

formance of that duty in the future, the *method of self-denial* being determined by each for himself. With some it may be merely the withdrawal from the bank of the sum they desire to give; with others it may and must be, as with Harry Odd, the giving up of some personal pleasure; others again may find the means, as did the three little men we referred to in our issue of August, by performing some special work and devoting the remuneration received therefor to the cause in which they wish to be helpers. And we should be very sorry to think that there were a dozen of Dr. Barnardo's boys in Canada who did not wish to be helpers in a work to which so much in their present prosperous condition must be attributed.

Since our last list was published the following donations to the Homes have been received: Albert V. Bowen, 50c.; Alf. Bruce, \$1.00; Horace Bones, 75c.; John Bodger, \$2.00; Harry Collins, 75c.; Wm. Cannon, \$1.25; Fred B. Cochran, \$2.00; Wm. Gyde, \$2.00; Robert W. Hawkesworth, \$2.50; Edward Jehu, \$1.00; Frank W. Lee, \$1.00; Martin McGrath, \$1.00; Michael McGrath, \$2.00; Harry Odd, \$5.00; Herbert Panting, \$2.82; Richard Parsons, \$1.45; Walter Stewart, \$1.00; Samuel Snow, 75c.; Wm. Sandiford, \$1.00; Thos. Timson, \$1.75; Hy. H. Toull, \$1.00; Thos. Vival, \$1.00.

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A JOINT LETTER FROM TWINS.

DEAR READERS,—We are twin brothers who came to Mrs. McLaren's, at Bracebridge, July 10, 1896, and must say we are thankful to Dr. Barnardo for having given us this home. When we grow up, if we are not good men it will not be the fault of our guardians. We are kept at school, church and Sabbath school, and given plenty of time to learn our lessons. We are pleased now that Mrs. McLaren has made us get our lessons, for both of us was promoted at public school, and both of us took Diplomas in our examination in the Presbyterian Shorter Catechism. We are going to be examined again in the Catechism, and when that is over we will write to UPS AND DOWNS and tell how we succeed.

ROBT. MILLS,
JACK MILLS,

At Mrs. McLaren's, Bracebridge.

OUR LITERARY AND MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

WE HAVE now to announce the names of those who have secured the three prizes we offered in our issue of April. It will be remembered that the first prize was to be awarded to the boy sending in the best essay on any topic included in our syllabus during our first six months' session. The boy maintaining the best average of excellence throughout the session was to receive the second prize, unless he had won the first prize, in which case the boy whose session's work was second in order of merit would secure prize No. 2. Prize No. 3 was reserved for the "youngsters," for boys under fifteen.

WILL. HOWARD, of the August, '89 party, carries off the first prize, while the second prize goes to ALFRED JOLLEY, of the June, '90 party. The reputation of the little men has been well sustained by ALBERT E. YOUNG, July, '95 party, who receives the third prize.

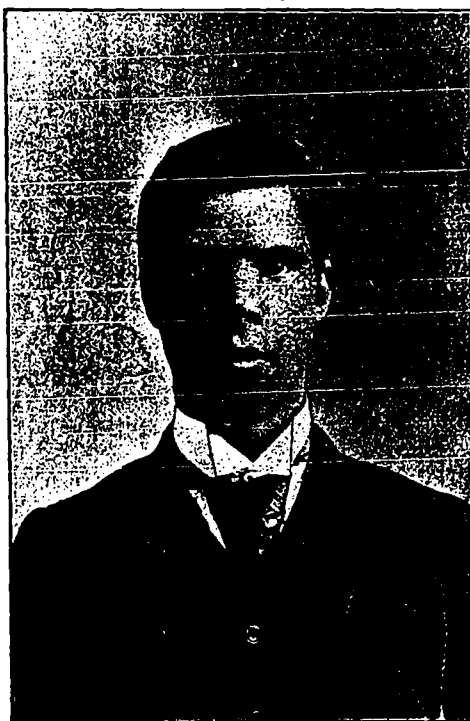
Those who have watched the progress of our Mutual Improvement Society from month to month will, we are sure, readily admit that our three friends have earned their respective places of distinction on our roll. Month after month each has contributed a carefully and intelligently written essay upon some topic, and in so doing our friends have not only added materially to the interest of our pages, but have themselves derived not a little benefit from the exercise of various faculties. We must not for-

get that this is also true of a number of other boys who, while they may not have succeeded in getting a prize, have yet sent in essays of considerable merit, and are justly entitled to special mention, notably:

Samuel Relf, Albert E. Green, Fred. G. Bennett, Fred. Broster, Harry Bobbins, Samuel M. Ling, Walter Denton, Wm. F. Resden, Alfred L. Gillingwater.

We thank one and all for having so zealously co-operated with us in our Mutual Improvement Society. We hope they will continue to take the same keen interest in the work as heretofore, and that many others will follow their good example. We extend our very hearty congratulations to Will Howard, Alfred Jolley and Albert Young, who will receive their several prizes before our next issue, Mr. Owen having kindly undertaken to procure these well-earned rewards while in England, whence he will return before the end of the present month.

Will. Howard was with us at Exhibition time, and we availed ourselves of the opportunity to obtain a photograph of Will. Alfred Jolley and Albert Young were not among our visitors; we were already in possession of



WM. HOWARD.

[From a photo by Chas. L. Rosevear, Toronto.]

Alfred's portrait, but we were not so fortunate in regard to Albert, and we are thus unable to publish a portrait of our young friend.

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A VISIT TO THE EXHIBITION.

WILLIAM HOWARD, Age 19. Party, Aug., '89.

Bright and clear was the warm September day as I boarded a King street car, bound for the Exhibition grounds. Having reached the grounds, purchased my ticket and disposed of it to an official-looking personage who stood at the wicket, I was allowed to enter.

Grand and spacious the Main Building now looms upon the sight, filled with those treasures of art and manufactures which to a casual observer indicates something of the social, moral and intellectual capacity of a nation.

In the vicinity of the Main Building is the Machinery Hall, filled with those inventions which have been brought to that degree of perfection and usefulness that they have revolutionized farming, increased manufactures, facilitated travelling and changed the destiny of nations.

The Agricultural Building is the one that is of chief interest to the farmers. Here, as it were, they are in their own element. Here are the products of the earth, some of which have, through careful attention, matured to that

stage of perfection that for size, beauty and flavour they stand unequalled in the world to-day.

The next in importance to the farmer are the cattle,



ALF. JOLLEY.

horse, sheep, and swine exhibits. There are cattle for beef and cattle for milk; horses for the farm and horses for the road; sheep for wool and sheep for mutton; pigs for fall and pigs for spring—the pick and choice of all the best thoroughbred stock in the Dominion.

The chief interest of the Fair centred in the course of people gathered there. Here are men standing at the doors of side-shows trying to attract a crowd by means of fiddles, harps, or some other musical instruments that are either sadly out of tune or the musicians out of practice. Here is a set of third-rate actors trying to amuse a crowd with some old jokes that were out-of-date three years ago. Here are men with merry-go-rounds and men with Punch-and-Judy shows. Here are newsboys and bootblacks, old men and young men, stout men and thin men, tall men and short men, all jumbled together, each jostling and elbowing the other in his endeavours to extricate himself from the crowd. There were women too, from the old yet stately dowager to the young school girl, each viewing the sights and reaping the reward of a holiday after a long summer of weary toil.

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A MEETING OF THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

ALFRED JOLLEY, Age 20. Party, April, '90.

The Farmers' Institute is for the benefit of farmers. The Government circulates agricultural literature among its members. They also hold meetings to discuss the different branches of farming, that they may benefit thereby. I was present at one of their open meetings, at Mount Forest, and I will tell what I remember of it.

The first on the programme was some music by the town talent, which was well rendered.

Then came the address of the chairman, a gentleman from Guelph. Next was an address on Sheep Raising by a gentleman from Galt. This address was very instructive; he traced the sheep all through the different

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