

know how it looks to others, but to me, having seen so much of their suffering, it seems an awful thing, that in the closing years of this nineteenth century, in which we boast of such great *educational, sanitary and humane reforms*, that millions of little human beings, who had no choice whatever in coming into this world of suffering, should, for lack of that Christ-like care which Christians are expected to evince, be compelled, after months of suffering, to be subjected to that *cruel* and *barbarous* operation of having their *permanent* teeth, that God, their Heavenly Father, has so kindly given them to masticate their food and to beautify their features, *wrenched out* of their delicate jaws! We talk about the ignorance and cruelty of the heathen; and yet, on this continent, claiming to be *highly civilized*, the cry of millions of suffering, fatherless, and neglected poor children is going up to heaven, night and day, one unceasing wail, while for want of knowing better, their parents take them "like lambs to the slaughter!" Let me ask: In what heathen country can you find so many parents offering up to their gods such a costly or cruel sacrifice as do the parents on this continent, in the sacrifice of their children's teeth, health and beauty, on the altars of this *hideous* god, IGNORANCE, whose constant cry is "Give! Give!!"—and yet, he is never satisfied unless his altars are overflowing with the blood of these human victims! In all the cities, except Toronto, there is some excuse for not having provided for the care of these suffering poor, because the Christian and humane people have not been made aware of their true condition. But what about Toronto? which is called "*Toronto the Good*," where there is so much said about the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man! and so much consultation about the "*Best Way of Reaching the Masses!*" What will they answer the Father of these neglected children when they meet Him? How will they clear their skirts of the blood of

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