

of these 51 reports, six—all of big lads or youngmen—simply state that they had left the neighborhood; in three cases to return to England; in another to settle in California; and in the other two cases without any information being obtainable as to their whereabouts.

Of the 45 left in the neighborhood 39 were doing exceedingly well; that is, there were no complaints whatever against their character or conduct, and they were spoken of by their employers and by those who know them in the most satisfactory terms. In the case of the other six there were complaints either of the boys being unreliable in their work or rude in their manners or that they did not speak the truth, but only in one case was notice given to return the boy, and even in this case Mr. Griffith succeeded, after long talks with the boy and his employer, in inducing the latter to give him another trial.

One of the six was a dissatisfied, "ugly" dispositioned mortal—complaining of his having been sent from England; complaining of his surroundings; and uncouth and uncivil to everybody about him. He is the sort of boy who doesn't know what he wants, but we think we do, and if he is returned to the Home we promise him faithfully he shall have it.

Of course we must not mention the names of these six delinquents, it would be neither kind nor fair to do so, but we would like to say to them and to any other of our boys who are not all they ought to be, that we would have them remember that their failings and shortcomings are visited not only on themselves but on many hundreds of others who are leading irreproachable lives. People unhappily insist upon judging the flock by the few black sheep, and our fair name is tarnished and our work injured by this insignificant percentage. We would therefore beg of them to start this New Year with an honest desire to retrieve their characters, to lay aside the sins and shortcomings that so easily beset them, and throughout the New Year to walk in newness of life.

It is pleasanter to pass on to the 39 of unblemished record, although we can attempt only to make the briefest summary of Mr. Griffith's full and careful reports. Wm. Seager, aged 13, placed out in April, 1894, is a well-behaved, willing little worker, as happy as a cricket in his home, and liked by everyone who has to do with him. Mr. Griffith expresses the opinion that Mr. Shearing is a good farmer and that Willie is in the right hands for receiving a practical training for his future in Canada.

John R. King, with Mr. Thos. G. Shearing, is slow but sure; is in splendid health, growing and thriving; likes Canada and means to do his best. "A very satisfactory visit," is Mr. Griffith's note.

Henry Fox, with Mr. John Small, of Wallacetown, is truthful and trustworthy, and has a home that is all we could desire for him. Mr. and Mrs. Small will, we are sure, forgive us for mentioning the fact that they themselves started in this country without capital and achieved their present success by their own efforts. Such people can best feel for a little lad facing the trials and struggles of life for the first time, and we can rest assured that Henry will be helped both by example and precept to make the best use of his opportunities.

William Boyd, 19 years of age, with Mr. John A. Campbell, of Mono, is a stalwart, useful farm hand. Mr. Griffith refers to his cheery, pleasant manner and bearing, and the report is most favorable both as to employer and employee. William will have fulfilled the engagement we made for him on the first of April next, and may very likely hire on again with Mr. Campbell. This we shall leave entirely to William, as we shall consider that by that time he will be quite competent to make his own arrangements, and that for the future our relations with him need be nothing more than an interchange of friendly greetings just sufficient to show that on our side we continue to take an interest in his welfare, and, we hope, on his side, that he has a warm corner in his heart for the old Home and the old friends.

Lionel Rogers is the subject of the next report. Lionel was especially committed and commended to us by Mr. Anderson when he left Stepney, and he is a boy that we feel sure will do well and give a good account of himself wherever he may be. He was placed with Mr. Malcolm Blue, of Wallacetown, on his arrival in 1893, and his three years' engagement will end on the first of April next. Lionel will have well earned the money that will fall due to him then, and with this in the bank, and with the experience and training he will have gained, he will be well started in life.

William Fitch, placed with Mr. Samuel F. Brokenshire, of Port Talbot, is a stout, sturdy, thriving little lad. "Doing remarkably well; milks five cows twice a day; can drive a team; kind to stock; truthful, cheerful in manner; gets on well with the children; neatly and warmly clothed," are a few scraps that we select from Mr. Griffith's detailed report. Willie desired to become a subscriber to UPS AND DOWNS and believing that "short reckonings make long friends," produced his "quarter" and handed it over to Mr. Griffith.

Thomas Smith, who was one of our last party, was only placed a fortnight before Mr. Griffith's visit, & was therefore quite new to the country and its ways. So far, however, Thomas has

made a good impression and has been favorably impressed. His employer is Mr. Angus Turner (Lawrence Station P.O.), and the lad is in good hands. As Mr. Griffith observes, "a likely place for a lad to do well."

