

shall have no reason to complain of niggardliness or lack of generosity.

The season of year is at hand when boys will be drawing their summer's wages and will have money at their disposal, and at the same time the long dreary struggle of the winter months will soon begin to cast its dark shadows over the toiling and suffering masses in East London and elsewhere, among whom the Doctor and his co-workers live and labour; and

On Dr. Barnardo's behalf I appeal at this time to each and every one of his old boys and girls in Canada to join hands with him in bearing the burden that presses so sorely upon him.

Let it be remembered that Dr. Barnardo's Homes have no endowment and receive no State aid. There are no reserve funds, but they are entirely dependent upon the offerings that are received from day to day. Seven hundred dollars a day are needed to supply food alone for the great family of five thousand gathered under their sheltering care. We live absolutely from hand to mouth, trusting for the daily supply of the daily need. That need was generously supplied in the case of each one of those who in the past have received from the Homes food, shelter, education and a successful start in life. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Let each one who reads these words ask himself the question, "Have I obeyed this command of our blessed Lord?"

I appeal not alone on Dr. Barnardo's behalf, not alone on behalf of the suffering little ones at home who demand and deserve our help, but I lay upon our boys the injunction to respond to our appeal in His name who has sanctified this work as His own, who has told us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, who has promised that whosoever shall give a cup of cold water in His name shall in no wise lose his reward, and who bids us remember that "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these little ones ye did it unto Me."

I will say no more on the subject but leave the matter with our boys, and I look forward with confidence to a prompt and generous response to our call for help.

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I am writing from our old friend the steamship *Scotsman*, that is taking me over to conduct back to Canada our fourth and last party for the season. It will comprise both girls and boys, and will probably be a good large detachment. The girls will of course proceed direct to Peterboro', while of the boys, the older ones, those from the Youths' Labour House, will be destined to the Manitoba Farm Home, and the smaller fry will be divided between the Toronto and Winnipeg Homes for distribution to situations as soon as possible after their arrival.

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We are not in the least afraid of having to find homes for a large number so late in the season. Experience has proved to our farmer friends that it is to their own interest as well as the interest of the boys to have the winter before them for the earliest stage of "breaking in" a lad to his work. They have learned how much better it is to have plenty of time on hand when a boy has to be taught to put the harness on the horses, to know the names and uses of farm tools and implements and to get the "run" of the work generally. The increased value of a boy's services when the rush of work begins in the spring as the result of what he has picked up during the winter far more than compensates for the cost of his board during the few months, and we constantly have letters from the "knowing ones" of our clients saying, "Send me a good boy in the fall, so that I may have him ready for business by the spring." It is a good arrangement for the lads, inasmuch as it spares them from having to plunge into the hardest and heaviest of the season's work just on their first arrival. Our boys have not been brought up in hothouses, and