John Thomas Farrow is stout and in good health, and assured Mr. Griffith that he is happy and likes his place. He is now in his third year with Mr. W. A. Walters, and is getting to be very useful on the farm.

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Frederick Rose was an "old hand" at Stepney; a steady, inoffensive, right-minded lad. Frederick is at present working for very small wages, under a bargain made by himself, and he ought to do much better another year. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and Fred mus'nt be afraid to open his mouth.

Everything very satisfactory with Tommy Guy, living with Mr. J. F. Schweitzer, of Duart. Tommy was boarded out on a farm in the northern part of the Province, for some time after his arrival in Canada, and is a credit in every way to the worthy people who brought him up.

The next boy on the list is not free from faults, but his employer had to be reminded by Mr. Griffith that perfection is a rare attribute in the present day. At the same time, he took the boy to task for the little failings of which his employer complained; and it is a case in which we hope the visit may have good results on both sides.

\*\*\* Arthur Alpin is described as a bright, happylooking, healthy little lad doing very well indeed, and evidently quite at home.

Fred Deacon, with Mr. J. S. Milton, of Clearville, is well liked, and Mr. Griffith remarks "has a really good home."

The next case was that of a boy who had run away from his place. Mr. Griffith gives details of the circumstances, and of his locating the boy, and the suggestions offered for dealing with the case. Nothing can be more wrong or inexcusable than for boys to run away from their places, and endless trouble is caused by their doing so. If they have any grievance or complaint, we are here ready and willing to investigate it, and all that is necessary is to send us one of the addressed post-cards that every boy has in his possession, and the matter will receive prompt and careful attention.

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Frederick Pickett was found to be well and thriving, and seemed contented and happy in his place. His employer, Mr. Sample, expressed to Mr. Griffith his opinion that it was "a shame" to take boys' money at the rate of 25 cents a year for UPS AND DOWNS. J idging from our subscription list and the tone of the letters we receive, our readers generally take a different view of our little enterprise; but verily it would be hard to please everyone!

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Charles E. Hall is described as a rosy, sturdy, healthy little lad, neatly and warmly clad, and evidently happy and thriving. He is a good little boy, and has evidently crept into the affections of the excellent couple with whom he has found a home.

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Charles W. Dainton was found ploughing in the field with a fine team of horses, and doing capital work. He is fond of ploughing, and is developing into a very useful hand on the farm. Charles speaks highly of his home when he says he is kindly treated, and has everything to make him comfortable.

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Walter Brown is a well-grown, healthy lad, making excellent progress, and thoroughly

happy and at home. He is now in his third year with Thomas H. Spence, of Harwick.

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An excellent report comes of George Bowsher, living with Mr. George Whitesell, of Ridgetown... He is a fine little lad, robust in health, smart and industrious in his work, and very proud of his capabilities. George has everything we could possibly desire for him in his home, and we look forward with every confidence to his future in this country.

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Good accounts come to us, through Mr. Griffith's reports, of Alfred Williams, John S. Drury, Thomas Weekly, and William W. Freeman. These are all big lads, who have outgrown the necessity for our looking closely after them, and they are practically " paddling their own canoe." All four are maintaining themselves respectably, and growing up to be good, useful citizens.

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An unfortunate boy, who formerly lived near Ridgetown, is reported to be "stranded" in England, money all gone, and no means of getting back. Every possible effort was made to dissuade this boy from taking his trip across, but all in vain; and now he is in want and misery, and can get no one to advance the money to bring him back. It is not now in our power to help him, much as we are sorry for him, but we can only hope that his experience will be a warning to others.

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The brothers, John and Jacob Shore, seem to be workers and are well spoken of in the neighborhood. They also are quite "on their own hook."

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Our old friend, Arthur Ashmore, sticks to his place with Mr. Archibald Campbell, and we are delighted to hear is in good health and doing well. The same applies to Richard John Peters with Mr. John M. Campbell. Both these lads came out in 1888, and are quite "old settlers."

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Frank Page is in the State of Ohio, employed as a telegraph operator upon one of the American lines of railway. Very great credit is due to Frank for the way in which he has pushed himself along by his own exertions. He keeps in regular correspondence with his old friends at Ridgetown, and it was through them that Mr. Griffith heard of him.

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Charles Waight, an 1887 boy, is well, steady, and highly spoken of throughout the neighbourhood.

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William Wood is working near Aldboro. Mr. Griffith heard news of him and reports that he is in good health and doing well.

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A few other Ridgetown names we are obliged to omit, as we have to follow Mr. Griffith to Tilbury, Leamington, and Essex, and back from there to Drumbo, before we take leave of him. The work at these three places occupied from Monday morning till Saturday afternoon, by which time Mr. Griffith had well earned his Sunday rest at home.

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Little Edward Campbell, at Tilbury, has a good, comfortable home with Mr. Herbert S. Horneck. He was a little "boarder out" in Muskoka when he first arrived from England, and seems to have laid a good foundation of health and usefulness. There is not much work required of him as yet, and this winter he will be attending school; but little Edward is one of those who is "faithful in that which is least." Willie Cousins, 12 years old, was one of our latest party, and his experience of Canadian life has been very short. So far, however, he appreciates the change, and has settled down happily into his new home. From Mr. Griffith's report, it is a comfortable, pleasant place for any boy to live, and Willie seems to have begun life in Canada under very favorable auspices.

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The employer of Charles Harris had no complaint to make, and Charles seemed contented and happy. He has still another year to complete his engagement, and we hope and believe that he will finish it in a creditable manner. His employer is a hard-working farmer, and Charles should be a useful, competent farmhand by the time he fulfils his engagement and be able to earn good wages.

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"Large, well-furnished stone residence. The finest barns and stabling in the district. Every chance for a lad to learn his duties properly." Such is Mr. Griffith's description of Henry Foale's home. Henry himself, we are told, is "stout and in the best of health." . . . " Is not yet expected to plough, but can do most other kinds of farm work." . . . "Has a really good home with a highly respectable family." Frank Foale, brother to Henry and a year younger, lives with Mr. P. Patterson and within a mile of his brother, so that they often meet. Henry, we are told, weighed 67 pounds when he went to Mr. Patterson a year ago, but now tips the scale at 100. He is a truthful, trusty, wellbehaved little lad, and both brothers will, we feel sure, do us credit, and are the " making " of the right sort of citizens for the Dominion.

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Joseph Haigh "can be trusted to do what he is told." As long as this can be said of Joseph we shall never be ashamed of him. The faithful fulfilment of daily duty is the highest ideal of life for any boy or man, and we want no higher commendation than this. We are glad to see further in the report that Joseph is happy in his home, that he is regular in attendance at church and Sunday-school, and that he took a very fair position at the day-school.

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Mr. Griffith's next report is of a case that it is perhaps better that we should not refer to by name, though it is one of the most pleasant to record. It is a case of genuine adoption, in which a charming little lad, brought out when quite a baby child, has found a loving, Christian home with people who have been almost more than parents to him. He bears their name and is growing up under their care to be a fine, bright, affectionate boy. Could there be more blessed fruit of Dr. Barnardo's Jabours than such cases as this ?

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The report of Arthur Bunney, aged 17, conveys the impression that he is well and doing well, although Mr. Griffith was unfortunate in finding both him and his master away from home. Suppose Arthur writes us a good long letter all about himself and his surroundings, and we will publish it in the next issue of UPS AND DOWNS and thus supply what is lacking in Mr. Griffith's report!

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A word of high praise is due to Henry Sexton, who has kept his place faithfully for eight and a half years. Henry will be 21 on the 26th of next January, and in accordance with our agreement with his employer he will be entitled to the sum of two hundred dollars in clear money. It is not every young man in Henry's position that is master of this amount of money at 21 years of age, and the critical question will be, what will he do with it ? If, as we hope, he is sensible