



Calabogie's little girl, Rosario Melendez of Sicily, as a result of polio was not able to walk until recently. Officials say she is very bright and likes to study.

girl." Her sponsors say "You can see this in her picture."

In Many Countries, Many Troubles

A beautiful little two-year-old coloured boy, Erick Daniel of the French West Indies has found his way into the hearts of the Colborne and Ridge Road Institute women so that when his picture came they had a copy made for each contributor to the sponsoring fund. (The fund here is made up of personal contributions from members.) Erick is one of a family of ten whose parents are lepers though his own health is normal. The secretary says, "So far as I know we will continue this project after the year is up." Elma Centre sponsors another little Daniel boy, child of leprous parents, both now in a leper colony. This little boy is also in a children's home so perhaps he is a brother of Erick. The secretary calls him "the sweet little boy we are sponsoring."

Edgeley, Navan and Moyle are each caring for a child in France. Edgeley's ward is a Paris boy of thirteen; at Christmas time the Institute sent him a beaded belt and a wallet with the map of Canada on it. Navan's boy is eight. His father, to quote from a letter "is in sanitorium since a long time. He was a pitman." Moyle's little Bridgette was very appreciative of a box of food and clothing sent to her at Christmas time.

Dundalk, Becher, Gravelridge and Brownsville are sponsoring German children. Dundalk's Heinz Pernet of Nurnberg is a particu-

larly pitiable case. His mother is a hopeless invalid; his father deserted them and disappeared into East Germany and Heinz has been taken to a school for backward children. Becher's support goes to a family of three small children Deiter, Peter and Rita in West Germany. The family originally lived in the Soviet sector of Berlin. The father tried to find work and accommodation in West Berlin and when he returned he was arrested. Then the mother receiving a summons from the police took her children and fled to West Germany, where she receives some help from public funds but not enough to provide sufficient food and shelter. The middle child Peter is frail and delicate and the Institute feels a special concern for him. Nine-year-old Luther Harder, adopted by Gravelridge, has a background of life in a refugee camp and of neglect by his mother and stepfather. The secretary says: "When he was taken into a Children's Home he was dazed and lonely but is slowly responding to kindness and care."

Brownsville's foster child is a seven-year-old German girl, Melitta Shulz. She lives with her mother and grandmother and when the Institute sent the sponsoring money and a special gift for Melitta the mother wrote: "I thank you with all my heart. I have bought her the things she needs at once — she has grown so fast lately that she has grown out of everything." Later there was another thank you letter for a doll sent at Christmas time. Melitta has been ill and has lost time at school but her mother hoped she could go back at the beginning of the New Year "and that it will be easier for her to learn then." The official report says that the mother is not well either and the Institute members "feel a great satisfaction in helping an unfortunate child."

Chaffey's Locks adopted a little Austrian girl, Regine Balaszy whose father is blind and ill and whose "family of four live in one room that is dark and cold." The Institute secretary writes: "All our members are very interested in this little girl. "At Christmas time they sent her a variety of articles of clothing "and things to make a Christmas parcel for the family." When Regine's thank you letter came the Institute got an Austrian boy in their high school to translate it — adopting a child in another country seems to bring us closer to his country folk in Canada.

Fort William also sponsors an Austrian child, Ingeborg Pichler. Her mother was in a tuberculosis hospital for almost a year and while she was away the father put the children in the municipal nursing home and deserted. Now the mother, trying to care for her children, has to leave home early every day to go to work, and Ingeborg takes her younger brother and sister to kindergarten before she goes to school herself. The Institute "found a lot of