carefully note the date and consider themselves severally and collectively invited to visit the Home and be our guests during that time. This annual gathering has become such an established institution among our boys that we need only say that this year we expect to have a bigger assemblage than ever, and that our visitors will enjoy themselves as thoroughly as they have done before. There are now a good many hundreds who have partaken of our hospitality on the same occasion in former years, and we hope everyone