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Editorial Notes

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ANOTHER large addition to Dr. Barnardo's family in Canada has taken place since our last

issue. The party of 316 that sailed from Liverpool on March 19th, and landed in Halifax on the 28th, brings the number of our young colonists to the respectable total of 13,500. A great host, this; and who can estimate the amount of good accomplished that these figures represent, of individual lives uplifted and the way opened for them to honest independence, of the relief to the conditions of suffering and overcrowding and struggle for existence in the Old Land, the benefit to Canada of such an addition to her population of healthy, industrious colonists, the grand achievement in the path of social reform, the advancement of the work of Christ on earth in changing for so many thousands an environment of want, hardship, dependence and degradation for one of hope and brightness, and moral and physical healthfulness?

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WE crossed to the Across the good ship Canada, of Atlantic. the Dominion Line, the vessel that has been making a great name for herself during the past three years in the transport service to South Africa.

carrying Lord Roberts and other distinguished military personages, and many thousands of troops to and from the seat of war. She was, of course, crowded with passengers, every foot of space devoted to the accommodation of second and thirdclass passengers being engaged long before the date of sailing. We had to pack in tight, but under the circumstances our party was well quartered, and everything possible was done for our convenience and comfort. The weather was what weather generally is on the North Atlantic in March everything by turns, and nothing long. On one or two days our young travellers saw the Atlantic in its wildest mood, but there were occasional fine intervals between gales and squalls, and although the passage was decidedly a "dirty" one, and by no means the sort of experience that one looks back upon as among the delights of life, no one was any the worse for it, and we landed all our charges safe and sound, and most of them in what might be called "tip-top" condition.

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