

Doyle appears to have expected to find the children at Miss Rye's, Miss Macpherson's, and other Homes, or put out in the country, provided with lavatories equipped with the latest conveniences of modern sanitary reform, and pocket-handkerchiefs which would wipe their eyes and noses without unnecessary abrasion. It is satisfactory, however, to state that his Report was immediately discounted by the British Press; and the general feeling of the community was that, upon the face of it, to say the least, it exhibited upon Mr. Doyle's part great extravagance of expectation.

Mr. Doyle having written to the *Times* an improper letter, which appeared to commit the Local Government Board to a support of his statements, I deemed it to be my duty to use my position in the House of Commons to put a question to the President of the Board, which led to an immediate disclaimer. The Committee in the Canadian House of Parliament, and Miss Rye's letters, together with communications from other persons, have reassured public opinion, and I believe that, although the emigration through Boards of Guardians may receive a check, the voluntary societies will still continue to carry out a successful deportation of children.

The number of children from charitable institutions who have gone out this year is as follows:—

Mr. Middlemore, 79; Mrs. Birt, 119; Miss Macpherson, 92; Feltham Reformatory, 16; Red Hill Reformatory, 8; Archbishop of Westminster Schools, 24; Rev. T. B. Stephenson, 40; making a total of 378

In June the Steamship Conference was reconstituted upon a basis of £5 5s. fares, which is likely to rule for some time. The Government rates were then arranged at £4 5s. for general emigrants and £2 5s. for a certain proportion of agricultural labourers. As, however, the understanding of the Government with Mr. Joseph Arch and Mr. Taylor had been, that to all Unionists some assistance would be rendered, I was obliged for some time to grant an aid of £1 to all such persons coming forward.

In the month of July, however, it became evident to me, from the reports in the newspapers, and from private and official letters which reached the Agency, that a condition of things was arising in Canada which would render it extremely perilous to encourage any further emigration of general labourers under Government auspices. It must be borne in mind, in considering the action which I then took, that although under the arrangements which have been entered into