

between the lines of such letters, and while we do not suppose Fred is free from faults any more than others, we have not considered that he has forfeited his prize.

William Knight is, we consider, a credit to the Emerald Isle, and if all the Irishmen who have crossed the Atlantic during the past generation or two had been built of the same stuff as William, America would be a pleasanter and a better country to live in, and a good many jailers and policemen would be looking for a job. Mr. Rolley, of Palgrave, has had a good man for the last three years, and we are sure that he and all the members of the family will be pleased to see William receive this mark of distinction.

Mr. Phipps' boys are well represented in our present list of prize-winners, and there are seven from his Home whose exemplary conduct and steadiness in keeping their situations have qualified them for silver medals, and who have thus done honour to Buckenhill and to those who have devoted time and substance to its inmates in fitting them for their future life. The first of the seven is Albert Dolling, who has stuck to his place and to business for the past six years. The last "Visitor's Report" describes him as "a truthful, trusty, well-mannered lad." Albert has now a hundred dollars in the bank, and has learned habits of industry that are worth many hundreds. George Hearn has just completed his three years' term with Mr. Andrew Taylor, of Carlingford, which means that he has served his Canadian apprenticeship under one of the most successful men in the country in the management and training of our boys. Mr. Taylor has never been without one or two of our boys since they first came to the country, and has never yet had a failure. He cannot very well make them into Scotchmen like himself, but they learn from him Scottish thrift and industry and Scottish self-respect and ambition to succeed. George is a credit in every way to himself and his friends, and now that he is his own master we expect to see him advancing with rapid strides, and we hope and believe that Dr. Barnardo's medal will be an incentive and encouragement to him.

Percy Hook is another good, honest, right-minded lad. Mr. Holmes, of Clinton, with whom Percy has lived for the past three years, recently wrote us of him:

"I have recommended him to a good farmer in Bransford, where I know he will have a good home, which he well deserves. I feel sure he will give satisfaction. It is a good farm and beautiful country. I am glad to know he will be so well cared for."

Arthur Sarson has worked faithfully and well for Mr. J. B. Richardson, of Camlachie, for the past three years, and at the final settlement had seventy dollars to go to his credit in the savings' bank. He is hired for another year with Mr. Richardson, where he has a good comfortable home and is treated more as a member of the family than as a servant. Arthur has been attending school during the past winter, and is evidently keen to improve his education. We are sure that no one has better deserved the medal, and it goes to him with the sincere and hearty good wishes of all who know him.

Albert Skinner is another boy who is a credit to Mr. Phipps, and has the makings of a good, useful citizen. We find each of the "Visitor's Reports" that we have before us speaking of his being truthful and honest, and a hard, steady worker. Albert has lived since March, 1892, with Mr. John J. Nixon, of Campbell's Cross, and we understand has now hired again with Mr. Nixon for another year.

Thomas Tucker is a lad of whom we have heard only good things since he was placed out in March, 1893. He has completed his four years' engagement with Mr. David Johnson, of the Township of North Norwich, in the County of Oxford, and during that time has done useful and faithful service.

We can say the same of the last of the seven, Henry J. Granville. He and his brother, John Hood, have been together in the same situation since their arrival in 1893. They have proved themselves lads of sterling worth and have learned their business thoroughly. We hear the highest reports of them in the neighbourhood where they are living, and they have both been able to hire at good wages for the present season. They lately paid us a visit in Toronto, having come in for a day's excursion, and it was a genuine pleasure to see the lads again and see them looking so well and able to give such cheerful accounts of themselves. We are satisfied they have in every way well merited the prizes they are receiving.

George V. Fisher was a very small boy when he began life in Canada in 1891, but during these six years George has increased in wisdom and stature, and has earned for himself a good character and maintained the good name and fame of the Home. He has had an excellent place and has proved himself worthy of it, and we are glad to think that George is now well started in life.

Christopher J. Barnes receives his medal in consideration of his four years' service with Mr. William D. Barker, of Paris, without a complaint having been recorded against him. We believe him to be a credit to the Home, and wherever he goes we believe we shall hear of his doing well and making his way in the world. At present he is remaining on with Mr. Barker, who has hired him for another year.

Murray Bristol Grover has completed his engagement with Mr. W. S. Gage, of Simcoe, that began with his arrival in June, 1891. On the day of his arrival Mr. Gage wrote us that he was "well pleased with his appearance," and as far as we know he has had no reason to alter his good opinion. We have a record of six different visits that have been paid to Murray, and on each occasion he has been found "well and doing well." We have great pleasure in awarding him his medal.

Ernest C. Stephens has hired in the same neighbourhood as Grover, his employer for the past five years having been Mr. Alfred Ades, of Simcoe. This gentleman gives Ernest an excellent character, and we are sure he will be pleased to hear of his receiving his medal. We have before us a letter that we lately received from Ernest that we confess made us hesitate a little in awarding him a prize, but we like to return good for evil. Ernest will understand what we refer to.

Mr. James Aikin, of Oil Springs, writes of Arthur W. Thompson at the close of his five years' service,

"He is a very good boy; we think a deal of him, he is so honest and trusty; he has grown a fine boy."

We hope and believe that the medal we are sending Arthur will be an encouragement to him not to weary in well doing.

Six years of good honest service have established Benjamin Fears' claim to his prize.

"He is a good boy, and I think of him as my own, and will try and do for him all I can,"

is the testimony of his excellent mistress, Mrs. Flaherty, of Shanty Bay, in a letter we have lately received from her.

William Thomas has proved himself a quiet, decent, honest young fellow, and has put in his term of service with Mr. George Needham, of Ripley, without a complaint. William is to be congratulated heartily on his present position, with his substantial bank account and good prospects before him in life. To his credit be it mentioned that no sooner was his money lodged in the bank than he proceeded to donate a generous sum to the "Homes" as the first fruits of his earnings.

William C. Gurr has, we believe, deserved his medal by his generally good conduct. He is a lad of many excellent qualities, but for his own sake we wish he added to them a disposition to save money instead of the fatal propensity to let it slip through his fingers. We only hope that now William realizes how quickly \$85 can be reduced to \$25, that he will see the necessity of putting the plug in, and that there will be a turn in the tide that has hitherto been flowing pretty steadily and pretty fast in the wrong direction.

Joseph Gater is a worker, and a successful man of business, as being his bankers we have good reason to know. We look forward with confident expectation to seeing Joe a rich man, and more than that, we believe he will grow up with the good name that is better than riches.

John F. French's master gives us a very flattering account of him, and observes that he knows of no boy who has stayed as long in his place as John. Mr. Muxlow's information is evidently limited, and we could tell him of a great many; but it is none the less much to John's credit to have worked faithfully for five years without change of situation, and all that time to have borne an excellent character. We know that John will prize his medal, and we have sincere pleasure in awarding it to him.

William H. Hurrell is a lad who deserves very great credit for his record of the past five years. His case is one that has been the cause of a good deal of anxiety and misgiving to us—not through any fault of his—but we have always felt satisfied that William was acquitting himself worthily and well, and we send him his prize with the knowledge that it has been fully and faithfully earned.

Richard Henry Hallam and Thomas E. Hallam are brothers, and two "of the right sort." Both completed their terms of engagement on the 1st of April with a hundred dollars to the good, and an admirable record. Richard has worked during his five years' engagement with Mr. John Brown, of Red Wing, and Mr. Brown has nothing but good words for him. He wrote us lately in reference to his leaving him:

"I would have kept Richard only I thought it was just as well for him to have a change. He goes to Mr. Charles Hill, of Epping. We will miss him a lot; he was very good and truthful. We part the best of friends. He can always get lots of employment in the neighbourhood as I can give him a good recommend."

Thomas we believe to be a good faithful lad, and the way in which he has fulfilled his engagement is a credit to him and betokens well for his future.

The following letter from Mr. James Matchett, of Peterborough, in reference to Charles H. Fenton, requires no comment except to say that we cordially endorse all that is said.