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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AMONG OUR BOYS.

THE generous proportions of the subjoined list of donations from our boys would at all times cause us to feel well pleased and extremely grateful, but it is a source of intense gratification to us that we are able to record this large increase in our monthly list of donations at this season of the year. It tells of many young hearts catching the true spirit of Christmas—the spirit that is breathed in the words of the message of that first Christmas morn: "On earth peace, good-will to men." In that spirit alone will true happiness find its strength; and well we know with how much greater zest will Christmas be enjoyed by those of our lads who are able to say: "I could not do much, but I did what I could, to help others, even as I was helped."

What a lesson in "love for others" lies in the message which accompanies the Christmas greetings of three little lads at Novar, which will be found on another page: "I send you twenty-four cents to help other little boys." "The twenty-five cents is a present to help others."

These are the words of children (children to whom a "quarter" is riches), but who can fail to see in them the spirit of that other message? And before the present year closes may that spirit spread until it touches the hearts of all our boys, filling them with a deep yearning to add something of the brightness and happiness of their own lives to the lives of those whose piteous cry for help rings day and night in the ear of the friend who has helped so many and who is ready, eager, anxious, waiting to lift up these, and who will lift them up if he only have the means.

The following donations have been received since our last list was published:

Ashworth, George F., \$1; Acland, Arthur, \$10; Belchamber, Hy., \$1; Baker, Abraham J., \$1.78; Bowles, Jas. F., \$1; Bailey, Arthur, 25c; Buckley, Art., \$1; Drewry, Wm., \$1.50; Green, Wm., \$3.68; Gawtray, Thos., \$5.56; Gallagher, Alex. C., \$8; Howard, Wm., \$2; Hibbert, Frank, \$1; Holliday, Wm., \$1.95; Humble, John, \$1; Hill, Chas., \$2; Joynes, Jos., \$1.30; Lancaster, Alb. H., \$4.46; Mercer, Hy., \$1; Martin, Chas., 75c; Peters, Alfred C., \$1; Pennycad, Alfred, \$3; Piper, Thos. W., \$2; Rose, Edwin, 75c; Reed, Frank, 25c; Reed, Sidney L., 25c; Rolfe, Thos., \$1; Sullivan, Geo. M., 50c; Smith, Thos., 80c; Southern, W. C., \$1; Townson, Fred. G., \$1; Todd, Art. H., \$1; Trewin, Chas., \$1; Venuss, W. R., 50c; Wall, Fred. W., \$5; Williams, Alfred, \$8.27; Wright, Thos., \$1; Watson, John H., \$1.75; Yelf, Wm. D., \$1.

GENEROUS HELP FOR "UPS AND DOWNS."

VERY gratefully we acknowledge the receipt of a cheque for twenty-five dollars from Mr. Frank E. Hodgins of Toronto, contributed specially towards the expenses of UPS AND DOWNS. This is not by any means the first time that Mr. Hodgins has shown in a practical way his interest and sym-

pathy in our work, and we warmly appreciate his generosity in contributing occasionally to our funds, and not less so the kindness with which he has so often given us the benefit of his valuable advice and professional services in cases when we have had to invoke the law in the interests of the work. His present acceptable gift will enable us to place our Christmas Number in the hands of many of our old boys scattered about the country, who, although not regular subscribers, will welcome this little reminder of old days and former friends, as well as others who will be interested in seeing what manner of people we are and what we have to say for ourselves.



OF '86.

THE test of time is a good one; the longer the time the surer the test, and we thought that this last number of '96 (although it is dated Jan. '97) would be an excellent opportunity of applying the searching test to those boys who have had ten years in which to establish for themselves reputations, good, bad, or indifferent. As the boys of '86 pass in review before us—and the records filed in the "Home" office are very comprehensive—we feel, and are devoutly thankful therefor, that true impartiality can pronounce but one verdict on the result of the ten years' efforts of the lads who left England with either of the parties of that year: "GOOD."

We are speaking collectively. There are a few records which cannot be marked other than indifferent, but these are a very small minority, and despite the strange reasoning of grand juries and journalistic social reformers, we unhesitatingly declare that Canada has derived great benefit from the presence within her borders of our stalwart friends of '86. We cannot attempt in one issue to deal individually with the careers of all those who have now completed ten years' residence in Canada, but a glance at the records of and letters recently received from twenty-five or thirty who fairly represent the average, will give our readers a true idea of the progress that has been and is being made by those who formed the two parties of 1886.

We start well with John Anderson, who arrived here when 11, and remained until this year in the one situation at Clarksburg. No further evidence than this is required of the good opinion formed of John by those best qualified to judge. Our friend accumulated a substantial balance at the bank, and how he is using his well-earned wealth is shown in a letter which we recently received from Portland, Oregon, U.S., whither our friend saw fit to migrate about two months ago.

"As I am starting business on my own account as a partner in a grocery store, I am obliged to send for the remainder of my money, \$113."

We wish John every success in his venture. He has the qualities which make for success all the world over.

We have more than once had something to say of Arthur E. Acland, but notwithstanding this, we cannot pass him by on this occasion

without mentioning that not a little of the prestige of the '86 contingent is due to this faithful friend.

Thomas Burns is now a man of 28. He has always been rated "first-class," and years ago we heard of him earning \$18 a month, "all found." He called at the Home recently, and we were pleased but not surprised to hear he is "getting on well."

The very first report of James Clayton, received from his employer, declared James to be

"truthful and honest in every respect, a truly good boy."

This excellent beginning has been well maintained, and a year ago we heard of James as a very capable journeyman blacksmith, steady and upright in all his dealings.

William Birch points with pride to the silver medal which his faithful service and good conduct secured him several years back. He is well and favourably known in Parry Sound where for a number of years he has followed the trade of baker, in which, we understand, he is quite an adept.

We have a letter from Joseph R. Eaves, whose portrait appeared in a previous number. Joseph writes from Fainerston and sends Christmas and New-Year greetings to all his old friends. We are sorry to hear the past year has not been free from trouble for our friend, but sincerely trust the horizon will soon clear. In fact, Joseph already sees brighter prospects ahead. He says:

"I am working on the farm again, and I think it is the best place for a man to work."

As our correspondent has had ten years' experience and is a man of 27, his opinion should be taken into earnest consideration by any of our younger friends, who are at times inclined to think "easier times" and "more money" are to be had off the farm than on it.

Frederick Hammond started as a youngster of 12, under the care of a kind old couple at Farmersville, with whom he remained for nearly five years, securing the bronze and silver good-conduct and long-service medals. In 1891 he moved to Athens, and is there still, enjoying the good opinion of all who know him, and exercising a brotherly watchfulness over a sister some years younger than himself.

The early reports of ten years ago, when Frederick Hildyard was only eleven old, held out a promise of a most successful future for our friend, and the promise is being nobly fulfilled. Frederick continued his persevering efforts in Ontario until 1892, when, acting on the advice of Mr. Owen, he migrated to the North-West, whence we frequently hear from him, all his letters expressing the greatest satisfaction with the new Province, his progress and his prospects.

After several years of steady application on the farm at Palgrave, Charles Godfrey, now 21, is taking an educational course at the Weston High School, with a view to qualifying himself for the position of teacher; and he has our very earnest wishes for his success. Charles recently paid us a visit and enriched his library by a large selection from the "Penny Poets."

Frank Hibbert is still at Badjeros, where he has been over three years, and is earning "good wages," as he informed us recently when writing to renew his subscription to Ups