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ECHOES OF THE MONTH.

CHRISTMAS Stock Taking" is a well-known institution in the business world, and it occurs to us that we cannot do better than follow the example of our mercantile brethren and "take stock" as we close the year, and "balance our books" so that we may be able to form an idea as to how we stand, and whether or not we have done a satisfactory business during the year. We cannot show many of our results in figures. We deal with human lives and human characters, and with such "the last may be first and the first last" when we come to the final Audit Day; but even with the knowledge that our work is that of the sower, and that the harvest is hid from us in the distant future, we can record "something attempted, something done" in the twelve months that have passed over our heads since we issued our last Christmas number.

In the first place, Dr. Barnardo's family in Canada is larger by 680 lads and lassies, and that number have gone forth throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion, to carve out their own fortunes, to sink or swim according to their own efforts. Our total number is raised to considerably over 7,000, and we are recognized as an appreciable factor in the population, and as a class whose influence will be felt in the future. We are not surprised to find that each year public opinion is becoming more attracted by our operations, and it is not remarkable that those who are interested in the welfare of the country should be asking what effect that influence will have. Will our presence in the community be conducive to the moral and material prosperity and advancement of this young and rapidly growing country or otherwise? Are we a means of nourishment to the body politic, or are we likely to be a source of physical, moral or social deterioration? The results of our last year's work, and the records of the lives and experiences of our

young people furnish proof more than ever convincing and unmistakable that Dr. Barnardo's boys and girls, as a class, possess the elements of useful and worthy citizenship, and are giving the brightest promise of proving themselves as men and women a source of health, wealth and prosperity to the country.

That we have such results to show is largely attributable to the resolute determination to follow out in the conduct of our work the cardinal and all-important principles laid down by Dr. Barnardo at the earliest commence-

try, and in the event of his or her total failure, that the emigrant will be returned to England at the expense of the Institutions.

We are glad to be able to state without fear of contradiction that we have faithfully lived up to our principles during the past year, both in the spirit and in the letter. There has been no lack of vigilance in the selection of the parties or in the strenuous weeding-out of any unpromising or doubtful candidates. Not a boy or girl has been sent out who did not give reasonable promise of doing well and proving a desirable immigrant; and every one had been under practical industrial Christian training in some one or other of the English Homes, or had been boarded out in country households. Many of the children had been for years under Dr. Barnardo's care, and had grown up almost from infancy in his Homes, and the character and conduct of each one had been closely observed and tested. Every emigrant passed successfully several careful medical examinations before leaving England, and was certified to be sound and healthy, and free from disease or blemish. On arrival from England they have been received at one or other of the Canadian Homes, and kept there until suitable places were provided for them, and no boy or girl has been placed until all needful inquiry had been

made as to the character of the situation, and the applicant had furnished satisfactory recommendations.

Passing on to the second of Dr. Barnardo's principles, that of maintaining watchful supervision over the boys and girls placed out, we have to look back upon a year's active work. Since the date of the issue of the last Christmas number of UPS AND DOWNS, over twenty-three thousand letters have been received and sent out at our office in Toronto alone, besides which there is an immense and growing correspondence both at Peterborough and Rus-



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ment of his emigration movement. These principles cannot be too often reiterated, namely: First, that only the flower of the flock shall be emigrated to Canada, that is, those young people who are in robust health, physical and mental, and who have proved themselves, during a period of careful training, to be industriously inclined, honest and decent; second, that continuous supervision shall be exercised over the children after they have been placed out, by systematic visitation and correspondence; and, third, that no boy or girl shall, under any circumstances, in which we can prevent it, become chargeable to the coun-