

The good work at the Edinburgh Castle still goes forward, and the services there during the past winter have brought immense numbers within the sound of the gospel tidings and many to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. The work of the Deaconesses of the Copperfield Lane Schools, of Her Majesty's Hospital, of the Coffee Palaces, and in the many and various other directions within the wide scope of Dr. Barnardo's energies, shows nowhere any sign of abatement. Everywhere the watchword seems to be "Forward," and calls are to be heard to more vigorous and self-denying effort. We feel ourselves to be members of a vast living organization ever pressing onward, having accomplished grand achievements in the past, going forward to wage still more determined warfare in the future against the forces of degradation, poverty, and vice.

Our party is fixed to leave on April 2nd, sailing from Liverpool by the steamship *Scotsman*, of the Dominion Line. We shall not be a very large contingent, probably not exceeding 200 all told, and the supply will, as usual, fall far below the demand. There will be another party a few weeks later, and we are in hopes that most of our "clients" whom we shall be unable to supply with boys from the present party, will allow us to hold over their applications till then. As far as we can judge at present, there is a fine collection of "material" ready for us, and the selection and preparation of the party, which is now going on, is being conducted on the usual close and carefully drawn lines, so as to exclude anyone who does not give good promise of doing us credit in the future.

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#### OUR MANITOBANS.

It is with great pleasure that I accept the invitation of the Manager of *UPS AND DOWNS* to furnish copy for a page of our popular organ, and, as it were, become the editor of the Manitoba Department. I may say, however, that I would not have taken the responsible post of press representative of Dr. Barnardo's Colony in the Great West had I not felt positive that I can count with perfect assurance on assistance, in the way of letters and general information from the many capable writers among our young men and lads scattered through the country; and I believe this department can be made of great interest to the members of what I may be permitted to designate as Dr. Barnardo's Eastern Colony, if the information referred to is carefully collected and placed in readable shape before the many young men in the East who are looking for new worlds to conquer. I therefore urgently request all the Manitoba lads to send me letters containing descriptions of the conditions of farming in their particular section of country; the chances for securing free home steads or employment; and lastly, but not least, a full account of their progress in the past and chances for the future.

We have always realized that few countries in the world offer such opportunities for the poor man who has some knowledge of farming as Manitoba, but we were not prepared for the figures which an examination of our Home register brought forth, in relation to the number of lads who have become land owners since their adoption of Canada as their home; and as the question has been often asked by people interested in the settlement of the country, as to the numbers of our Colonists who have established

themselves on their own land, I purpose giving in the next issue of this magazine as complete a list as possible of these fortunate young men who are fast placing themselves in positions of comparative independence.

Among the first to avail themselves of the offer of Dr. Barnardo to assist the worthy young men of his "Oversea Colony" to set up for themselves, was Mr Henry Pettitt who was for a time employed on the farm of Andrew Taylor, Carlingford, P. O., Ontario. Mr. Pettitt, whose portrait we have great pleasure in presenting to our readers, already bears the stamp of the well to do Manitoba farmer. For a few years he worked on shares a



quarter section belonging to the Industrial Farm; managed, beside getting some stock, furniture and implements about him, to procure and carry a good policy in the New York Life Insurance Company; lay up a nice little bank account, and last year he began the opening up of one of the finest quarter sections of land to be found in the County of Russell. Mr. Pettitt's motto has always been "Nulli secundus" (Second to none), and even his breaking, which was last fall carefully looked over by the writer, carries the impress of the motto given and when his little cottage, to be built in the Spring, is occupied by himself and a cheery helpmate, we look for the rapid development of one of the model farms of the Province.

George Fisher, who will be well known by many of the Ontario lads, and who last worked in Ontario at the Farm of Mr. F. Rundle, Leskard P. O., has made even better progress in Manitoba; and, although he has not yet selected his land for purchase, we know that his bank account is coming close to the four figure mark, and we promise our readers a description of his material advancement in some future issue, and when he has been good enough to furnish us with his portrait.

An extensive list of young men of our "clan" could be named to-day who have set up for themselves. I however, as stated before, propose in a later issue to deal more fully with this question and will now devote myself to giving a short account of affairs on the farm.

#### FARM NOTES.

Lads who have resided at the Manitoba Farm will know that just at this time of the year the Manager and his staff are kept busy arranging for situations for the lads who are ready to go out into the world, but even they scarcely realize the difficulties which attend the selecting of these situations. There is rarely at this time of the year any want of applicants for our lads. Quantity, however, is not by any means all that is necessary; quality must be considered, and even with the safe-guard of a certificate from the nearest magistrate or clergyman, I fear our boys' sometimes get into pretty "hot boxes" and have to put up with considerable annoyance. In such cases, and where there has been apparently gross carelessness on the part of the officials recommending the applicant, we always

trust the unfortunate lads will at once notify the Home so that a change for the better can be promptly made.

The old hands will, I know, be glad to hear that no better winter was ever passed at the Farm. There has been very little bad weather; fuel and feed stored up in abundance, a fine supply of water; and, best of all, perfect harmony has been the order of all the year 1896 so far passed.

Those who have handled the pure bred bull Trophy, sent out from Scotland some years ago, by Lord Polwarth, will be pleased to know that he still flourishes. The Ayrshire bull, Lord Lorne, however, has not been so fortunate, for letting his angry passions rise one evening last Summer, he engaged in a most fearful combat with old "Baron," and was so seriously injured that it has been decided to butcher him. If he finds his way to Charles Andrews hands, who is, by the way, very much of a Chef' now, he will no doubt make some pretty sweet beefsteak pies and cause a broad smile of satisfaction to run from one end of the long table to the other. On the 21st of the month a car load of fat cattle, which have been scientifically fed by Gledhill Harper and his staff, will be on their way to England. Among them is the ox, Bright. Poor old chap; what an end to be eaten by Englishmen!

Mr. Blythe is now looking forward for the lambing season, and if his expectations are realized, and, as you all know, they generally are in this line of stock, about the middle of April, or by the time most of my readers are looking over this paper, he, and a few of the lads, will have their hands full looking after and nursing on to life and strength, scores of those beautiful little animals which have so fitly been set up as an emblem of purity and innocence.

Large quantities of wood have been got out from the ravines leading down to the Assiniboine this winter. Some seventy tons of ice have been stored in the Creamery Icehouse and very soon the great work of drawing out the large quantities of manure to the fields will begin.

It is plain to see that the people at the farm do not believe in all work and no play and we find they have persuaded the Rev. Mr. Gill, of Russell, who is now filling the post of Chaplain to the Home, to give one of his Lantern Exhibitions. We judge from the bill it will be of rather an amusing turn, as the ancient John Gilpin, of London town, is to be shown mounted on "Baldy." There are very few of the Manitoba lads who have not made the acquaintance of this cranky pony, bought, we should say, by the Manager for the purpose of testing the patience of the boys on the farm. Well, lads, he still exists and is expected at the show on Thursday, March 19th.

A great many letters from old lads have been received this month, nearly all written in a happy vein; and although we should like to publish a large number, we regret that typographical exigencies compel us to defer this until our next issue.

On or about April 15th, we expect a small party of recruits, some forty in number, and will try and embody in our next notes, not only a description of the party, but if possible their impressions of the Country.

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