success of the movement has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. Undoubtedly this success is largely due to the maintenance of vigilant and constant supervision. The Boarding-Out Department has been almost from the first under the immediate charge of Mr. Gaunt, who spends the greater part of his time in Muskoka, and keeps himself in close touch with all the children and foster-parents. He visits the homes before the children are placed and at frequent intervals afterwards, sees the boys both at school and at home, investigates every complaint, examines into every detail in regard to clothing, sleeping accommodation, school attendance, moral and religious influence of the home, and, in fact, everything on which depends the well-being and happiness of his little charges. We gratefully testify to the conscientious, faithful and painstaking manner in which Mr. Gaunt has at all times fulfilled the responsible duties of his post, and to his good judgment, wisdom and care we must largely attribute the excellent results that have been accomplished.

"Ups and Downs."

An important and interesting step in advance was made in 1895 when we received permission to publish our own independent organ for the benefit of the boys and girls in Canada, and Ups and Downs came into existence. We look back with mingled feelings upon that time, that seems now ancient history, when we assumed the cares and responsibilities of journalism, and when with no slight misgivings and much searching of heart we launched our first monthly number. We were very unequal in those days to the burden of editorship (we are by no means proud of our efforts even yet), and it was a new and untried field to us, but we had the benefit, in our first attempt on journalism, of the experience and ability of our tried friend Mr. Frank Vipond, who for many years we learned to regard as our [illegible] Downs, instead of being, what in the bottom of our hearts we somewhat dreaded its becoming, a melancholy fiasco, has been kept alive to the present time, has more than trebled its circulation, and has served as a most valuable and helpful little bond of union between the scattered members of our family. It has fostered and strengthened our interest in each other, has helped to promote cordial and friendly relations between our boys and girls and those who are watching over their welfare, and has, as we are abundantly assured, improved our position in the country and, in fact, given a "tone" to our work that has had the happiest results for us all. Our little magazine is far from being all we could desire, and no one is more conscious of its imperfections than ourselves; but, none the less, it has been warmly and increasingly appreciated by our boys and girls and has done good service to the work. Mr. Vipond, although still a staunch and enthusiastic ally of the cause, severed his official connection with Ups and Downs in December, 1897; but in Mr. William T. James ("Dick Whittington") we have found a coadjutor whose versatile and witty pen, gifted alike in prose and in verse, has done more than anything else to give to our pages such brightness and humour as they can be said to possess.

The Winnipeg Home.

The next stage in our progress was the opening, on November 1st, 1896, of the Branch Home in Winnipeg. This was decided upon by Dr. Barnardo as a means of finding an additional outlet for boys of twelve and thirteen whom we began, at that time, to recall in considerable numbers from foster homes in Muskoka. These little lads are boarded-out until they become old enough to be self-supporting, and our usual plan is then to bring them back to the Home, where they are supplied with a good outfit of clothi