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The personal experience of a sea voyage, at page 17 of the Report I should be inclined to view rather as a child's graphic, if not very elegant, mode of describing the urgent and disagreeable results of an attack of sea-sickness, which might be funny if not disgusting in its associations, than as an evidence for or against the care of the attendants in charge. The troubles and discomforts of a passage across the Atlantic, especially in the steerage, are no new experiences, and need hardly have been repeated in an Official Report—that is, if there is in the case nothing out of the common, besides I cannot well see how these can be remedied. The children on landing, and indeed during the passage, I have means of knowing, looked none the worse for it, and rather as if they had been very well cared for indeed, and certainly in this particular would compare very favourably with the same number of children brought out in the usual way under parental care. Mr. Doyle I think expects too much. He forgets that these poor children are not used to being "somebody's darling"; but are on the whole little helpful creatures unaccustomed to be waited on. However, his mis-statement regarding the number and efficiency of the attendants to look after the children on the passage, I know to be another pure fiction on his part. Certainly Mr. Doyle's liberal allowance of £1 a head over the passage money for each child would not go very far towards defraying the costs of any extra care for the children. He seems also to draw liberally on his imagination regarding the land journey as well, but I let this pass."

LETTERS FROM THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

BUCKINGHAM, P. Q., 12th May, 1875.

DEAR FRIEND,—Having seen in the Montreal papers several statements about the situations of young children who have been placed in homes all over this country, and particularly the report of Mr. Doyle, which from the first I considered a one-sided affair, to gain some personal end—if he had come to this part of the country, I could have shewn him eight that have got as good homes as can be found any where, and they are well fed, clothed and sent to school; and, in fact, I know some that take as good care of them as they would if they were their own. As to the girl, Harriet Mortimer, that I have got, I think that she thinks as much of Mrs. Smith and myself as any one of my own children. She is a good, kind, affectionate child, and a good scholar of her age. She is taking music lessons, and is doing well, and I intend to give her an education, so that she can teach and earn a respectable living for herself when she is old enough. She has written a letter to you, and it is all her own composition. I hope that you will make it in your way to come and see us some time, and judge for yourself. Hoping that you will succeed in your good work, and put to *silence* those who have tried to injure you, with much respect.

I remain,

Your friend and well-wisher,

JOHN O. SMITH.

Miss Maria Rye, Niagara.