

sions were planned without regard to expense, and yet there never was a year in which all the money required was not cheerfully sent in. Mr. Howland, when Mayor, received contributions at his office, and Mr. E. F. Clarke, for the four years of his occupancy of the civic chair, was an equally ardent friend of this cause.

Concerning the movement the *Telegram* said:

Too much cannot be said in praise of the Fresh Air Fund movement. It appeals to the tender sympathy of all who love God's poor. And the grand success of this first excursion must be sufficient reward for the self sacrifice of those ladies and gentlemen who will appreciate the beautiful words coming from the heart of the Lover of little children: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

BRITISH FRESH AIR FUND.

It is an interesting fact that the great work now being done in Great Britain in providing fresh air outings and holiday homes for poor children had its origin in Toronto. During the summer of 1890 Mr. John Kirk visited this country, and while in Toronto attended some fresh air excursions. Speaking of the work as it is conducted in England, Mr. Kirk, now "Sir John," wrote as follows:

"Sunday school excursions were no novelty to me long before I paid my first memorable visit to Canada and the States in the year 1890; but I confess that my experience of the working of the Fresh Air Fund in Toronto, under Mr. Kelso, came to me as an inspiration, which was further deepened as I passed south and saw