

Chatham, where he went upon his arrival in Canada. He writes us that he is doing well, and is very pleased with UPS AND DOWNS, for which he sends his subscription, together with \$1.75 for the Homes.

Walter Lubbock has been in Canada nearly four years, is 21 years of age, and living at Scotland, Ont. He writes:—

"I bless the day when I first put my foot on Canadian soil, and I am sure I cannot give enough thanks to my friend, Dr. Barnardo, for taking me as it were out of the horrible pit and establishing my feet firm upon the rock, for I realize that coming out has made a man of me, and I am not ashamed to own up to the fact that if it had not been for the Doctor I might have been with the many thousands to-day in London starving.



I have heard much of the prejudice concerning our boys, and I, too, like our old friend Harry E. Cooper, am always glad to inform people that I am one of the boys from that Home. I have never seen Harry, nor did I ever know him, but when I read his letter in UPS AND DOWNS it fills me with enthusiasm. I like the spirit of it very much, and I trust that I and many others may follow.

"I am getting on very well, and the more I stay here the better I like it."

From Alfred E. Giles (June, '88), at Hulbert, comes the following short but interesting letter:—

"I received the first issue of the paper in August and I meant to write, but I went to Manitoba and forgot all about writing till a few days ago. I liked it pretty well in Manitoba this summer. A fellow can make pretty good wages up there. . . . I would not be without the paper for twice the cost of it."

"Our little boys are getting along nicely; they are obedient and willing. . . . They are healthy, and Willie is growing quite a big boy. Ben is small but he is a fine little fellow. They are getting along well at school, and are, I think, contented with their home."

The foregoing is the latest report we have from the guardian of two of our little boarders, Benj. G. Clarke, 8, and Willie Price, 10.

From Joseph T. Brett (April, '86) we hear as follows:—

"May the Home be prosperous through another year, and may God spare Dr. Barnardo for years to come to do His good work for the orphans. . . . I saved forty dollars this year."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I am one of Dr. Barnardo's boys. I had never seen UPS AND DOWNS until Christmas Day, and I like the paper because it tells about Home boys; some I don't and some I do know. I live at Mr. James Brown's and go to Allansville School, and

on Sunday we drive to Port Sydney to Sunday school and church.

We had a Christmas tree at our house on Christmas Day. I got ten things off it, and some things in my stocking besides. I am in the Second Book at school. I like to go to school. I have been here nearly a year and a half. I like it very much. The 25 cents is for the paper. Send it to me. Can I write again some time. I will be ten years old on the 16th of February.

Your happy little friend,

EDWARD SHAYLER.

Our "happy little friend" may certainly write again. We shall always be glad to hear from him and all of our little friends, who, we hope, are as happy and contented as Edward. We congratulate him upon the richness of his Christmas harvest.

George T. Garrood, who came out in June, '93, and is now 18, writes from Bothwell:—

"I wish you and all the people of the Home and all the subscribers to UPS AND DOWNS a happy and successful new year. . . . I go to Sunday school and church every Sunday morning. . . . I think UPS AND DOWNS is a very nice paper for keeping the boys together, and I also think the girls should have their part. I am glad to hear Dr. Barnardo has recovered from his sickness, and hope he may live to see many another new year. I have sent a dollar to help to keep up the Homes, and hope all the rest will do the same."

Alfred E. Hinds, now 16, who came to Canada in March, '92, writes:—

"I am well pleased with the paper, and think it is a very suitable name, both for the paper and the boys. I like Canada very much; I like it better and better every year. I like my employer and my home, and I am fond of farm work and very fond of horses.

In the January issue I saw the picture of Samuel George Stargratt. I think he was my Leopold House chum. Please can you inform me on that, and can you tell me when he came out to this country and whether he came from Leopold House, as I am anxious to see if he is my chum. . . . I am glad now that I ever came out to Canada. I like this country and my Canadian home, but I still cling to my native land."

Alfred Peters (Sept., '94) finds UPS AND DOWNS a great solace to him during his long winter evenings. In his letter he makes enquiry of several old friends in the Home in England.

John T. Howard (June, '90) is looking ahead, and, writing from Millbrook, informs us he is "coming up to the Fair in the fall, if he is spared."

Francis V. Newby sends a letter full of hope for the future, and telling of considerable success in the five years that have elapsed since he left England:—

"I approve of the name of your paper, because we have many ups and downs as we travel through life, but when we 'get up' we should try to stay up, and help others up if we can. The ladder of life is hard to climb, and we must start at the bottom before we can reach the top. If we fail in the first attempt we should not give up and say 'forsaken,' but we should try again, like King Bruce's spider.

"I have been out here now 5 years, and have \$300 saved up, but I hope in 3 years more I will have \$300 more added to it. I have got a good name. I have worked for it and I will strive to keep it."



John Mills, Arlington (March, '92, party):
"I am getting along well in my place, and my term will be up in the spring."

Herbert Friscoe, 14, sends a bright, cheerful letter from Glencoe:—

"I am well, and getting along well so far. . . . I am going to school this winter and I am going to Sunday School nearly every Sunday. I am looking for some of you to come down pretty soon now. We have more time to talk to you than we have in the busy harvest."

Edward Fitzgerald (June, 1891), Beachville:—

"My employer, Mr. Forden, is a very nice man. I like him very well. I am getting along very well. He



has 31 head of cattle, 10 horses and 10 pigs. We have lots of feed, and we cut all the feed with the wind mill. . . . I received a sample copy of UPS AND DOWNS and would like to subscribe. If you would take it out of my bank book I would be very glad."

George Summersby tells of his life in Canada in the following letter:—

"I have been in this country four years and five months, and I am getting along well. . . . Times are pretty hard; feed is scarce down this way, and I think it is pretty scarce all over. I have lots to do this winter. I and my master have ten acres of brush to cut down. We get up at five o'clock every morning."

"I take great interest in farming, and I can do anything at all on the farm. Mr. McNabb can go any place and trust me to do the work."

W. P. RILEY, Edgar, Ont. (June, '91).

From Tilsonburg comes the following cheerful letter from Herbert R. Rackham (April, 1895):—

"I like my place and am treated nicely. I can get on alright with the work, and I do not think I could get a better place, as I am well satisfied."

Nothing but the best of news reaches us of our little friends William Pulley, 11, and George Jennings, 8. They make their home with Mr. John Please, of Huntsville, and are very happy and comfortable. Both are doing well at school, and they were highly delighted to come across the names of some of their chums in UPS AND DOWNS, to whom and to all their Home friends they wish to be kindly remembered.

Edward Millar (July, '94) writes from Mohawk:

"I like my place very well indeed."

Kind words of UPS AND DOWNS make up the remainder of Edward's letter.