

Children's Fresh Air Fund.

During the past summer the Children's Fresh Air Fund gave free excursions and refreshments to 3,250 children gathered from the poorest homes of the city. There were twelve trips altogether—seven to Long Branch, two for a sail on the lake, one to the Island, one to Howard Lake, and one to Victoria Park. The work of gathering the children was undertaken by Mr. Edward Taylor and a number of lady Mission and Church workers, and an earnest effort was made to secure the attendance of those children most likely to be benefited by the excursions. In many cases, too, mothers were invited to enjoy the outing, and they seemed to be in need of, and to appreciate the kindness, fully as much as the younger ones. The management of the Fund was in the hands of Mr. J. J. Kelso, who arranged all the excursions, ordered the provisions, etc., and received and paid out all moneys in connection with the cause.

A feature of the Fresh Air Fund is the fact that the work has hitherto been carried on entirely by voluntary contributions. The season was commenced with \$271.04 from the previous year, and the amount subscribed during the summer was \$467.30, making a total of \$738.34. The entire expenditure for the season was \$520.32, or at a rate of 16 cents per child. All the milk used on the trips was supplied gratuitously by Clark Bros., of the Semi-Centennial Dairy, a gift of 240 gallons. Appended is a detailed account of the receipts and expenditure, the balance on hand being \$218.02.

A POOR CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOME and Picnic Grounds on the lake front is badly needed, and wealthy friends of the children are urged to bear this worthy object in mind.