

CAIRNS MEMORIAL COTTAGE.

DR. BARNARDO'S GIRLS' VILLAGE HOMES, TERFORD.

We had intended this month giving a picture of Cairns House, which would be of special interest to all the girls who hail from that cottage. Unfortunately, however, the cut of Cairns cottage has been mislaid by our printer in the course of removal, and there is not time at this late hour to have another one made. Cairns Cottage girls will, we think, nevertheless, find something to interest them in the following references to themselves and to their old home. We understand that in the year 1887 there was a fitting of all the occupants of Bath Cottage—mother and girls—to this abode.

We quote an extract from Dr. Barnardo's account of his work, in the book, "Something Attempted—Something Done":

"The 'Cairns Memorial Cottage' is the largest and most ornamental building in the village, and occupies the most conspicuous site. It is further distinguished by a clock tower, visible from every house in the little community. This edifice was designed and erected in memory of the first President of the Homes, the late Lord Chancellor Cairns, by whose death my Homes and I lost a wise and powerful helper, as well as a friend and counsellor whose place can, I fear, never be filled."

We find the first arrivals in Canada of girls from the Cairns House were in the year 1888. Their names and their records are varied. Two are married, Madeline Mingles and Beatrice Lodge. The two sisters Edith and Vickie Herring, living near us, have, like most of us, had their *ups and downs*, but we think may be classed among our good girls, for both until the present time have kept the places where they were sent in November, 1893, the month after their arrival in Canada. Edith has been some time at the Home this year on account of her health; and in the spring we had another Cairns House girl, Adelaide Cowell, with us for a few days, and she then returned to the only home she has had in this country, where she also went in November, 1893, having arrived in Canada at the same time as the two Herrings.

It gives us pleasure also to mention Bessie Barfoot, of the same party. It is true she has been in two places, but she left the first not from any misdeed. She went to her present home in February, 1894. Miss Gibbs reports of her as being thoroughly happy in this place, and having every chance of being well trained in domestic work, and wearing a neat cap and apron. Bessie attends church and Sunday school regularly. We also learn from subsequent reports of her well-principled, modest character and satisfactory behaviour.

No Cairns girls came out this year, but last year's arrivals were: Mary Maud Marshall, Martha Marshall, Maud Saunders, Mary Ann Points. What will their record be? May each girl, as the years go on, find "honourable mention" in our pages!

Miss Loveys, who has had the management of "Cairns" from the beginning, is still there, and still, we believe, deeply interested in her girls. As already mentioned in a former number of our magazine, we had the pleasure when in England this summer of visiting her.

We append a short notice concerning the Village Home cottages, taken from the same book.

"The majority of the cottages are *donations* from individual sympathizers, either as tokens of direct personal interest, or as gifts *in memoriam* of deceased friends or relations. The first cottage, for instance, was given under peculiarly interesting circumstances, as already indicated, by an old friend in memory of an only daughter who had died some months previously. The village, in fact, is full of such precious memorials and interesting histories. Its name-list probably represents a wider circle of sympathy than any other institution in the king-

dom. For example, *Cambridge* and *Oxford* cottages have been erected by the undergraduates and citizens of these respective university towns. One dear friend built a house in memory of his wife, desiring it to be named after her. Another builds to the memory of a beloved father. A mother who lost a little boy, the hope of her heart, at one of our great public schools, commemorated him in another cottage; and so on. Although many of the older cottages bear the names of the donors, the majority of them are designated by the titles of flowers. Each building has beneath one of its windows a little memorial stone, upon which is inscribed a record of the circumstances attending its presentation to the Homes. To any one who views these things with rightly instructed eyes, such gifts are eloquent of the prayerful spirit and Christian sympathy which are the very atmosphere of the entire work."

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WITH THE CAMPERS.

"Never a sound save the wave's soft plashing,
As the boat drifts idly the shore along,—
And the darting fire-flies, silently flashing,
Gleam, living diamonds, the woods among.

And the night-hawk flits o'er the bay's deep bosom,
And the loon's laugh breaks through the midnight calm

And the luscious breath of the wild vine's blossom
Wafts from the rocks like a tide of balm"

Camping is all, or nearly all over now, and people who have been luxuriating in the blessedness of doing nothing and dressing "any way you like," are back again in city garb and at city pursuits. This camping is a delightful recreation, one of the pleasures of a Canadian summer, although indeed it has now found its way to England's shores as well.

Sarah Jakins seems to have had a pleasant camping time this summer with her mistress and family, of which she writes and tells us, as well as of a subsequent holiday which she spent in company with her sister Louisa (now Mrs. Phillips) and her friend Emily Manning. Sarah



MRS. PHILLIPS' BABY, PEARL.

is one of our elder girls and has been a good time in her present place, so no doubt enjoyed her well-earned holiday.

"I promised to write a diary for the *UPS AND DOWNS*. It will take such a lot of space, so I will just like to tell a brief tale of our holidays. I should like it to be put in the paper if you think it is worth while.

"The 29th July we went to the lake to camp, and enjoyed it till the 10th of August. We have a nice cottage, and a tent beside it, and we have a row-boat and punt, with which we enjoyed ourselves very much. There are quite a number of campers a little further down the shore, but we do not envy their grounds; they are in the hot sun all day, while we are in the shade of the woods. It is so very cool and nice, so much better than being in the hot kitchen all day.

"At last, the 10th of August is here, and I am going up to Oshawa, to visit my sister, whom the girls all know, that is those who came out to Canada in the beginning, say 1883-4-5. Emily Manning came down from Toronto the same day, but my train came in three quarters of an hour before hers, so I waited at the station till she came. I knew her at once, but I do not think she knew me at

first, not until I called her. We spent two very happy weeks together, we were both very sorry when Emily had to go. However there was a big demonstration in Oshawa that day. Toronto Orange Lodges came down and we had a lovely time. We had our pictures taken all together, so that all old friends will have the chance of seeing us together. When the summer comes again, I hope we may meet again, and see more of our girls. I cannot tell more; it is late and my paper is full.

"Yours respectfully,

"SARAH."

We have before given pictures of Emily and Sarah, but we would like to show our readers this little cut where the friends are taken to-



EMILY. LOUISA. SARAH.

gether, besides which, we want to introduce to them the centre figure, Mrs. Phillips, formerly Louisa Jenkins, who used to be one of our girls, and who, we are glad to know, takes a lively interest in *UPS AND DOWNS*.

In another corner you will see a very little girl indeed—Mrs. Phillips' dear little baby, Pearl.

A WORD TO FARMERS' WIVES.

A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

LAUNCH out into the deep." These are the words Dr. Barnardo evidently believes in, for during this month of October, if all goes well, another party of boys and girls will be making their way across the briny deep. Mrs. Brown, our helper, has already left Hazel Brae to pilot the lassies across. May our Heavenly Father give the winds and the waves charge concerning them!

This means that we shall have more young helpers to offer our old or new clients, and we shall be glad to have applications sent in at once that all may be set in order, ready to distribute the girls soon after their arrival.

We still have some little girls under fourteen left from the August party. It seems to us a sensible arrangement to take these younger girls in the fall, and thus through the winter season, when work is slack, get them by degrees into the way of doing things, so that in the spring when naturally a farmer's "fancy turns to thoughts of"—work, the breaking-in process will be over and the girls will be more ready and apt at her "little chores."

Terms may be had on application to Miss Code, Secretary Dr. Barnardo's Girls' Home, Peterborough.

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Ruth Smith has sent us a cutting from a paper entitled "Beginnings." We give a few extracts from it. They come in rather appropriately just now, when there are a number of girl beginners in Canada.

BEGINNINGS.

"If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try, again!

'Tis a lesson you should heed:
Try, try, again!"

"Be prepared to fail at first, if need be, girls, but make no preparation for final failure. Keep right on with your work, right on looking out for the openings, or