

expects to do still better when more experienced. We wish him much success in his new sphere, and think he will attain it. Alexander is a hard worker, not deterred by trifles.

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Frank Orpwood, '93, writes :—

"I am getting along fine, and am in good health and strength."

All of which we are glad to hear, and wish Frank a continuance of his many blessings.

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From Ernest Hawthorne, now at Annprior, comes a letter full of good wishes and kind thoughts, for which we tender him our very hearty thanks. After three years in Canada, Ernest is keen for news of the Homes and old friends, and he gives a warm welcome to UPS AND DOWNS in consequence.

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Henry J. Page is acquiring a good knowledge of farming at Kincardine. During his four years in Canada, Henry has worked well, and at the end of the year a balance of \$150 will testify to his industry and thrift.

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Alfred J. Jeffrey, '87, writing from Kemble, promises a visit to the Home next year. He read in UPS AND DOWNS of the "good, fine time the boys had during the Fair," and wishes he had been with us, and "able to meet many old friends." We sincerely trust that Alfred will have an opportunity to make up for lost time next year.

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Alfred Lines is as full of enthusiasm as a boy of 14 should be. He is happy and contented, and is trying hard to secure the prize given to "the boy who has most marks" at the Sunday School he attends in Port Albert. We trust Alfred may carry off the prize, and, if he does not, he must try again. But, prize or no prize from the teacher, we would urge our little friend to remember at all times that God has a prize for him and for every boy, who is willing to ask for it and fit to receive it.

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Speaking of UPS AND DOWNS, Henry Watts, '90, says :—

"I was young when I came out. I do not remember the names of many of the boys that came across with me, but I like to hear how boys like myself are getting along, through your paper."

For our part, we like telling how boys like Henry are getting along, and we have the greatest pleasure in now reporting that Henry is "getting along" famously.

Henry says truly he was young when he came out. He is thirteen now! During the winter Henry, who is living at Beachville, attends school, and he has very pronounced opinions upon the necessity of making the best use of his time while there.

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When Frederick Forrester went on to a farm in 1890, he carried with him a determination to learn all there was to be learnt about farming, and his letter to us displays a very intelligent knowledge of many matters affecting the farmer's interests. Frederick is very indignant at the attempt that he declares is always being made to take unfair advantage of the farmers' misfortunes, and he calls the cattle buyers severely to account:

"They know that feed is scarce and that the farmers must either sell their stock or starve them; therefore they 'set' their bargains, and the farmers must sacrifice their stock for a mere nothing and I do not think it is right."

Unfortunately for our friend and the farmers generally, the prices of farm produce and other commodities are not regulated now-a-days on a basis of "moral right" or "wrong," but are determined by the unsympathetic laws of "supply and demand," modified or intensified, as the

case may be, by more controllable exigencies, such as combines and tariffs. Frederick's complaint, however, is a natural one, but in spite of the occasional disappointments with which the farmer meets in the year, we think that Fred will give an extremely good account of himself when he starts farming on his own account, which he intends to do eventually. In the meantime we wish him all happiness, and success in his efforts to find a remedy for the ills which man's injustice and greed of gain inflict upon the industrious tiller of the soil.

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Wm. H. Mabey, now at Galetta, is another who has changed his opinion:

"I did not care much about it at first, but I like it now."

So it is in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred where a boy sticks to it and determines to make the best of his opportunity. William came to Canada in 1891, and is now eighteen, and will soon have a balance of \$100 to his credit. Not a bad record for a boy who "did not care much about it at first!"

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Edward Connup sends us news of an approaching event of great moment. This is no less than the marriage of our friend, which is intended shall take place this month. We shall soon have to seriously consider the advisability of starting a special "benedict's department" in UPS AND DOWNS.

Almost before we have realized that many of our old friends are boys no longer, we find ourselves sending them our hearty congratulations on their entry into the state matrimonial. It is useless for us to try and forget how time is flying over our heads, when there pass in review before us a regiment of stalwart husbands and fathers, who it seems as if but yesterday were little fellows at Stepney. On Edward as on one and all of them in their labour-won homes and well-deserved happiness may God's richest blessings fall; may they, as they travel onward through life, ever strive to do His will, and say with the Psalmist: ". . . Yea, I have a goodly heritage, I will bless the Lord."

Edward came out in '89 and is now in his twenty first year. He enters upon his new responsibilities with a good record for industry and perseverance, and the substantial balance which has been lying to his credit in the bank will "feather the nest" very comfortably for Edward and his wife, and enable them to start life together under very favourable auspices.

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We are in receipt of the best accounts of Edgar Taylor, who has been in Canada for eight years. The first six were spent in farming at Georgetown, but at the end of that time an unusually good opportunity presented itself to Edgar to enter another line of work for which he had a decided preference. He availed himself of it, and for two years he has spent the summer on the lakes and the winter in the camp, always working for the same firm, who have a high opinion of Edgar's ability and trustworthiness. He has always been, and is to-day, a warm and faithful friend of the Home, and is delighted with the copies of UPS AND DOWNS he has received, as they keep him posted on matters in which he is much interested. "Thoroughness" is a marked characteristic of Edgar, as well of all that he undertakes, and we wish him all happiness and success as he steadily hews his way through life.

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Samuel Ling regards UPS AND DOWNS as something possessing an interest for the future as well as for the present, and he says:

"I will take it for one year with pleasure, in the hopes of getting it bound."

We trust there are others who will so regard our little journal and keep their copies so that in years to come they may again go through their pages, and, as middle-aged or old men, recall many of those who were friends of their boyhood.

Samuel is an enthusiastic young farmer of 19, making steady progress, and looking forward with considerable pleasure to being joined next spring by an older brother, at present in England.

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With kindly forethought, Wm. Brown writes from Rothsay telling of a good situation on a farm, which could be filled by one of our boys. This desire on the part of our older friends to help those younger than themselves to secure comfortable places, where they are likely to get on well, is very commendable and something of which we cannot have too much. We must stand by each other through "good report and ill," and show to the world that we are a united body, each keenly interested in the welfare of all. This will tell its own tale of our strength to those who are fond of making us out to be ver small fish indeed.

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George Hearn's heart has been recently gladdened by the receipt of a present in the shape of a postal order from England. We congratulate George on the addition to his riches, a portion of which he has utilized in subscribing for UPS AND DOWNS. George is fifteen, came out last year and is now doing his best at Carlingford.

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"I feel proud I am a Home lad," writes Charles Harris. And we too are proud that Charles is a Home lad. He has stuck to his colours like a man, not only in this, but in all he has undertaken during his nine years stay in Canada. Upon his arrival here he entered the employ of Mr. Wm. Hunter, of Millbrook, in whose family he remained until 1893 when he joined the ever-increasing army of workers in Manitoba. Charles is at present at Arden Station. In his letter he tells of the good harvest secured by his employer. At the time he wrote the threshing had resulted in 3,600 bushels, and 3,000 more were expected. Charles contemplates buying a farm for himself, and speaks of the possibility of settling at Cavan, Ont. Whether our friend carries out this idea or decides to remain, and make his home in Manitoba, we have a very firm belief in his future success, and very heartily do we wish him a long, happy and prosperous career.

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Edward Jehu is another of our steady, persevering boys, not content with his own success but desirous of helping others. He experienced considerable pleasure in bringing a younger brother out from England this year, and securing him a situation close to where he himself is employed, all travelling and other expenses being paid by Edward.

Edward came out in April, '90, and "put in" several years at Arlington, receiving in 1894 the long-service silver medal. He is now at Fintona where he is held in high esteem and spoken of in the warmest words of praise.

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In a few more months Albert E. Hills will have completed the engagement into which he entered on his arrival in Canada, July '90. He will then have the world before him; behind him, several years' experience, a good record, and a comfortable balance in the bank. This is a promising outlook for a boy of eighteen, and Albert who has been working steadily in Adjala Township is to be congratulated on the prospects ahead of him.

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We are glad to be able to report that Thomas Tribeck, who met with a serious acci-