

worthy of the trust, that the greatest success of the undertaking has had its source in your constant and watchful supervision, and if you have gathered round you others to take a similar interest in the orphan children, it is because they have been influenced by your own example of devotion and love. We regret that you now find it necessary to retire from the active duties of first directress, which you have filled in such an admirable manner, but we trust that in your position as honorary president your valuable advice and the benefit of your long experience will always be available to the managers. We ask your acceptance of this silver salver as a small token of the love and esteem of the board, the result of your affectionate and harmonious ruling.

CHARLOTTE E. LEIGH,

June 1st, 1897.

Secretary.

A BOY'S LETTER, IN PART.

MAY 14th, 1897.

DEAR FRIEND:

It seems as if I never was going to write to you, but I never forget you. We have been so very busy this last month, and the month before I had no stamps, so you must excuse me this time. I like my place very well; we have fowl and cows and horses, of course. I get lots of rides on horseback, but it is rather rough, as we have no saddle. We haven't started driving yet, as W—— has been so sick, but I expect to as soon as he is well. . . . We are setting quite a few hens, and have young ducks and chickens out already. . . . Mr.—— farm is 100 acres all clear. The factory is on the farm, and it is nice looking at the large engine and machinery. There is two men besides myself. When the Missus goes away I have to keep house; on such occasions I have to fly around to get my house work and mine done, but I generally get it all done. . . . We have lots of wild flowers here, large white ones, and blue, yellow and white violets. We have leeks in the bush, so it is quite nice to have all around us.

I remain,

Your loving friend,

F. H. R.

Give my love to Sergeant and Nurse.