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ECHOES OF THE MONTH.

THE Queen, God bless her," is naturally the uppermost thought in everyone's mind, and almost the first word in everyone's mouth in every part of this great British Empire, of which we have the high privilege of citizenship, and readers of UPS AND DOWNS will, I am sure, bear their part in the great outburst of rejoicing and congratulations that the great historical occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee is calling forth this month from her peoples all over the world. We would, I am sure, desire to join our tribute of thanksgiving to the King of kings and Ruler of princes that for the last sixty years He has vouchsafed to us to have at the head of the State one who has brought to the fulfilment of her onerous duties such rare intellectual gifts, such purity and loftiness of character and such unexampled devotion to the welfare of her people.

No one can estimate what England owes to the character of her Queen and what has been the influence of her example in the great movement that has signalized her reign, for the uplifting of the degraded, the moral improvement of all classes of society and the ever increasing recognition and wider application of the principles of liberty, piety and justice. Let the contrast between the condition of England, and especially the working classes of England, as it was 60 years ago and as it is to-day speak for itself, and bear witness to what can be accomplished for a nation by the example before it of those in its highest places showing themselves zealous for what is right and pure and conformable to God's law, and wielding the sceptre of righteousness over the people.

For ourselves, we think that Dr. Barnardo's work may well be regarded as a great Jubilee monument, as exemplifying that which has been best and greatest in Her Majesty's reign. It testifies to the princely munificence of the English people in caring for those who have been forced to become dependent, for those who have fallen by the way in the march of the nation's progress. It shows the sensible, practical character of her national philanthropy, and it demonstrates the true democratic spirit that exists amongst us in the fact that Dr. Barnardo's work is supported alike by the highest and the lowest in the land, so that our receipts include the cheque of the Prince of Wales and the half-pence and farthings dropped into col-

lecting boxes by the poorest of the poor in the East End of London. Furthermore it testifies eloquently to the capacities and resources of the British Empire in the fact that our boys and girls, when they have received the education and training necessary to equip them for their future life, can find under our own flag countries where there is room unlimited to receive them and furnish them employment, and where they can

the minds of some of our readers that working away as they are on farms in Canada they have very little interest in the Queen sitting on her throne at Windsor Castle, and that the Jubilee is not much more than an occasion for holiday making or perhaps a little extra eating and drinking and cheering, but on the other hand there are a good many who have brains and know how to use them, and who can realize how immensely our daily life in almost every transaction is affected by the fact that we belong to a nation, and are citizens of an empire where the people are free, enlightened and progressive, and where, under those in authority, we are honestly and quietly governed. And unquestionably much of this enlightenment and progress and the development of the principles of liberty and good citizenship amongst us is due to the gracious influence and example of her who for sixty years has been the chief Magistrate of the Realm, and has had the leading voice in the councils of the nation, and there is not an individual in the empire, from the highest to the most obscure, who does not owe a debt of gratitude to the illustrious lady whom all are delighting to honour on this great occasion.

In our immediate history we shall probably celebrate Jubilee Day in the most appropriate manner by the arrival of a party from England. Our next sailing date is fixed for June 10th, so that the 21st will most likely witness our arrival in Toronto. Our detachment will number about 150 strong, and, as usual, the work of distribution will commence immediately on the arrival of the party and continue till all are gone. We have a good many applications on hand here, and at the Winnipeg Home they are positively clamouring for boys, so that we do not expect to have any on hand for long, and the lads will be on the wing almost directly they arrive.

As we go to press we are able to record a most satisfactory state of affairs at the Toronto Home. Despite the fact that it is the hospital, reformatory and place of refuge for over seven thousand, we have actually three inmates only, representing "the sick, lame and lazy" out of our entire number. We have one solitary sufferer in the hospital and but three unfortunates "behind bars," so that, exclusive of the little boys boarded out, our entire 7,000, equal to the population of a large town, are supporting themselves by their labour and earning an honest, respectable livelihood. It is just fifteen years ago that Dr.



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make for themselves useful and honourable careers under the same wholesome and beneficent system of government, in which freedom and liberty are realities and not titles to mask lawlessness and the hideous tyranny of mob rule.

We can fancy the thought passing through