

lads in what we believe to be an act of unwisdom, and which they will afterwards regret. We have learned, however, that while we can give plenty of good advice and can bestow the wisest injunctions as to saving money, and so forth, we cannot compel our friends to obey them, and every year there is a certain number who cannot be persuaded to deny themselves the pleasure—generally a fancied pleasure—of a trip to the old land. It seems better to us that these lads should travel comfortably by themselves in a little special party than be straggling over at different times and by different routes, and we are, therefore, prepared to organize an excursion by one of the ships leaving Montreal about the middle of November. We propose to bespeak special space for the accommodation of the members of the party, where, besides obtaining the lowest available rates, we shall be able to secure for them a good many little special privileges and comforts that they could not otherwise enjoy and that will make a great difference to the pleasure of the journey. If any of our friends, therefore, are thinking of taking a trip to England this autumn, we shall be glad to hear from them, and shall be prepared to furnish full particulars as to date of sailing, cost of ticket, etc.



**The Annual Report.** THE Annual Report of the Homes, recording the progress of the work during the year 1898, has recently been issued from the Head Office. In his review of the year's operations, Dr. Barnardo writes :

Seldom have I felt more strongly than during the year that is gone the sense of encouragement, of hearty co-operation, of cheerful aid in frequent difficulties which has been ministered to me by many thousands of co-workers all the world over. I look back upon the once anxious months of 1898 which have now carried their record into eternity, and I see them marked with tokens of human, loving, brotherly sympathy and of Divine and gracious blessing. The sympathy was a hand in hand with the blessing, and each of

am grateful beyond words to the great Master from whom all real success comes, as well as to the helpers of the children. It has been a year of mercies, but also a year of trial and difficulty, and if I had not had the ready aid of the thousands who now stand by me shoulder to shoulder in the war, it would have been impossible to keep the board spread and the door open.



**Facts and Figures.**

THE statistics embodied in the report are indeed a marvellous record of the life's work and devotion of the founder, and an evidence of the extent to which his labours have been used and blessed by God for the relief of suffering and the uplifting of the fallen and distressed. Since the establishment of the Homes in 1866, they have rescued, trained and placed out in life no fewer than 37,100 boys and girls. There are now ninety-one separate Homes in connection with the Institution, besides eighteen Mission Branches, and at these different establishments 12,688 children were dealt with during the year 1898. There were 2,406 fresh admissions, and 6,342 children were maintained in the Homes during the whole or part of the year. The total contributions, comprising the income of the Institutions for the year 1898, amounted to £143,848 19s. 6d. (equivalent in Canadian currency to seven hundred thousand dollars). This amount was contributed in 99,007 separate donations, received from donors in every country throughout the world. At the Head Office there were received during the year 181,928 letters and parcels, while 225,715 letters and parcels were dispatched during the same period. Under the heading of "Emigration," the number of children sent out and placed in the British Colonies is stated to be 10,179. Since the issue of this report, the dispatch of our last party will have increased this total to 10,185. Who can read these figures and attempt to estimate their value without thanking God that by the hand of His servant He has been able to do mighty things to glorify