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I am very anxious to know where she is, for she is a child that is so easily worked upon, and it will very much depend upon, indeed entirely, upon the hands she falls into whether she turns out *good or bad*.

People as a rule exhibit such a foolish—not only foolish, but positively injurious—sympathy with these children, when they are corrected for doing anything wrong, giving it as an argument, that they are waifs and orphans; poor children, is that the reason they should be allowed to grow up without restraint of any kind. I should very much have liked the receipt for bringing up my own children without punishment and reward, and very much have liked a child that did not require it—let alone, Polly.

"Polly" is looking well and stout, and has never had one day's illness since she came to me, and was perfectly happy, excepting when neighbours and people would, by an injurious, false, and sometimes wicked sympathy, put into her head that she ought not to be amenable to any control, by me, you, or anybody else; and at those times there would arise a spirit of discontent in her, and even rebellion, and that uncalled for sympathy has been the *greatest* difficulty I have had to encounter in bringing her up. Moreover, she all her life gained her livelihood by the successful enlisting the sympathy of others, therefore she looks for it now and likes it, and will even invent lies rather than not get it. I regret very much your great trouble with Mr. Doyle, and I trust it will not discourage you in carrying on this great work of bringing out these poor little waifs to a country where they can get fed, clothed and taught to gain their living respectably, and not have the brand of the workhouse stamped indelibly on them.

Polly's description of her life in England was a very dreadful one, as she had seen little else than want and vice with all its train of evils. Anything I can do in order to unprejudice people with regard to the benefit of the children being brought to Canada, I should be most happy to do. I should be glad to have another of them for myself in the autumn.

I am, yours sincerely,

S. STREET.

Miss Rye, Niagara.

EGREMONT, ONT., 12th May, 1875.

DEAR FRIEND,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your circular. I beg to say, Emma Melling, the girl I received from you, to whom I became guardian, and whose likeness I herewith enclose, is a good, smart, well-behaved girl. There are a number of these children, both boys and girls, brought out by you settled in this neighbourhood, and whom I am personally acquainted with, whose conduct reflects credit on the training or school they came from. They are intelligent well-behaved children, and are mostly in good homes where they will become useful members of society. I only know one out of twelve or fourteen who happened to get a bad place, and that case is rectified.

I have seen Mr. Doyle's, the English Inspector's report published in the *Mail*, which I wondered at very much at the time, it being as unjust to you as it is untrue.

Mr. Doyle certainly could not have made much of an inspection, or he would have been better informed.

You can make any use of this letter you see fit.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

THOMAS SMITH,

Justice of the Peace.

Miss M. S. Rye, Niagara.

HOLMEHURST, NIAGARA, ONT., 26th May, 1875.

SIR,—Having had a most intimate knowledge of Miss Rye's work of immigrating children into Canada, from its very first inception to the present date, I feel it no