



"COMING events cast their shadows before them." In a letter from Florence Frances, lately received, she writes: "Why don't you write to Mr. Godfrey and ask him to send you a picture of the dear old village, which I love so much, to put in the UPS AND DOWNS? It would help to make it brighter, and also to tell us a great deal of what is going on in the village now. I am sure he would willingly."

Well, Florrie, here is the letter from Mr. Godfrey, and as we cannot give all our good things at once, we have some pictures of the village, which we shall hope to present at some future date. We think our minds must run in the same direction, for long before this letter came, we had sent over our request to Mr. Godfrey, and also had asked him for pictures of himself and Mrs. Godfrey, as we felt sure our girls would like to look on the faces of their friends again.

GIRLS' "VILLAGE HOME"

ILFORD, ESSEX.

To all "Ilford Girls" in Canada:

By the kindness of the editor of UPS AND DOWNS, Mrs. Godfrey and I are permitted to send you in this way our hearty greetings, and a message of loving remembrance and earnest good wishes which we hope each one of you will accept personally for herself.

Specially we would like to thank the many girls who have written to us, and to whom, not for lack of will but for lack of time, it has been impossible to send a separate reply.

We trust there may be room in UPS AND DOWNS occasionally for a picture or two of the village which will help to remind you of scenes and times that are past—but by many of you never to be forgotten.

If you could take a peep at us now most of you would find comparatively little altered here. The trees and shrubs have grown bigger, and the people have grown older since you saw them; but the general aspect of things remains almost unchanged, and I think you would easily find your way back to the cottage where you "belonged" in the by-gone days, and where in many cases you would still find the "mother" whom you remember and who remembers you with such loving interest and prayer.

There have been, however, several important additions to our buildings lately, and to some of you the most notable would be our new church, which is, indeed, a boon and a blessing to us after the many years of crowd-



MR. AND MRS. J. W. GODFREY.

ing in the school-room. I am sure you can recall the school room services, and I trust are not altogether forgetful of the truth you so often heard there; but I wish you could join us in one of our services now in our spacious comfortable church, where you would hear us still praying for our girls who have left us and who, we feel still belong to us though they have passed beyond the sea.

The old school rooms will soon be superseded, even for week-day purposes, as a fine new school is being built close by the old one, and we expect to have it

finished in a month or two. Mossford Lodge is also being rebuilt and greatly enlarged.

I wish there were room to mention the names of all your old friends amongst us, of whom I know you would like to hear.

Miss Fargie still reigns paramount at school, labouring hard to fill the heads of a new generation of girls with the knowledge which once she did her best to get into yours, and none of which I hope you have yet forgotten!

At the laundry, which has been considerably enlarged and improved, Miss Ottaway still holds sway and keeps all in order as of old. Miss Westgarth is as active as ever in searching out likely girls for Canada, and speeding them on their way thither.

Space would fail me to tell of all the "Cottage mothers," but for the interest especially of those girls who have been long away from us I must just mention Miss Clayton, Miss Southgate, Miss Loveys, Miss Patterson, Miss Parker, Miss Clarke, all of whom, with many others whom you know, continue in the village where for so many years they have laboured.

You would also like to know that Philips still drive, his donkey round the village with the "stores"; Barker does his daily journey to Stepney; Mr. Church presides over the machinery, and Hawkins guards as vigilantly as of yore the sacred precincts of "Mossford Garden" from lawless marauders!

I know that if I were to ask for them I should have a host of loving messages to send to you from here, but you must take them all for granted, and believe me to be, always your sincere friend,

J. W. GODFREY.

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GIRLS' DONATION FUND.

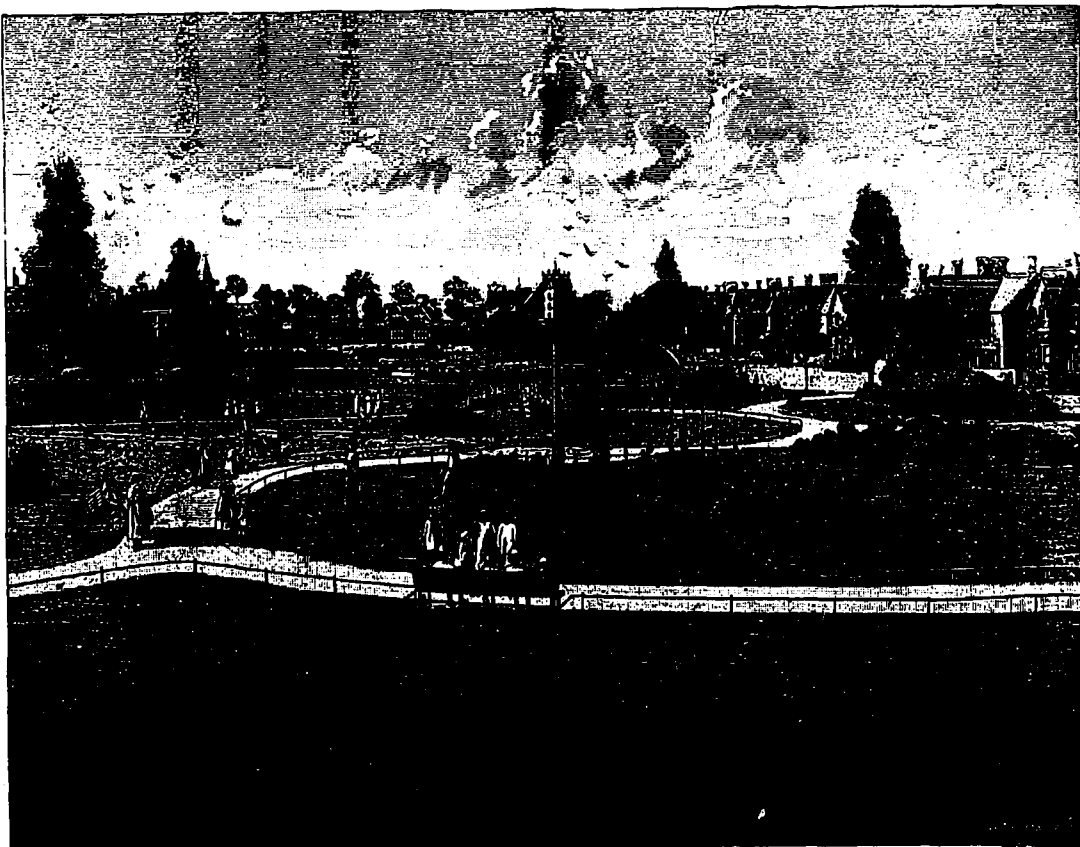
You will remember what we stated in our March number about the people being restrained from bringing their offerings. When we wrote that we had hardly expected our words to be as literally fulfilled as proves to have been the case, although, as it happens, it was before our March issue was published that we received the following from Emily Griffiths:

"I am so glad that Dr. Barnardo's picture is in the paper, I was hoping it would be in it some time, I did not take the paper when it was in before. It is so nice to see Dr. Barnardo again, even in a picture. I hope he will come to Canada some day. I like the paper very much. I see some of the girls I know, and I am so glad we can hear about each other so easily. I like Miss Templeton Armstrong's story very much and would like her to continue. I like reading if I can get nice books and papers to read, and I think Miss Armstrong's will be very helpful to us girls. I think the girls ought to do as the boys do, and give a dollar a year to Dr. Barnardo. It is not very much for all he has done for us, and we would not miss it at all. I have been out here three years, and I want you to take \$3 out of my bank book and send it to Dr. Barnardo, and I will send him \$1 every year now."

We wrote and told Emily how kind and warm-hearted it was of her, but we hardly liked to take advantage of such generosity, and just took the \$1 for the G. D. F.

We now give the list of contributions already received: Annie Morrish, \$2; Jessie Steers, \$2; Emily Norris, 75 cents; Mrs. Galbraith, Port Hope (Mary Twist's mistress), \$1. The rest are all gifts of \$1 from our girls: Louisa Goulding, Sarah Speller, Mary Mills, Gertie James, Marion Prentice, Ellen Ventress, Eva Sherwood, Ruth Adams, Lizzie Hatcher, Annie Ware, Emily Griffiths, Jane Lingard, Ellen Noke, Annie Addison, and Emma Sharpe.

We are waiting for our list to be increased; the sooner the better. We are very anxious to make up the hundred and fifty dollars during the month of April, and as the ocean consists of single drops, so this sum has to be composed of single dollars! Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do to-day.



VILLAGE HOME, ILFORD.