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ECHOES OF THE MONTH.

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OUR readers will share with me in the thankfulness and pleasure with which I am able to record that on reaching London I have found our beloved friend and chief, Dr. Barnardo, apparently in excellent health and vigour and entering upon the thirtieth year of his work with undiminished zeal and activity. The year that has passed has been in many ways one of severe strain and anxiety, and the burden resting upon the shoulders of the Director of these immense and far-reaching philanthropic agencies is one that few men living could support; certainly no one who had not been specially endued with a burning zeal for the welfare of his fellow-men, and a capacity of a rare order for appealing to the sensibilities of others and awakening their sympathies and making them share somewhat of his own enthusiasm in the work of rescue and mercy. And this Dr. Barnardo has done for thirty years, amidst evil report and good, with ever increasing success and enlargement, until he is now able to present a record of accomplished work such as the world has never seen the like before.

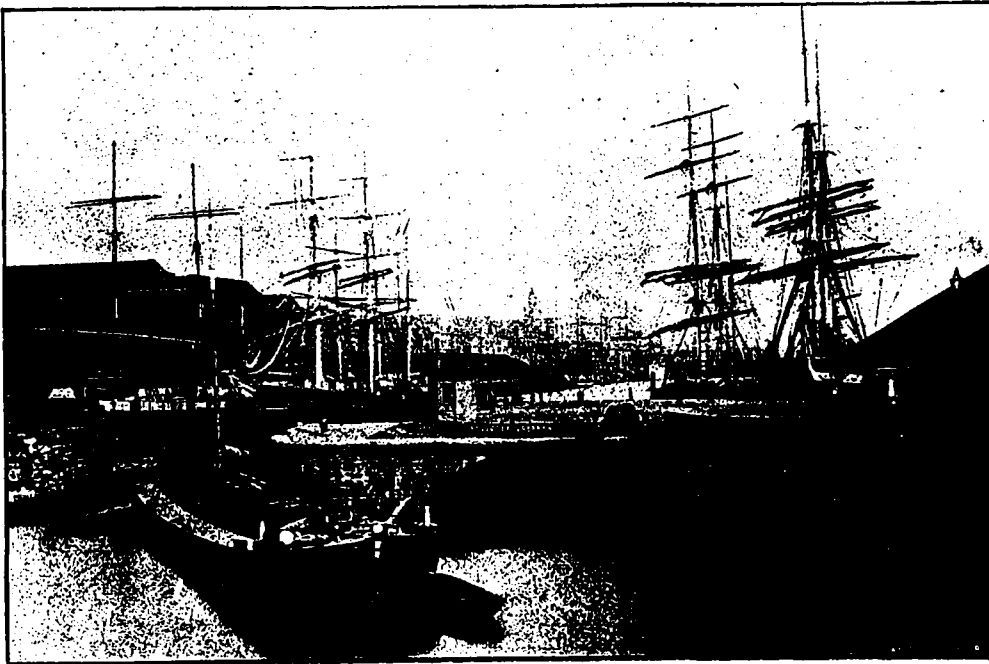
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From the beginning of the work in 1856, to the 31st December, 1895, no fewer than 28,491 boys and girls have been rescued from poverty and suffering; cared for; trained; and started forth into life. During 1895, 11,861 separate cases were dealt with and aided by the Institutions. In addition to these, lodgings were provided for the homeless to the number of 52,246, and 99,526 free meals were given within the course of the year. 733 young people were emigrated, bringing up the total number placed out in Canada and other colonies since the commencement of the work to 8,043. The vast amount of good done to humanity at large, the suffering relieved, the vice and crime that have been prevented, the extent to which the world's burden has been lightened, by Dr. Bar-

nardo's efforts, as shown by these facts and figures, will be realized only in that day when "every man's work shall be made known," and when, we believe, indeed that there will be found a great army to arise "and call him blessed."

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This thirtieth anniversary of the work is to be an eventful year in the history of the Institutions. To begin with, the Prince and Princess of Wales have graciously signified their intention of marking their sympathy with Dr. Barnardo's work by being present at the great annual meeting in the Albert Hall on the 24th of June, where His Royal Highness will preside



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and the Princess will distribute the prizes. No man in England knows better than the Prince of Wales how to gauge the force and direction of English public sympathies or is more ready to serve as their exponent in a worthy cause; and the fact that the Prince and Princess of Wales have offered to identify themselves in this public manner with the work of Dr. Barnardo speaks volumes for the extent to which he has established for himself and his work a place in the hearts of the British people by the noble labours of the past thirty years.

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Besides the specially interesting event of the appearance on our behalf of the Prince and

Princess of Wales, this thirtieth year is to be commemorated by the putting forth of a strenuous effort to raise a large sum of money for the establishment of a Reserve or Foundation fund to extinguish liabilities that have been incurred in the purchase of properties and the erection of buildings for the necessary purposes of the work, and to provide a margin for contingent expenses so that the yearly income of the Home, at present grievously hampered by fixed charges arising from these liabilities, may be set entirely free for the object of aiding the needy and suffering. The sum required is a formidable one, £150,000, equal to \$750,000, but Dr. Barnardo's hopes are great that a generous response will be forthcoming to this special appeal; and his old boys will wish God-speed to his efforts to draw forth from the wealth of England and from the lovers of children the wide world over this sorely-needed addition to our funds.

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Apart from these special features commemorative of the thirtieth anniversary of the inception of the work of the Homes, there seems little of striking interest to record. The heads of the various departments, whom our boys will remember with interest and kindly regard, are still at their old posts. Mr. Odling, Mr. Page, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Lintott, Dr. Milne, and others, are "holding the fort" as of yore, and there are but few changes in the staff of any of the branches of the Home. Mr. Anderson looms large as life before the eyes of the present generation of Stepney boys in much the same way as so many old boys will remember him. Mr. Armstrong seems to have his big lads at the Labour House well in hand, and Mr. and Miss Armitage are still exercising their kindly sway at Leopold House. The Band and Mr. Davis, the bandmaster, are as much as ever a credit to themselves and the Home, while from Leopold House there are now three complete musical parties discoursing sweet music in all parts of the kingdom, where they accompany Mr. Wookey, Mr. Mayers and other members of the large staff of able and gifted men who are lecturing throughout the length and breadth of the land in the cause of the Homes.