

"I like my situation very well. We have not been doing much this winter, but we will soon have to get a move on and get some wood cut and rails split. I have just ten head of cattle and three horses to look after, and some sheep and pigs. I herewith enclose one dollar for the Homes."

So writes Alfred D. Powrie, who is putting in his first winter in Canada. We believe Alfred to be a well-meaning, good boy, and one who will give a good account of himself in the future.

Robert H. Hodge writes us very cheerfully from his place with Mr. John D. Wilson, of Hagersville. He tells us he often sees his brother, who lives in the same township with Mr. Jonathan Winger, and who, Robert says, is "looking well."

Two little brothers, Walter and Frederick Smith, of last September party, have been placed together with Mr. George Acres, of Hazeldean; and two other little brothers, Augustus and Arthur Hallam, are now living near together in the village of Essex, Arthur having gone to live with Mr. James May.

We were much pleased to receive a very sensible, well-written letter from Robert C. Newman, of the April, 1891, party. Robert has stuck to the same place during the whole five years, and that without a complaint against his conduct. Robert tells us that from living in a German settlement, he has learned to speak that language, and we fancy he has learned, besides the language, German habits of thrift and industry.

Several old Labour House lads have written us of themselves during the month, or we have heard of them through others.

George H. Matthews is married and settled at Shelbourne. Mr. Griffith was there early in the month and brought us excellent accounts of him.

Joseph Ashton writes us a capital letter from his place at Alliston, where he is now putting in his third year with Mr. N. W. Hanna.

And we hear of John Heath working on a farm, near Uxbridge, hired for a year; steady and well liked.

Richard Parsons and John Cunningham, the former at Owen Sound, the latter at Jarvis, both give good accounts of themselves.

Harry Bellchamber has just completed his three years with Mr. J. Walshaw, of Bolton, and has now fifty dollars to the credit of his bank account. He has hired out again with Mr. Walshaw, who gives us an excellent report of his industry and attention to business.

Reginald Farthing, with Mr. Alexander Thompson, of Lakehurst, is living where several good boys before him have found a good place. We learn with much pleasure that Reginald is fully upholding our good name and is proving himself a steady, willing worker.

George Pavelin, who has a considerable sum of money in hand, that we have been taking care of for him, tells us that he is thinking about getting a farm.

Our good friend, Mr. Chapman, J. P., of Ripley, writes us of Henry J. Page, that he is getting to be a fine young man; well spoken of.

George J. Reed and George Gooden, who have been working together in the lumber woods during the past winter, have made up their minds to join our Colonist party, to start for the North-West in the spring. We believe both will make useful and successful settlers.

Ernest Clarke (September, 1894, party) writes us that, regarding a bird in the hand as worth two in the bush, he has hired again with Mr. John Tremain, of Olivet, and seems to have made a very fair bargain for himself.

Mr. Davis was in Newcastle at the end of last month on the rather unpleasant errand of attending a case in court respecting the payment of wages, but he brought us several very welcome little items of intelligence of old boys that he picked up there during his short stay.

Frederick Reed is said to be a good willing lad doing very well indeed.

Robert Holmes, a fine steady young man, well spoken off in the neighborhood, is completing his tenth year in the country in a thoroughly creditable manner.

George Frederick Sainsbury (March, '89) is well and doing well, and Bertram W. Long is also spoken of in the highest terms as steady, industrious and very saving.

John Walton (March, '89) is doing credit in all respects to the old Home, and Walter Crowther is earning a good character and working faithfully.

Be it mentioned that in the township of Clarke, in which Newcastle is situated, we have thirty boys placed out and there is not one of these who is not a decent law-abiding citizen earning an honest respectable livelihood and acquitting himself creditably, and yet we have little doubt that there are people to be found there who would say Dr. Barnardo's boys are a "bad lot."

"Please find enclosed fifty-one dollars, fifty dollars to add to my account and one dollar to help the Home along. Hoping you are all well. Yours truly, Henry White, care Mr. James Hutchinson, Millbrook."

A letter like this needs no comment. It carries its own commendation and all we would say to our readers is "go and do thou likewise."

Geo. Ireland (July, 1886); living at Lakehurst; is married and has one little one; bears a good name. Such is the substance of a brief report made to us early last month. George has our hearty congratulations.

A farmer calling at our office to engage a boy mentioned his being well acquainted with William G. Smith, at present hired with Mr. James Brown, of Kerby, and described William as a "noble little worker" and thoroughly well-conducted.

Harry Lake Parker (March, '89) writes us, from Martintown, in the county of Glengarry, that he is in good health and is about to enroll himself as a member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

From the "far west" we have had several cheery letters from old boys who have established themselves there. Reginald J. Pickard writes from Findlay, Manitoba:

"I have been out here since the year 1891 and I am getting along fine. I have a team of horses of my own and I shall soon be farming for myself. I was getting fifteen dollars a month through the summer and thirty for the harvest. I have a good, warm fur coat; cost me twenty-one dollars."

Fred. Hildyard tells us that he is doing well in a location in the Pipestone Valley, Manitoba. He has had the misfortune to lose a good cow, but although this was a heavy loss for Fred, he evidently hasn't lost heart.

From a very different region, Copper Cliff, Algoma, comes a nice little letter from Ernest Adams, telling us how much he is pleased with UPS AND DOWNS. Ernest has been six years in the one situation, and, in return for his kindly congratulations upon our newspaper enterprise, we congratulate him heartily on his very creditable record.

There is a strong bond between Wm. A. Diaper and James Attack. First, they are of the same age, 22; were chums when both were Labour House youths; they came out together in 1892; and they are chums still, and have not been separated from each by more than a few miles since their arrival in Canada. Consequently when we hear of or from one we generally hear something of the other. Each has faithfully done his duty and gained the esteem of his employer and others with whom he has come in contact. The very first report we received of Attack, a few weeks after he entered upon his duties in Canada, was: "His employer is well satisfied with him; a quiet, willing lad, and is trying to make himself useful." The same hopeful and encouraging tone pervades subsequent reports received of the two chums. Together they have moulded their plans for the future, and their thoughts have for some time been turned towards Manitoba, and they have signified their intention of joining Mr. Owen's colonist party, which will proceed to that Province in the spring. As they are both practical farmers, not afraid of work, we are strongly of the opinion that in a very few years we shall find them among the well-to-do settlers who are doing so much to develop the resources of Canada's great North-West.



WM. A. DIAPER.



JAMES ATTACK.

With sincere regret we have to record the death of Edward Sanders, at the age of twenty, after being six years and eight months in the country. He had been suffering for several months past from an affection of the heart that impaired the circulation and unfitted him for any hard or labourious work, but we had good hope that in time this would be overcome. A short time ago, however, he took a severe cold which settled on his lungs, and, although everything was done for him, the attack ended fatally on the 14th of February. His death has taken place at the house of Mr. John Sundercock, of the township of Hullett, Co. Huron, with whom he has lived for six years, and where he bore the character of being an honest, faithful, inoffensive lad.