

Canada. For agriculture is, happily, the goal of nearly all the Barnardo boys who cross the seas; and, being boarded out in Canadian farmhouses, not only do they derive all the benefits that result from the system in England, but they live in an environment which ensures that, on emerging from school age, they will already be familiar with their future work, instead of having to approach it as awkward novices. Moreover, for those boys (and also for the boarded-out girls), it is a great advantage to be initiated at an impressionable age into Canadian customs and ideas.

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Thus did I mentally review the origin and development of that vast, beautiful work of organized love and systematized human service—a work which, being without endowment or State aid, is still supported only by prayer and the gifts of compassionate hearts.

At several of the Homes I saw orderly regiments, several hundred strong, of rescued and happy young humanity—just a fraction of the present-day army of 9,000, which in turn is but a fraction of that host of nearly eighty thousand children who, since 1866,