

## Fresh Air.

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The work of the Fresh-Air Fund Committee will be limited this year to day excursions and flower distribution. In former years we have taken our little ones for a two weeks' stay in the country ; but we hardly feel secure enough in our new home to do this, nor do we know the children well enough to select for so long an absence from home. As they have never tasted the pleasures of the country, they will not miss the trip, as the others would have done, and there will be no disappointment. By omitting the outing this year, we hope to be able start a fund, which will grow into a permanent one, for a country house all our own. Contributions will be gladly received, and can be sent to Miss Louisa Bruckman, 1022 Lexington avenue.

Flowers will also be welcome. When one is in the country, it is no trouble to pick enough wild flowers to fill a box ; they give a pleasure quite out of proportion to this exertion, to those who cannot get away. Anyone who has walked through the crowded portions of the city with a bunch of flowers, and heard the pleading, " Please, Missus, give me a flower," knows how the little ones long for them. Even corporations appreciate this fact ; and the American, the Long Island, the United States, and the Wells Fargo Express companies have agreed to carry, free of all charges, packages of flowers weighing not more than 25 pounds, addressed to the

Alumnæ House, 446 East Seventy-second street. Flowers will be distributed every Wednesday during the summer.

Will all who are willing to spend a Wednesday afternoon at the Kindergarten, and help in this work, please communicate with the Chairman of the Fresh-Air Fund Committee, Miss Louisa Bruckman.

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No one who came to the Alumnæ Tea failed to admire the flower booth. The wild flowers especially, sent from Long Island, Philadelphia and Washington, were the subject of much comment. The beauty and lavishness of the display at this table was due to the generosity of the leading New York florists, for they contributed all the flowers "for sweet charity's sake."

Those who sent them were :

Wm. H. Brower & Sons, 955 Broadway.

Hanft Bros., 1125 Broadway.

Koch, Ninetieth street and Boulevard.

Siebrecht & Wadleigh, Thirty-seventh street and Fifth avenue.

John Muller, 386 Columbus avenue.

Thorley, 1173 Broadway.

David Clarke & Sons, Boulevard, Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets.

Thos. F. Carr, 596 Sixth avenue.

J. N. Hauser & Son, 571 Madison avenue.

Alex. McConnell, 546 Fifth avenue.

Chas. A. Dards, Forty-fourth street and Madison avenue.

C. S. Christianson, 795 Broadway.

Hession, Seventy-eighth street and Madison avenue.

P. Gerhard, Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue.

McKim, Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue.

Henry Butler, 918 Broadway.

William Burns, 840 Sixth avenue.

P. L. Bogart, 970 Sixth avenue.

John Beinert, Jr., 998 Sixth avenue.

Julius Graulich, 1018 Sixth avenue.

N. Christatos, N. E. cor. Fifty-eighth street and Sixth avenue.