

time is rapidly approaching when the electors of the Dominion will be called upon to pronounce their verdict between the two political parties. In many constituencies the votes of our boys will be an important element in the situation, and where the parties are fairly equally divided may easily turn the scale. We have no desire or intention of exercising our influence for or against any political faction; we would have our lads follow the dictates of their own judgment and conscience; but we wish to see them using their franchise as a public trust committed to them, for which they are responsible to God and to their fellow citizens, and exercising their choice deliberately, sensibly and after hearing and weighing the arguments and pleas of both sides. To help them in doing this, we have secured for our present number two articles, each from the pen of a well-known and highly qualified political writer, in which the case is presented from the Liberal and the Conservative standpoint. The writers have in each case set before their readers in clear and forcible language the considerations in favour of the party to which they belong, and we strongly counsel our friends, especially those who are looking forward to polling their votes at the impending election, to read, mark and mentally digest the contents of both these valuable articles.



Our Legion of Honour. WITHIN the past three months seventy-five lads have been honourably distinguished by being made the recipients of Dr. Barnardo's silver medal for good conduct and length of service. As on previous occasions, these medals were awarded to lads who had served with unblemished character terms varying from three to seven years in one place of service. In most instances these places were the first to which they were sent on their arrival in the country, and the

term they have served has been practically that of their apprenticeship. Every lad who received a medal has behind him a record of honest work, good conduct and faithful attention to duty, and, as far as we know and believe, the reward has in each instance been well merited and worthily bestowed. We are sure our readers will unite with us in hearty congratulations to our young friends, and in the hope which we expressed to each one in handing him the medal that it will serve as an encouragement to well-doing and steady effort in the future, as well as being a pleasant little souvenir of his connection with Dr. Barnardo and his Homes.



Trekking. OUR emigration programme for the present season has so far been successfully carried out.

At the date of the last issue the first and second parties of the season, numbering respectively 265 and 120, had been received and distributed. These were followed in July by a mixed party of 307, and by the time the present number is in the hands of our readers the last party of the season, consisting of about eighty girls and 160 boys, will have reached their Canadian homes. Our season's emigration will thus have reached the handsome total of 932. We will not deny that we are somewhat disappointed at not having attained to the four figures; but perhaps this could not have been accomplished without sacrificing quality to quantity, and we must rest content with what we have got and look forward to next season for the fulfilment of the modest object of our ambition.



Across the Herring-Pond. OUR July trip, on which the occasion we crossed by the Allan Line *Tunisian*, was quite one of the most pleasant and successful of our many Atlantic voyages. It was our first experience after a lapse of several years of our old friends the