

from presiding over the Barnardo meetings, and, afterwards, in vilifying them for so doing. The second deals with law suits, in which, according to the author, Roman Catholic lawyers, under priestly direction, unjustly removed children from the houses. Dr. Barnardo makes out a good case. With General and the late Mrs Booth, Mr. Charles Booth, the author of *Labour and Life of the People in East London*, with Miss Macpherson and Miss Rye, Dr. Barnardo stands forth as a friend of the poor, a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, a Christian hero of the nineteenth century. It is a pity that he and the Booths, Mr. Stead and Benjamin Waugh, either cannot cease criticizing one another's methods or, when criticized, cannot put up with it. I do not claim to be much of a benefactor or of a public man, but if I were to stop my work and get angry whenever a cur barked at my heels, I should lead a most uncomfortable life and accomplish nothing. Some of Dr. Barnardo's lieutenants are notoriously inefficient. It can hardly be otherwise; for where is the man who can infuse his own spirit into all his helpers? They should, however, remember this, that they owe a debt to the kind friends who, in Canada, take up their waifs as well as to the waifs themselves. A lively correspondence in the *Montreal Witness* proved that, while some of the Home children turned out very well, others were so bad that their employers washed their hands of Home children for ever. To champion bad children through thick and thin, even before courts of law, inviting inevitable defeat, is not the way to commend an otherwise most praiseworthy institution.

I am sure that we all congratulate Mr. Mitchell on his F.R.A.S., which I take to mean Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. In the *Journal of the Liverpool Astronomical Society* he has an article on A Universal Micrometer. This is an instrument, placed over the lens of a telescope, for measuring small distances on the surface of the heavenly bodies. The one recommended by Mr. Mitchell is that made by Slade of Hull. Other articles in the *Journal* are the address of the President, W. B. Hutchison, Esq., F.R.A.S., notes on Variable Stars by Major Markwick, Solar Observations by E. M. Antoniadi of Constantinople, Coloured Star Section by the Rev. M. Waugh, Lunar Surfacing by seas and lakes of molten lava by Mr. L. E. Peal, and Notes on the Zodiacal Light by Mr. L. J. Johnson. It is very gratifying to find our graduates, now in many parts of the world, not only doing good duty in the pulpit and among their flocks, but holding their own with the thoughtful men and scholars of the day. The use of the singular pronoun would be inappropriate here, so I say *we all* rejoice most heartily in the welfare, the success, the literary and scientific excellence, of every graduate who leaves our halls to be an honour to his Alma Mater.

The *Canadian Methodist Quarterly* for October is on our table, and is a most respectable looking Review. It contains an article by Dr. George Workman on Messianic Prophecy, a second paper by the Rev. W. D. P. Bliss on Christian Socialism, and, I had almost said a sermon, a discourse on Christian Fellowship by the Rev. James E. Ford. The editorial notices of books and reviews are very numerous and of varying merit. One sentence of Dr. Shaw's is barbarous: "Evidently in this other Methodism (the Church of the United Brethren) our Greek, Armenian, Wesleyan Freedomism is losing none of its power." There is no such word as Freedomism in the English language, and, with all respect for Professor Shaw, I don't believe that even the weight of his learning will carry such a repulsive-looking