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Editorial Notes

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WE rejoice to announce that Dr. Barnardo has greatly improved in health since the issue of our last number, and, as far as we can learn, there seems good reason to believe that his recovery is assured, provided that he is able to take reasonable precautions and can avoid the risks and dangers of the English Winter. We write within a week of our last interview with him, and we were greatly impressed by the extent to which he appears to have regained vigour and tone and to have recovered his old energy and elasticity of mind. Deeply and devoutly would we render the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts for this restoration of the one to whom all our readers are so closely attached by the ties of gratitude and respect, and whom many of us have regarded from early boyhood with the warmest affection and admiration. Dr. Barnardo's is a life that could be ill spared in the Christian world or to the cause of social improvement and charitable enterprise, and we pray that many years may pass before he has to leave to others to carry on the immense system of philanthropic activities that he has been the means of establishing and maintaining.

The Gathering of the Clan.

THE chief event in our history for the past quarter has been the annual gathering in Toronto of our old boys and girls during the second week of the Industrial Exhibition, and we are pleased to record that it passed off as successfully as we could desire. Although, as compared with last year, the numbers of our guests showed a slight falling off, this decrease was only what was expected, inasmuch as last year we had the attraction of the Doctor's presence, and the wish to see him again brought many who would not otherwise have accepted our invitation. Last year was, therefore, a special occasion, and one that will always be memorable in our annals; but in comparison with former years, our present reunion has in point of numbers, as well as in the pleasure it has afforded both to our guests and ourselves, realized our most sanguine expectations, and shows that our annual gathering, like most of our other activities, is a "live" institution, and serving its purpose in bringing our old friends together under particularly interesting and pleasant circumstances, affording the opportunity for the renewing of old acquaintances and