

GIRLS' DONATION FUND.

CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

THE Girls' Donation Fund for this year has closed and the money has been sent to Dr. Barnardo. We did not quite reach the standard set before you, but by the generosity of these girls, whose names are appended, we have been able to send to Dr. Barnardo just one hundred dollars, which we are sure he will value, not simply for its intrinsic worth, but as an expression of gratitude and co-operation from those who have themselves received benefits from the Institution. We heartily thank all who have responded to our appeal, but their best reward should be the thought that they have a share in helping to provide means for lessening the suffering of some poor sick child and brightening some little sufferer's days in the "Hazel Brae Cot" at Stepney Hospital, London. And yet, as we think of the thousand or more girls brought out to Canada by Dr. Barnardo, certain words of the Saviour will come into our minds: "Were there not *ten* cleansed, but where are the *nine*?" Will every girl who sees this July number of *UPS AND DOWNS* look carefully over the following list and see if her name is there? If not it is not too late for next year. Our list is always open, and we are happy to receive your contributions whenever it is convenient to you. We lay down no rule either as to time or amount, though we suggest one dollar each year from each girl. This is not a large amount to ask, but if everyone earning wages gave this, what a splendid total all these "mites" would make! The following is a list of this year's contributors to the G. D. F. :—

Adams, Ruth.	Manning, Emily.
Adams, E. J.	Muller, Lizzie.
Addison, Annie.	Norris, Emily.
Banbridge, Ada.	Noke, Ellen.
Biddis, Jessie.	Prentice, Marion.
Boulton, Annie.	Parsley, Elizabeth.
Baker, E.	Paton, Matilda.
Barnes, Louisa.	Parker, Mary.
B. A.	Pritchard, Amelia.
Cole, Caroline.	Richardson, Alice L.
Crisp, Mary.	Roberts, Emma.
Cook, Annie.	Steers, Jessie.
Clare Florence.	Speller, Sarah.
Cutler, Agnes.	Sherwood, Eva.
Compton, Bessie.	Sharp, Emma.
Drury, Lizzie.	Spencer, Maria.
Fiske, Edith.	Stairs, Jessie.
Freeman, Gertrude.	Saxton, Hannah.
Freshwater, Annie.	Sewell, Mary.
Goulding, Louisa.	Sayers, Jessie.
Griffiths, Emily.	Smith, Nellie.
Garbutt, Ellen.	Smith, Sarah.
Hatcher, Lizzie.	Smith, Mary Ann.
Holt, Blanche.	Thomas, Ada.
Hancox, Ellen.	Thomas, Beatrice.
Hallendale, Edith.	Thornton, Isabella.
Hurn, Mary.	Taylor, Hilda.
Hoy, Rose.	Ventriss, Ellen.
Hardie, Caroline.	Vincent, Edith.
James, Gertrude.	Ware, Annie.
Jeffrey, Mary Ann.	Wells, Maria.
Jones, Amy.	Wincey, Hannah.
Jakins, Sarah.	Watson, Flora.
Jordan, Bertha.	Wallace, Cissie.
Knowles, Alice.	Windus, Amy.
King, Lydia.	Wallis, Florence.
Killick, Miriam.	Wilden, Charlotte.
Lingard, Jane.	Webb, Alice.
Lock, Fanny.	Warwick, Agnes.
Lewis, Lizzie.	Williams, Eliza.
Lancaster, Eliza.	Watts, Henrietta.
Mills, Mary.	Whitnell, Margaret.
Morrish, Annie.	

SEVERAL interesting letters have reached us during the month, from which we select the following extracts. Harriet Southwood, a "Myrtle" Cottage girl, is one of the very few girls who, by special arrangement and permission, have been placed in Manitoba. Harriet went there in 1886 as a little girl; now she is quite a young woman, and appears to be doing thoroughly well. She sends us a photo of herself which we should have been pleased to have in our magazine, but unfortunately it got lost and cannot be reproduced. Harriet writes:

"I am ever so much pleased with *UPS AND DOWNS*, and enjoy reading it. I think it is a grand idea. It gives us such a chance of hearing about some of our friends that I never expected to hear of again. I have seen in it quite a few girls that I used to know. Mary Ann Jeffrey wrote me a very nice letter seven years ago, which I have yet; but as she did not give me her address, I was unable to answer her letter. I am living in Carberry, Manitoba, and like this country very much. I have been out here ten years. I should like to hear from some of the girls that know me. My mistress was away to Michigan last winter, and I kept house for her. She was well pleased with everything when she came home. I can do anything in the way of housework and have learned dressmaking. I intended to follow that, but my health failed me and I had to give it up. We have church and Sunday school and Christian Endeavor here, the latter of which I am a member. I am in the choir, and we are getting up a social to buy some new books for our library. I am very fond of reading good books, but I don't like novels. I don't think any person should read them; they hurt the mind and lead to other bad habits. I was pleased to see the picture of the Village Home in the last book, but it has changed quite a bit since I left, and there are quite a few improvements."

Margaret Whitnell has been more than two years in her present place, and the last account of her is that she is "well behaved and tries to do her best." She is out east, a few miles from Ottawa. We have pleasure in publishing her letter:

"Spring is here once more, and the farmers are busy putting in the grain and ploughing. We are very busy here just now, having the lawn sodded and the house painted outside. I like my place and try to please Mrs. Shillington and those around me, above all my Father in Heaven, by asking for His grace daily to help me, for we can do nothing good without that. I like *UPS AND DOWNS* very much; I saw Annie Law and her sister in the April number, and when I see some of the Cottages and Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey it reminds me of bygone days. I notice, too, that my brothers are getting on very nicely; I was glad to hear that. Is Dr. Barnardo coming out to Canada this summer?"

The following comes from Eliza Lancaster with a subscription and expressions of gratitude for what has been done for her by Dr. Barnardo:

"It is with the greatest pleasure I now write to you. I liked very much to see the picture of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey. It was very kind of them to send it. I can never forget the dear village and those who are in it. I am expecting some of the ladies around to see me soon, and I am always glad when the time comes. We are milking ten cows now, and I milk five of them. We have just got through house cleaning, and the house looks nice now for the summer. We have seventeen little chickens and will soon have some little turkeys, I hope."

Minnie Bourne asks us to insert the following:

"It gives me great pleasure to write a few lines to you, and it does seem so nice to be hearing about the girls I used to know in the dear old village. I have

thought I would give anything to have that voyage over the sea again under just the same circumstances as before. I hope you all like being out in Canada. I like it very well. I have always found good friends wherever I have gone, and I guess most of you have done the same. We have three cows and quite a few young chickens. I do think they are dear little things. The country is very pleasant, there is such pretty scenery. I enjoy anything that is beautiful in nature. I don't expect this is a first class epistle, but I will try and do better next time."

This Minnie Bourne is a "Jessamine" girl, and is a sister of little Florrie Bourne, who has a very happy home just a few miles from Peterborough. We have another Minnie Bourne, a sister to Hannah and Rachel. We should like to have something from her too for our paper.

Margaret Alice Richardson writes:

"I like my place very much, the children are so cute; their names are Max and Bud. Bud is just two and a half years old, and Max is four and a half. I have a new dress this spring; it is very pretty and neat. Do Mary Knowles and Janie Kibble subscribe to the paper? If they do, will you ask them if they have forgotten me? We were three friends once. I go to church and Sunday-school every Sunday. I had a lovely drive in the country the other day with the Doctor. We went quite a long way. We saw several barns in process of building, and birds and animals. Please give my love to everyone at Hazel Brae."

Maggie is a bright, bonnie little girl who came out in 1894. After a few months in Muskoka, she went to Dr. Sisely, of Agincourt, where she appears to be very happy and giving good satisfaction.

Mary Marshall is one of our latest arrivals. She writes from Chaffey's Locks, on the Rideau Canal:

"I am very pleased with the paper. It is always a welcome visitor. I came to Canada in September, and think I will like the country very much. I have a good kind mistress and am living with kind people, and have every chance of getting a good name."

Mary is wise to attach so much importance to a good name, and we hope she will always try and keep it.

Mary Ann Smith, living with Mr. William Brown, Pontypool, would like Mary Henderson to know that she is in Canada. They were Cottage sisters.

Florence Clare sends the following verses, which we commend to the consideration and practice of all who read them:

KIND WORDS.

It was only a very small thing to say—
"Are you quite well this morning?"
But its musical chime rang through the day
And made all its duties charming.

It was only a word of comfort said,
To a poor child it was told;
But it ran through all the web of his life
Like a beautiful thread of gold.

"Forgive me," though sometimes hard to say,
Are only two simple words;
And yet with their tender symphony
How the human heart is stirred.

"God bless you, my boy," my father said;
'Twas only a little prayer,
But it lived in his soul, a high resolve,
And saved him from many a snare.

You may count these things as very weak,
You may count them as nothing at all;
But we know that our bliss is made or marred
By just such things so small.

It is sad to think when love is so cheap,
And kind words cost nothing at all,
That we should go on, still cheating ourselves
Of these diamonds, so precious, if small.

We wish that all of our girls would realize the importance of kind words, and do their best to