

tioned building, at the next dictating an answer to some ill-informed newspaper criticism of his work; giving directions to an artist for the preparation of some sketches for publication; remonstrating with and reducing to submission some refractory girl recently admitted to one of the Receiving Houses; arranging the details for the isolation of an infectious case in a Provincial Home; holding a service in a Mission Hall; explaining to a new lady worker the duties and responsibilities of her post; greeting an old boy on his return to visit the Homes after doing well for many years in some distant Colony; discussing in one moment the quality of the matting to be laid down in the hall of a Home in Yorkshire, in the next the items of a visitor's travelling expenses in Canada; arranging the details of a series of meetings in Ireland; listening attentively to the complaint of a girl about the loss of her bonnet-box on her way from a situation in Scotland; rushing off after a day's work that would have exhausted the energies of half a dozen ordinary men to address a densely crowded meeting on behalf of his Homes, and holding his audience spell-bound while he pleads the cause of the children; going from there back to his correspondence to dictate letters till far into the small hours of the night; keeping in touch with a small army of workers of all sorts and degrees, so as to have the right people at the right posts, to prevent friction or over-lapping, to maintain in every department the requisite standard of activity and efficiency and to turn to the best account each one's capability; keeping alive in a thousand different ways the public interest in his work so that people's sympathies shall not be allowed to flag or the needs of the work forgotten. Every day repeats itself, and there seems no quiet interval or relaxation of the strain upon mind and spirit, but only, as the work grows larger, greater and still greater demands upon time and thought. We should exceed the bounds of propriety and good

taste if in our position as a member of Dr. Barnardo's Staff and in the subordinate relation in which we stand to him, we were to give direct expression to any opinion as to his personality; but we address among the readers of UPS AND DOWNS thousands who share our own feelings of affectionate devotion and admiration for the Doctor, and we voice the sentiments of his old boys and girls throughout Canada, when, as we reflect upon what he is and what he is doing, we record the thankfulness of heart with which we have seen so wonderful a renewal of those great powers of mind and body, of energy, faith and zeal that for so many years and with such mighty results have been devoted to the noble cause of child rescue.



THE BARNARDO GIRLS'
LEAGUE, with President,
B. G. L. Vice-President,
Secretary-Treasurer,

Executive Committee, and various Honorary Officers, is an accomplished fact - indeed, a very live and flourishing institution. The frontispiece of our present number is a reproduction of a group photograph of the Executive of the League, the President, book in hand, and with becoming presidential air, seated in the centre, the Secretary on her right hand, the Vice-President on the left. Elsewhere we publish a communication from the Secretary, giving a brief account of the establishment of the League and details as to the progress it has hitherto made; but we must here congratulate the League and all concerned in having so successfully set itself going. We may say further that this latest development of our work has been the fulfilment of a long-cherished wish of our souls. We did not see why the girls should not have their association as well as the boys, and we saw very many ways in which such a combination of themselves might be a help to the girls, by promoting a spirit of healthy self-dependence and ambition amongst them, and otherwise advancing their interests. On the