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## ECHOES OF THE MONTH.

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"Echoes of the Month" should have a whiff of salt air about them this month, as I write just as I am on the point of embarking on board the great Cunarder *Lucania*, leaving to-day for Liverpool. My errand is to bring over a party of two hundred boys and girls who are to leave Liverpool on the 5th of September, by our old friend the *Sardinian* of the Allan line.

I am exceedingly sorry to have to be away just at this particular time, as my absence will extend over the week of the Toronto Exhibition. Our annual gathering during the Exhibition week at the "Toronto Home" has been increasing each year, and we are hoping this year to welcome a bigger number than ever. It is an immense pleasure to see so many old faces on these occasions and renew acquaintance with old friends, and it is a grievous disappointment to me that I cannot be there. None the less cordially do we invite all who can come, and we shall keep "open house" from the 9th to the 14th of September. Mr. Davis will be ready to receive our guests, and to do all he can to make their stay pleasant, and I feel quite happy in leaving all arrangements in his hands. We are not sending out, as in former years, separate invitations to each individual, but we extend here a general and cordial invitation to everyone, and we hope that all who can manage to get away will avail themselves of it.

I am sure that all who received the last number of *UPS AND DOWNS* will be eagerly on the look-out for news of our beloved friend and director, Dr. Barnardo. I only wish we could give a more encouraging report of him. His health has undoubtedly improved, but he is

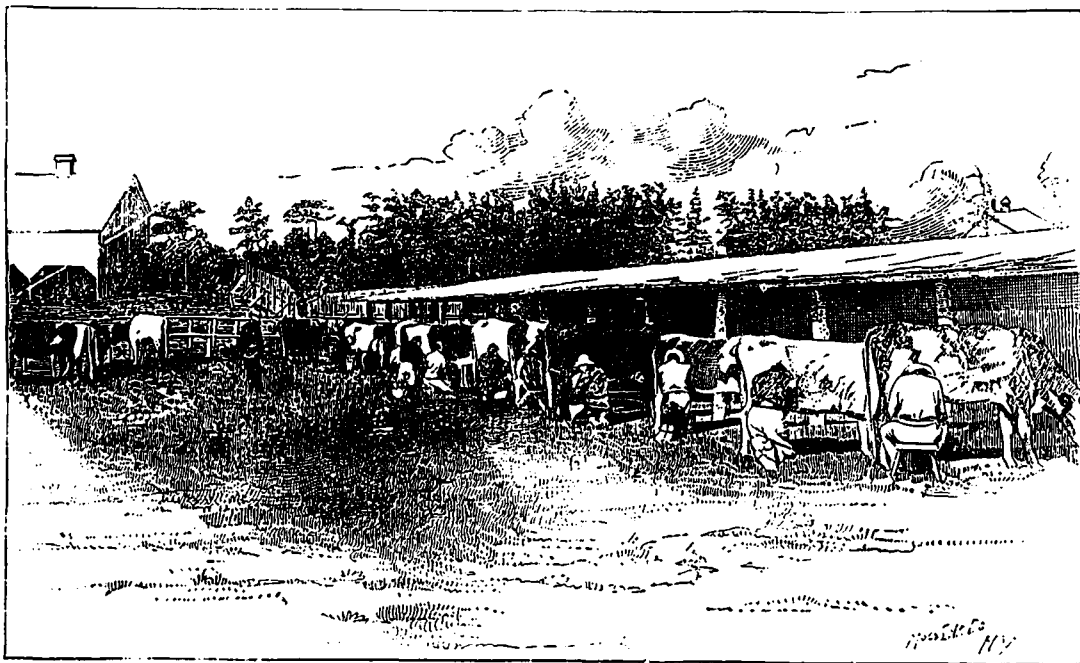
quite unfit to resume work, and we greatly fear it will be still a long time before he is able once more to resume his former activities. We publish in another column a portion of a letter from Dr. Barnardo, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Gurney Shepherd, to be read at a large meeting, recently held at the "Home" at Stepney. It will be seen that he is not without hopes of being ultimately restored to his work and his workers, but that at present it is absolutely necessary that he should be spared from all possible care and excitement. I am sure that under these deeply trying circumstances, he has the heartfelt sympathy of

ing openings for our boys, and have aided us in looking after them, and in caring for their interests. The list of these valued helpers would be a long one, but amongst others we may especially mention our esteemed friend Mr. H. C. Chapman, of Ripley, to whom we are indebted so largely for the opening up of a capital little constituency in that district; Mr. Garner, of Fenwick, who has done us similar service in his township; Mr. Thos. Stephens, of the township of Whitchurch, and last, but not least, Miss Templeton Armstrong, of Port Rowan. Only within the last week has Miss Armstrong gone to an immense amount of

trouble in assisting us in looking after a boy who was causing us much anxiety, and if we are successful, as we hope, in giving him a fresh start, he will owe it almost entirely to her indefatigable efforts on his behalf. This is one only of many cases in which she has proved a true and faithful friend of our boys, and we gladly take this opportunity of offering to her, and the others mentioned, our sincere thanks for all that she and they have done for us in the past.

During the past few weeks a considerable number of our older boys have availed themselves of the cheap excursions to the North

West to migrate thither. We believe they are well advised in thus embarking their fortunes in the great Canadian North-West. It is a country of vast natural resources, the soil is unsurpassed in the world, and the climate, although exceedingly rigorous, is healthy for man and beast. Land can be obtained upon most liberal conditions, and on the whole we believe there is no country in the world that offers to-day a better prospect to any young man of industry and perseverance than Manitoba and the North-West. According to all the reports that reach us there is a prospect of a most bountiful harvest, and prices are better than they have been for many years past. Farm hands are in great demand and we are disposed to reply to any of our boys, who ask our advice



MILKING TIME AT OUR INDUSTRIAL FARM, RUSSELL, MANITOBA.

all his old boys in Canada, and we unite in the earnest hope for his speedy restoration, and that while he is laid aside, his spirit may be cheered by seeing the work go forward, and continuing to accomplish its vast mission for good in the world.

It will be observed that in the letter which we publish, Dr. Barnardo refers to the loyal aid and co-operation which he has received in so many quarters in carrying on his work, and in this connection we would like ourselves to express our most grateful recognition of the help which we have received, for many years past, from people in various parts of the country here who have interested themselves, in find-