

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

I HAVE very great pleasure in introducing to the public the following record of Christian labour in a department of philanthropy which has only of late years been appreciated and cultivated. The title, "British Children in Canadian Homes," so far explains the nature of the enterprise, but the reader must go straight through the brief eight chapters of this little volume in order thoroughly to understand it, and be roused up to a proper interest in it. Both as a scheme for the training and employment of our British juveniles, and as an outlet to our overflowing population, it is as practical as it is large-hearted and far-seeing. It has already achieved wonders; it is capable of achieving more. God's blessing on it, and on its noble-minded brave-hearted conductors, has already crowned it with honour and success. But the field is vast, and the enterprise is really only beginning to be valued. Bound up, as it now is, with the philanthropy, the patriotism, and the Christianity of our land, it is ready for a fresh start, and a larger effort. If the Churches would consider it, they might greatly help; and if our statesmen would only be persuaded to see in it a scheme worthy of a statesman's support, much more might be accomplished.

Its conductors, I may be allowed to say, are not only among the bravest, but among the most modest and unobtrusive labourers I ever knew. Self is nowhere seen: and we do not hear of "my work," "my mission," "my helpers," or "my subscribers." The mind of Christ is

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