



### CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FUND.

Let us take this opportunity of thanking the many good men and women on the farms of our province who have invited the children of Toronto as fortnightly guests during the summer. Last year the Fresh Air Funds of Toronto sent over one thousand little boys and girls to spend delightful holidays in farm homes, and not one dollar was charged for maintenance. As delicate children are given the preference it can readily be understood what a health-restoring and joy-giving agency the Fresh Air Fund is. If anyone wishes to invite poor children to visit them during the summer vacation all they have to do is to send a letter with credentials to Miss Roberts, 21 Scarth Road, Toronto.

### THE VILLAGE PLAYGROUND.

It may seem rather absurd to advocate the importance of a village playground when one can stand on the main street and see farms stretching out in either direction. Nevertheless, long experience and observation teaches that to give young people in the country some variety in life and relief from the monotony of existence, it is extremely important that more attention should be given to the social side of their natures. Too often the boys hang around the country hotel as their only resort, and form drinking habits from the simple and natural desire for sociability. The young girls do not do this, but they are equally in need of the joys of existence. The village playground, and above all a director, giving all his or her time to the work of recreation, would to