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Editorial Notes

A Call to Praise. A REVIEW of the operations during the past twelve months, and of the prospects before us

as we stand upon the threshold of a New Year, can but call forth the deep thankfulness of all our hearts for the showers of blessings which have descended upon us in such rich abundance, and for the goodness and mercy of our God which assuredly hath followed us through the past year, and, indeed, through every stage in the history of the work. The closing year of the century has been full of successful activity in all our departments. The numbers that have passed through our hands have been far beyond the highest previous totals; the number of applications for children of all ages has been the largest on record, while in freedom from crime, serious sickness or misfortune among our great family the year will always be a memorable one in our history. The largeness of the supply is gratifying, as showing that at home in England the Homes are widening their scope and garnering every year an increasingly rich harvest of rescued lives, while the constantly growing demand furnishes the most satisfactory proof that our boys and girls have made, and are making, for themselves throughout Canada, a reputation and a name as useful, respectable members of the community.

To God be the Glory! IN thus congratulating ourselves upon the successful record of the past year, we fully

realize that nothing could be more out of place than an exhibition of boastfulness or self-glorification. It is indeed with no such spirit that we invite all our friends to join with us in the expression of our thankfulness to God for the tokens of his favour that have been so manifest during the past twelve months. We believe with the strongest conviction of our hearts that the work in which we are engaged is altogether and before all things God's work, that in its spirit, its methods and its aims it is in the fullest sense a development of Christian activity, and that in caring for the young, uplifting the fallen, ministering to the suffering, Dr. Barnardo and those who are privileged to be associated with him are aiding in the discharge of one of the great obligations laid upon the Church of Christ by its Divine Master and Head, fulfilling His injunctions and following in His footsteps. We believe that in every department of our daily duties we are about our Master's business, and doing the work of Christ on earth, and we would seek to enter upon the New Year with this thought rekindled in our hearts, and that amidst whatever may lie before us