

Later the following explanation, which is worth noting, appeared in the *Empire*.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREAT.

With reference to the children's entertainment on Christmas, Mr. Kelso desires to state that very few of the 1,800 children present were poor in the sense of being dependent on the community. The idea was to provide a seasonable treat for those little ones who, while they get lots to eat, seldom get luxuries or magic lantern exhibitions. Anything like making the children feel that they were there as a charity was carefully avoided, and this was evident in the fact that not a slice of turkey or roast beef was distributed, while nearly 800 pounds of the best fruit cake and buns and 400 pounds of candy were handed out. As a factor in the enjoyment, of any children, whether rich or poor, these articles will be admitted to be indispensable. Then each ticket read "Children's Christmas Entertainment," making no reference to their condition in life. The children's fresh air and entertainment fund was established to give healthy enjoyment to the children of the poor, and those who know anything of its work cannot accuse it of pauperizing." On the contrary, it has fulfilled a noble mission in bringing happiness to the cheerless lives of many young people, and has given them a hope and ambition which before was wanting.

