

hope, have prepared our readers to some extent for the definite announcement we have now to make, to wit: that with the present number we must abandon the attempt to publish UPS AND DOWNS monthly, and must be content to return to the quarterly publication. We are very sorry—heart-grieved, in fact—to find ourselves driven to this conclusion, but the monthly publication has proved entirely beyond the compass of our time and capacity. If the Editor were always in the country, it would be a different matter; but our three trips to England during the season cut into the work so terribly that we find it impossible to keep up a regular supply of copy. Moreover, the growth of our family by over two thousand in the last two years has added enormously to the correspondence, the visiting and, in fact, to the labours of every department of our work. If we put the average number of letters in each case at ten a year—and in many cases there are three or four times as many—we have at once an increase in our correspondence alone of twenty thousand letters, besides the additional number of visits to arrange for, of reports to examine and deal with, of agreements to draw up, wages to settle and adjust, and an added host of matters requiring and absorbing each day a large expenditure of time and thought. We do not refer to our labours in this connection with any object of magnifying our office, but only to show our readers and the subscribers of UPS AND DOWNS that in abandoning the monthly publication and returning to the quarterly, we are yielding to the pressure of absolute necessity, and, indeed, nothing else would have induced us to sacrifice our ambition to have a monthly magazine as the exclusive organ of our girls and boys in Canada. We are very sorry and very disappointed, but we fear there is at present nothing more to be said about it.



In the present number
Voices from our boys and girls will
the Old Land have the pleasure a
great pleasure, we are
sure of hearing from three English

friends, who have most kindly favoured us with contributions to our New Year's Number. The first is from Dr. Milne, who assuredly needs no introduction to the readers of UPS AND DOWNS. What boy or girl is there who will not as they read these words at once recall the familiar presence of the "beloved physician," who for well-nigh a quarter of a century has borne the gifts of healing to successive generations of Dr. Barnardo's boys and girls with a kindness of heart and breadth of sympathy as big and ample as the mighty Scotch frame in which it is encased? We are sure the Doctor's wise and kindly words will be read and set store by by all our young friends. We have also to thank our good friend, Rev. A. P. McNeile, the Chaplain to the Boys' Home and Clerical Organizing Secretary of the Institutions, for his most kind and ready response to our suggestion that he should address a word of greeting through UPS AND DOWNS to those who have been under his pastoral charge and to the members of our family generally. Mr. McNeile's name, although now a household word amongst the Homes in England, will be unfamiliar to many of our readers on account of his comparatively recent connection with Dr. Barnardo's work. We feel a diffidence in attempting anything in the shape of an introduction of one whom we recognize, both on account of his ghostly office and of his manifold gifts and graces, as so loftily our superior; but we may be permitted to express our conviction that from all we have seen and heard, those under his charge, and the members of the flock he now feeds and ministers to, have in their Chaplain a warm and zealous friend and one thoroughly furnished unto all good works, and it must, we are sure, be a matter for congratulation to all concerned that, despite of we know not what offers of high preferment in the Church, he remains the active representative of the Establishment in Stepney Causeway. We may add that there has been some suggestion of Mr. McNeile paying us a visit in Canada, and we sincerely hope that before his elevation to the Episcopal Bench, and