Canada, the land of golden opportunities, during the last decade has been welcoming to her shores an ever-increasing stream of population, and amongst the strangers who enter her gates none is more eagerly sought for than the child immigrant, and none more warmly welcomed than the 'Barnardo boy.'

Consciously or unconsciously, on the part of the promoters, the emigration of children to Canada, carried on as it has been in so judicious and systematic a manner, has most surely been aiding the cause of Imperial Unity. The building and welding together of the Empire of Greater Britain is as truly being accomplished by the work of such philanthropists as Dr. Barnardo and his associates, as by the more apparent and determined efforts of statesmen.

The story of Smithers, so interestingly, as well as truthfully, recounted in the pages of this book, will no doubt arouse an increased interest in the work of child rescue. Many persons, heretofore oblivious to the work being carried on in their midst, will not improbably be aroused to the national and economic value of such an undertaking as Dr. Barnardo has initiated, in transplanting