

WELLAND, 31st March, 1875.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,—It is with mingled feelings of surprise and regret that I have lately read, in the *Toronto Globe*, Mr. Doyle's very remarkable report of the treatment and management of the poor children brought out to this country by yourself and others. It certainly is at variance with what I have seen and know relative to these children,—of what they were and of what they are at the present time. As you are aware, Mrs. Hagar has had two of them. There are two other girls near this, both looking very well. The elder, Julia Turner, is a fine stout girl. Her time is out. She prefers to remain with her mistress under wages. The second, Lizzie Liberty, is also a fine healthy girl, and is doing finely; has a good place. All of these live with religious families, and have the advantage of Sabbath instruction. A friend of mine, living in the Township of Pelham, said to me not long since, that there were ten of your girls in the north part of that Township, all good girls and well cared for. Mrs. Hagar wishes you to consider her an applicant for one of your next girls.

Respectfully yours,
J. S. HAGAR.

Miss Rye, Niagara.

May 6th, 1875.

DEAR MISS RYE,—In reply to your letter respecting the girl entrusted to my care, I cannot help thinking that if Mr. Doyle had actually seen the children in their present homes, and formed his opinion from actual observation instead of seeking information from interested persons, his conclusions might have been different. By what I can learn, Mr. Doyle did not visit the home of any child in the locality in which I live; and how any sane man can consider what they have been rescued from equal to their present homes, is perfectly absurd.

The girl Kate Robinson (we have) has grown to be a fine, healthy, diligent servant, and not upon any consideration would she go back to England.

I think, in time, she will repay the trouble and perplexities of the first three years installation into my family.

I would like to compare her photograph at present with one taken before she left England.

I remain,
Yours very respectfully,
NORVAL D. GREGORY,
Captain.

Miss Rye, Niagara.

ROSEBANK, ONTARIO, April 23rd, 1875.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—In reply to your card of the 23rd ult., I enclose a photograph which was taken some time ago and does not do full justice to the robust appearance of Emma.

I have noticed in the public papers the remarks of Mr. Doyle, and felt a good deal annoyed at his misrepresentations. I am personally acquainted with four girls,—two from your home, and two from Miss Macpherson's, all of whom, I can answer for, are much better off than they could be in any poorhouse in England, and nothing, I am sure, would induce them to return to the poorhouse again.

With reference to your question as to how Emma was doing, I will state that she has enjoyed uninterrupted good health since she has been with us, now two years and eight months, and a stouter, healthier girl could not be found in the neighbourhood.

She has always been considered as one of the family, accompanying the family to church on Sabbath, and goes with our own children to Sabbath school, and it has