



CURRENT EVENTS.

MID all the brightness of the sunny days of June, the Angel of Death has again cast his shadow over the threshold of "Hazel Brae," and the Saviour has called another of His little ones home to Himself. Hetty Hart, a child of twelve, one of our last September party, was ailing for some two weeks; gradually symptoms of brain mischief appeared—she became unconscious, and passed away on the morning of Tuesday, June 9th. She had never been away from Hazel Brae, and an impressive little service was held first at the Home by the Rev. Carl Smith of St. John's, then her little companions took a last look at their playmate, and the body was carried forth and laid to rest in our own plot in Little Lake Cemetery. Hetty's elder sister Minnie, who has a very happy home in Victoria Harbour, came to Peterborough on Tuesday. She misses her sister sadly, but we try to think of little Hetty as "safe from the world's temptations" and "safe on His loving breast."

One of our little girls, Polly Robinson, has been returned to Hazel Brae through an unfortunate circumstance. She had a nice home in Bethany with Mr. and Mrs. McCartney, when one Saturday afternoon, just as work was finished and all made tidy, fire was discovered in the woodshed, which soon spread through the house and destroyed everything before it. Polly tells how her mistress had only time to rush upstairs for the baby and get the children all out of the house before the smoke and flame made it impossible to go in again. The poor child lost all her clothing except just what she was wearing, but her great trouble was the necessity of leaving the baby, and the "lots of things and money" her master and mistress had lost. We feel great sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. McCartney, and hope that Polly will soon get another home as good as the one she has lost.

We have heard of the safe arrival of Florence Meen in England, after a calm, pleasant voyage, and we hear of two other girls who are to cross before the end of the month. Alice and Emma Webb have for some years been looking forward to paying a visit to their married sister in England. During these seven years they have been out, Alice has had only one change of situation and that necessitated by her mistress' change of household arrangements. Emma has remained with one mistress the whole time. They have both done exceedingly well in Canada, and they return with unblemished characters and a nice little sum of money to their credit. We wish them a pleasant voyage, a very happy visit and a safe return later on.

Our few remaining children in Hazel Brae had a pleasant little outing on a hot summer afternoon. Miss Pearse took them all to the Quarry Park, a pretty place near the town.

They took their tea and had a real good time by the river and in the woods. The following account is written by one of the little girls who was there:—

"I thought you would like to hear of the very pleasant time we spent at Quarry Park on Saturday, June 6th. Miss Pearse took us, and I think there were about twenty altogether. We started at three o'clock and took our tea, and it was a very nice tea too. Some of us waded in the water and we got some very pretty flowers for the two sick girls, Alice and Bertha. We put up a swing, and played hide-and-seek and some other games too. Quarry Park is a pretty place, with a lot of nice trees and flowers in it. After tea we had some singing, and Miss Pearse told us an interesting tale about a Chinaman who was learning English. I should like to hear him speak Chinese. There was a Sunday school party in the Park at the same time, and they seemed to enjoy themselves very much too. We had a nice long time there, and it was nearly seven o'clock when we got home."

We have had a few calls and visits from girls living near. Emily Adcock spent a Saturday with us as a reward from her mistress for



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good, faithful help during a busy time. We were very pleased to see her, and hope she went back all the brighter and happier for the little change. Catharine Hayes also had a Saturday in Peterborough, but her visit was accompanied with a little disappointment. She came in expecting to meet her friend, Louisa Barnes, who has been in Canada nearly four years (Catharine only nine months), but for some reason that we do not yet know, Louisa did not come that day as arranged. We are sure that both were sorry not to meet. They have been hoping and planning this for some time, but we trust it is only a pleasure deferred.

These two sisters, Maria and Isabella Wells have been nearly four years in Canada, have grown and developed greatly during that time, and we are glad now to number them among our best girls. Maria has been three and a half years with Canon Belt, of Burlington, and you can judge from her letter how interested she is in her Bible class and in her surroundings gen-

erally. Bella, the younger sister, has not been very well in health, but we hope through the kind care she gets from her mistress that she will in time grow strong and hearty. She has been nearly three years with Mr. John Blacklock, of Vernonville, and has a very happy home there. Last summer she came to Hazel Brae



to try if a little change would do her good, and while she was here her sister Maria spent a few days with her. The two enjoyed it much and it was very gratifying to see the sisters happy together, both doing well and both returning to their former homes all the brighter and better for the little visit. Maria, recently writing, says:—

"I have received the UPS AND DOWNS and am very pleased with it. I was delighted to read that piece about Bertha Jordan, as we were old friends when in England. Would it be too much to ask you to send me her address? I am afraid she thinks I have forgotten her, but I have not. We used to write to each other, but since she left Paris I have not heard from her. And if I am not asking too much, would you kindly send me Jane Lingard's address? Miss Bastow, who is in England, would like to know so that she can write to her. She was our Cottage Mother for some time, but had to leave on account of her health, but she goes to the village sometimes. Sometimes I take a class when there is a teacher wanted, but more or less I am in the Bible Class."

I wonder if any "Bee Hive" girls will recognize this portrait of Annie Smith, who came out to Canada seven years ago as a little girl between eleven and twelve years old. Annie's career since then can be told in a very few words, and the facts speak for themselves. In the spring of 1890 she went to live with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butler, of Chatham, and to-day she is still with them, a trusted and respected mem-



ber of their household. In the various visitor's reports we find not a single complaint, but Annie is spoken of repeatedly as a "sensible, reliable girl," "a conscientious Christian," "a great comfort to Mrs. Butler in a time of sickness," etc. Mr. and Mrs. Butler are earnest Christians themselves and they have the joy of seeing Annie walking in the same way. We hope she may long remain amid such congenial surroundings. Annie herself says:

"There are quite a number of girls in Canada out of our Cottage; I would like them to see my photo because I would like to hear from them. Please tell them I am out of "Bee Hive."