

what shall we do, for "all trespassers will be prosecuted!" After all, we do not see why we should not "go shares," and it is all a part of one great institution.

ILFORD.

"I have not been to Her Majesty's Hospital since last I wrote to you, but I have paid several visits to the beautiful Village Home down in Essex. Did you ever see it? The country around the Home is very flat, but when once you get inside the Village the place really looks *charming*. I think I shall persuade the editor to let you have just one peep at what the Village is like in this month's issue. Such a lot of little girls have been admitted lately. And, poor little mites, some of them have been very ill, and one little darling that anybody could love, she looks so sweet, has been received into the Home only, I fear, to die!

"Now she lies in her little white bed, looking so sweet, but so sad and delicate. I fear she will never recover; at least so the clever doctors say. But I was so glad to see her in her little bed, and to know that in any case she would be kindly cared for and lovingly treated all the time she is alive, and told of Jesus, who loves poor little girls and gives His servants a desire to help and succour them. But the child is too ill to hear much, or to say much. She can only lie still, and suffer *patiently*. And do you know that that is one of the most difficult tasks that life can set any of us, whether we are big or little?"

STEPNEY.

"The wheelwrights' shop is another in which strong boys are required. There is a great deal of heavy work in the shaping and building of vans, for although this workshop is designated the 'Wheelwrights', yet there is far more done in it than merely the fashioning and repairing of wheels. A lad, when first admitted to this department, would be taught to 'clean up,' that is, *plane* timber. It is more than likely that while practising this art the planer's *biceps* would develop to an encouraging and surprising extent!

"The second operation in which the young apprentice would be instructed is known as 'spoke-chopping.' Its object is to hew out from spars of oak the rough spokes of a wheel. These are afterwards shaped, planed, sand-papered, and secured in the 'hub' of the wheel.

"Mortising, or skilfully dove-tailing one piece of wood into another, is a third operation, which before perfection is achieved needs continual practice.

"Altogether it takes several years to learn efficiently the trade of a wheelwright and van-builder. That many of the Stepney boys do learn it well is evidenced by the firm, strong, useful vans which they are able to turn out for the use of the Homes. These vans have a very fair share of work to do in the carrying of goods to and from the different branches of the institution, and every van in use was built by these young workmen taught in the Stepney workshops! All the repairs to carts, waggons, wheels, etc., are also done here. I saw some well-made hand-carts, such as bakers use, 'made to order,' and only waiting for a second coat of paint, in this interesting workshop.

"Many boys taught in these shops have obtained capital positions upon going out in the world, and although still under twenty years of age are earning twenty-five shillings per week and even more by their trades. E. M. S."

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Mary Spencer, in sending in her donation, writes:

"You said in one of last spring's numbers of UPS AND DOWNS that you thought the girls did not know about the G. D. F. before then. However, I am one that didn't, and you may be sure that if I had known before, I would not have been the last to give."

We do not think many could plead guilty to "not knowing" now since we have so often brought the matter before our readers, so we would just remind them of the words "If ye *know* these things, happy are ye if ye *do* them."

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It will not be very long before the 1st of March is here, and we are anxious to make up a good round sum as soon as possible.

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Time flies. The shortest month of the year has come, for

"Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November,
February twenty-eight alone,
And all the rest have thirty-one."

Therefore let us try to make the most of it.

B. Code

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A VISIT TO ENGLAND.

In the following letter Emma Webb tells us of a pleasant visit paid by herself and her sister Alice to England last summer. Emma came out to Canada in '88, and has been in but one place, so hers was a well-earned holiday.



ALICE AND EMMA WEBB.

"My sister and I have returned to Canada, after a very pleasant four months' holiday in England. We sailed on the *Parisian* from Montreal on the 27th of June, and reached Quebec in the afternoon, and as the steamer did not sail till the following morning, and it was such a lovely day, we went for a walk up into the city. On Sunday morning Lord and Lady Aberdeen came down to see the steamer off. The voyage going over was very pleasant, although it rained two or three days, but a couple of concerts helped to make it pleasant and pass away the time, that I was rather sorry when the voyage was over, but I guess those who were sick were not. We passed several very large icebergs.

"We visited the village three or four times, for where we were staying it was only a little over four miles from the Home. One time we stayed for a week at 'Violet Cottage,' and heard Mr. Godfrey preach on Sunday, and we also saw Dr. Barnardo while we were there. What a lovely place the village is now, with its beautiful church and fine large new school! I am sure the girls who came out to this country before 1888 would hardly recognize it as their old home.

"We went to several excursions while visiting my sister. One was to a place called 'Rye House,' supposed

to be the very place where the plot to kill the King was hatched; we also went down into the dungeons where the prisoners were starved to death. We went to the Crystal Palace and in the evening there was a grand display of fireworks and to the British Museum, and St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey."

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LETTERS FROM GIRLS.

Ruby Hodgson is one of our more recent arrivals, belonging to '95 party. She is living in Bowmanville with a lady who takes a kind interest in her, and is doing well. Ruby writes:

"I like the UPS AND DOWNS very much; my mistress takes a great interest in it, too. I think my mistress likes reading it as well as the daily paper, the *Globe*, and the loss of the daily paper means a great deal to the Canadians."



RUBY HODGSON.

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Amy Jelfs, the writer of the following letter, arrived in Canada in September '88, and went the following month to live with Mr. Alexander Brand, Embro, where she has been ever since. She writes:

"I am so thankful that I came to Embro, and as I am greatly indebted to Dr. Barnardo for all his goodness to me, I think I feel it more and more as I grow older. . . . I do love getting the UPS AND DOWNS. I think it is a very good name for that paper. We all have our ups and downs, and it is as our motto says: 'We must run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus.'

"I think the Christian Endeavor Society is doing me a great deal of good; it helps us onward; and this New Year we are going to try harder than ever before to go forward with His work.

"I do love hearing about the other girls, and how they are getting along, although they are all strangers to me. I have been in Embro eight years last October, and I have every card that I received at Christmas time, and I am sure that they are really beautiful. I think that it is very kind of you to send them to me. I try to remember them every day, and go forward with my work with a right good will, trying to please all those that are around me.

"We had the county convention of Christian Endeavor in Embro on November 17 and 18. I attended every meeting, all but the last afternoon, and then we were giving the delegates a social in our church, and of course we all could not be at the meeting. I am sure that it did us all a great deal of good, and I am sure that we felt His presence there. . . . I attend the Bible class and our pastor teaches it. I think that he is a real good preacher. He asked me to take a class two weeks ago for that Sunday, but I did not feel able to do it. Last Sunday he asked some one to volunteer to teach a class, and no one would move; but he kept his eye on me, so I said that I would, and I am sure that I was greatly blessed by teaching that class. I think that I will have to close my letter now as I am getting tired.

"AMY JELFS."