

There has been no "selection" in our reference to lads. In only one case have we passed over a report, and in this instance the worst that can be said of the lad's referred to is that his employer found fault with him generally but specifies no special ground for complaint, and after watching, the lad at work for some time, and questioning him closely, the visitor is constrained to add, "There appears to be little real cause for complaint." For obvious reasons we cannot refer to the boy in question or to his employer by name. The boy certainly is by no means a black sheep, and we think our readers will agree with us that County Simcoe is to be congratulated upon having within its borders scores of hard-working, industrious, right living youths and young men, of whom the twenty we have dealt with are fair specimens.

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IN OTHER PARTS.

We publish the following letter and the accompanying portrait with much pleasure. The writer is decidedly enthusiastic in predicting such a promising future for our friends in the North-West; and there are special reasons why we welcome him among our correspondents:

"TO THE EDITOR OF UPS AND DOWNS:—

"DEAR SIR,—In compliance with my promise a short time ago, I will now endeavour to pen a few lines for your bright and spicy magazine. In the first place I desire to thank the kind friend who sent me a copy of the March number of UPS AND DOWNS. I read with great interest the short letters from Dr. Barnardo's boys. It must, indeed, have been very gratifying to the Doctor, as well as to Mr. Owen, the Canadian representative, to hear such encouraging reports from the boys in the North-West Territory. It is quite apparent to the casual observer that the army of Dr. Barnardo's bright boys in our great North-West will make their presence felt among the settlers of that country. Many of them will be shining lights in the agricultural world, and many of them will be elected to fill offices of honour and trust. There is no place like the North-West for the young and ambitious to go to rise in the ranks of public life, and it would not be surprising to hear of some of them, in a few years hence, being elected as members of the Legislature, Dominion Parliament, etc.



MR. CHARLES CLARK.

"What a glorious life-work! Such a work as Dr. Barnardo has been engaged in is worthy of emulation. A man imbued with philanthropic principles journeying through life, sowing seeds of sunshine and kindness among the poor, neglected orphan children of a great city. There is nothing more ennobling, nothing more grander. Commencing in a small and humble way, his work has grown, and I am pleased to hear that from present appearances, many years of usefulness are still before him. His earnest, benevolent and Christian work demands the sympathy and co-operation of all. Many of the bright young men of Canada have Dr. Barnardo to thank for the position they hold in the world and in society to-day. They have reasons to be thankful for

being brought out of a thickly populated country to a country where they are placed on equal footing with Canadians, and by being industrious and painstaking they can make a mark in life and in the world; something they could never expect to accomplish among the masses of the old world.

"I have watched with pride the course of Dr. Barnardo for many years past, and I have nothing but kind words to say; and I am sure I am re-echoing the sentiments of many hundreds of others in Canada when I make the statement that he has done as much (if not more) than any other man in his day and generation for the good of society.

"Referring to the press of our country, I have read some very unfair and unjust criticisms of the Doctor's work. The Toronto dailies have been severe, and many of the statements made were uncalled for. In some cases the writers displayed lamentable ignorance on the subject they tried to write about. I now have reference to the percentage of boys who made useful citizens after being brought to this country under the supervision of Dr. Barnardo. I do not care to enter into this part of the work just now, because, I fear, I have taken up too much of your space now. In a future issue I trust the Editor will give me a little space to return to this matter, as I am extremely anxious to vindicate the glorious work of Dr. Barnardo and those associated with him.

'By way of encouragement, I would request that all of Dr. Barnardo's boys work faithfully for those to whom they have been assigned. Remember the years go fleeting by, and soon you will reach man's estate; and I trust when you reach that age in life you will be found a useful and honourable citizen, a credit alike to yourself, your guardians and Dr. Barnardo. Write often to UPS AND DOWNS. I am sure the Editor, like the rest of us, will be pleased to hear from you all

"Yours very truly,

"CHAS. CLARK.

"Cumber, April 9th, 1897."

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A bright and particularly well-written letter reaches us from Charles Potter, 14, who came out in June, '93. Charlie informs us that he is getting on very well and is very happy in his home. He attends church and Sunday school regularly, and during the winter he goes to the public school. His letter is evidence that he makes the most of his time while there.

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While our last number was on the press we received a letter from Charlie Morletair, 18, Bailliebow P.O., in which many nice things were said of UPS AND DOWNS, but there was also a grievance.

"The only fault I can see that it has is that it does not say enough about Leopold House. That is the Home I always lived at and I used to think it was the best Home the Doctor had."

Would not Charlie "feel sorry he spoke" when he received the copy of last month's UPS AND DOWNS, with its four pages devoted to Leopold House and Leopold House boys. The reason we did not refer to Charlie in that article as an excellent type of the Leopold lads of '89 was that we had mentioned his steady progress in the account of a trip around Peterborough in the March issue.

Our Leopold House article will probably have called to memory many little amusing and interesting incidents that transpired during the residence of our Leopold lads in that Institution. We suggest that they rub up their memories and send us some of their reminiscences; a short account of some little incident that may have occurred in the dormitory, in the play-ground, in the swimming bath.

We feel sure that if our lads will look back they can recall many little occurrences not void of humour or interest; perhaps it may be a little piece of mischief in which a lad participated, or some contest in the gymnasium characterized by some unusual feature. Let us have a number of "confessions" for our next and subsequent

numbers, and not only from Leopold lads but from lads who were in other Homes. These would be full of interest to all, and would probably be the means of reminding many old chums that they are not forgotten. Whenever possible give the names of those who are referred to.

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We recently had the pleasure of a visit from Emille Collard, whose portrait we present to our readers with considerable satisfaction. Emille is one of the good, old, steady kind of fellows, who, without making much noise, still achieve more success than the average. The



EMILLE COLLARD.

primary object of Emille's visit was to add a further sum to his already very substantial bank account. He also left generous donations to the Home and to the Jubilee Fund.

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In a letter just to hand Henry Jervis expresses much pleasure that we "have taken up music." In days gone by Henry "knew a good bit about it;" but he "forgot a lot." His ambition is now fired anew, and he asks us to order on his account a cornet that he may take advantage of the instruction given in "our musical society" to once more master the difficulties of "my old instrument." We are very glad to receive this testimony that our new feature is proving a source of pleasure and profit to some of our friends, and we sincerely trust Henry will derive much enjoyment from his cornet. To what extent the nearest neighbours will share his enjoyment during the first few weeks of practice is a matter on which we dare not venture an opinion.

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Sending \$25 to the Home to be deposited and to be added to the bank account of Edward Millar (July '94), Mr. John Wright, of Mohawk, says:

"I am very well suited with him; he is a boy I can trust anywhere."

We congratulate Edward upon the good use he has made of his time. He is now 18, and by the time he is 21 he will be in a very comfortable position.

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We have recently received news of our old friend, Thomas Harper, of the second party of '85. Thomas is now a young man of 23, and is, we are informed by a member of the family of his old employer, "working land" on his own account in Manitoba. The letter is full of praise of our friend, who is described as a "boy," who