

do's goodness to them, they have been taught to do at the various Homes. And does not this make *you* feel (for remember you are a part of the same plan) that *you* have the honour of a great name and a great cause to uphold, and that you would be ashamed to do or say anything that would bring it into discredit and dishonour. Let us who are in Canada take our full share in this great meeting—by our donations (many of you have already done this), by our prayers, and by our consistent lives—and thus show that we are "citizens of no mean city," but part and parcel of a great and glorious Institution.

We were a little amused lately on receiving a communication from a certain person, who shall be nameless, who requested us to send a little girl and he would pay her fare at the station on arrival. "Send her C.O.D." so ran the words. Sorry though we are to appear disobliging we *have* to draw the line sometimes!

OUR MONTHLY TEXT.

"Lo, I am with you alway."—Matt. xxviii, 20.

A mother had been watching by the side of her dying boy. When not far from death he went off into a sleep, and waking up and finding his mother still faithfully at her post, he looked at her with his dying eye and said: "Still there, mother!"

Still there! my gentle Mother,
Watching with tender care;
Not weary yet of waiting,
Still staying ever near.
And when my tired eyelids
Ope from their fevered sleep,
Your smile still waits to greet me,
And still your watch you keep.

And so, "still there" my Father!
My faithful God above,
The same Lord that has saved me
Watches with tender love
And though my slothful spirit
In slumber may have lain,
Yet when I wake and rouse me
Still doth Thy love remain.

In days of earth's dark fog-clouds,
Still somewhere shines the sun,
And in our deepest troubles
Still lives the Almighty One.
Yes, though, the clouds may gather,
They will not always last,
But God is there forever
When heaven and earth are past.

GIRLS' DONATION FUND.

We are pleased to acknowledge many additional contributions to this fund, but we have not quite our \$150.00. We will try and come up to that next year, all being well. Many of these contributions are made doubly welcome by the kind and grateful messages sent with them. Annie Bolton says: "I want you to take three dollars for the three years I have been out, and please do not return any thanks for that; it is but a little for all that has been done for me."

The following have been received since last list was published: Annie Bolton, \$3; Amelia Pritchard, \$2; Mrs. Osler (Amelia's mistress), \$1; E. Baker, \$2; Nellie Smith, \$2; Lizzie Lewis, \$2; Mary Parker, \$2; Eliza Williams, 75 cents. The rest are all gifts of \$1.00: Sarah Jakins, Agnes Warwick, Hilda Taylor, Fanny Lock, Emily Norris, Lizzie Drury, Bessie Compton, Hetty Watts, Miriam Killick, Eliza Lancaster, Ada Thomas, Louisa Barnes, Bertha Jordan, Sarah Smith, Margaret Whinnell, Mary Ann Smith, A. B. Rose Hoy, Jessie Biddis, Edith Fiske, Gertrude Freeman, Elizabeth Adams, Matilda Paton, Cissy Wallace, Annie Freshwater, Caroline Hardy, Amy Windus, Mary Sewell, Florrie Wallis, Charlotte Wilden, Amy Jones, Alice Webb, Lydia King, Jessie Sayer, Agnes Cutler.

Frances Leach came out to Canada in '85, one of our earlier arrivals. For four years of that time she lived in one place, which she left on account of wishing for higher wages. She



FRANCES LEACH.

there commended herself by her goodness to an invalid child of the household. Let us all remember how much sunshine we may spread in life by these "little nameless acts of kindness and of love."

You will see from Bessie Compton's letter how much she enjoys the country and the beauties of the Sprung all around her. We agree with her; it is lovely to hear the birds sing and to get interested in all the young life about a farm home.

"I just write a few lines hoping they will find you all quite well. I received the last copy of UPS AND DOWNS and was so pleased to see the village; it reminded me of when I was in it. I think the village is one of the grandest places I have seen, and now they have that new church in it, it must look beautiful. I was very pleased to read Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey's letter; it seemed such a kind and friendly letter and showed us that they never forget us though we are so far from them. I am glad to tell you that I am getting along nicely; I have got so used to the farm that I do not think I would care to leave it and go in the city. I have been with Mrs. Atkinson a year and seven months and I like the place very much. It is lovely to see the things grow up, and we are quite looking forward to a lot of chickens and quite a lot of things. It is very interesting; some people think that farm work is hard work, but it is lovely to hear the birds sing, it is more like nature. I take the pleasure of sending two dollars; I want you to take one for the Girl's Donation Fund and one for the bank account. I am so pleased to see so many girls sending money in. I should have sent mine before, but a little late is better than not at all. I think we all ought to try and do all we can for it, because it is going for such a good purpose; we all will, I am sure, be glad to do what we can for it. It is so nice to see so many good accounts of the girls and boys, it encourages one a great deal."

Lizzie Lewis, on the other hand, has always lived in a town since she came to Canada—nearly four years ago—but Picton is a very pretty place, and Lizzie evidently appreciates its beauties. Lizzie's record in Canada has been a very good one. She is so thoroughly honest and reliable that her mistress trusts her with important matters and business commissions, sure that in her hands all will be perfectly safe. Is not that a good testimony, girls?

I am so sorry not to have written before; I meant to write and tell you I would be so glad if you would take two dollars out of my bank account towards the Girls' Donation Fund. I think it is such a splendid way towards helping Dr. Barnardo when he has done so much

for us. I would have written before only I have been so busy Spring cleaning I have not had any time for anything. I look forward with great pleasure every month for the UPS AND DOWNS, and it is so nice to see and hear anything about the dear old village. Picton is looking very lovely just now. We will soon be having it quite gay as it is a very favourite place for excursionists, and I advise any of our girls, who have a day's holiday, to take in one of the excursions down to Picton. I should be so pleased to see any of them whether I know them or not. I do wish, Miss Code, you could get a picture of the village church. They were just in the middle of it when I left and it would be so nice to see it finished."



ELIZA EDWARDS.

Eliza Edwards came to Canada in October '92, and went the following month to her present place near Picton where she has been ever since. We are glad to notice in Miss Loveday's last report that she is spoken of as a steady girl and doing well.

The following letter is from Edith Vincent whose heart we can see beats with gratitude and who is enthusiastic in her sympathy with every feature of the work of her old friend and benefactor Dr. Barnardo:—

"I have received a sample copy of UPS AND DOWNS and I like it very much. I know Edith Bolton, whose photo was in January number, and also Gertie James, whose letter was published. I enclose my subscription for 1896. I am thinking Mr. Owen will find it very difficult to keep the girls confined to a corner. I think I could fill a corner myself! I came to Canada, September, 1886. I was only seven then. I lived in Myrtle Cottage in the Village Home, England. I am hoping to hear from some of my old acquaintances, and will they all sign the name and address? I do not think the paper could have had a more suitable name, and I have no doubt it will be highly appreciated by both boys and girls. May God's blessing rest upon 'Hazel Brae,' its inmates, and all connected with it, during 1896."

Flora Watson came to Canada in '86, and from May '88 till February of this year was in the same home. A change being then thought desirable she moved to her present place, where she is very happy, and where the lady she lives with gives her an excellent character. We are thankful for the following kind words from her



FLORA WATSON.

mistress: "I have been much interested in the Home paper UPS AND DOWNS. I think it will do a great deal of good to the boys and girls by stimulating their interest in the Home, and encouraging them to do their best."