

He is highly spoken of generally, and Mr. Griffith's recent report is a most encouraging and pleasant one.

Richard Reynolds has found his way to a good situation in London, Ontario, where he is now employed in one of the leading groceries in the city. Mr. Griffith was introduced by Richard to his master with the observation that he is proud of being a Barnardo boy. We have certainly every reason to feel proud of Richard, who is proving himself a thoroughly respectable, trustworthy young fellow, and we have no doubt, will make his way. His brother Philip, who is a youth of fine physique and a first-class farm hand, spent the summer in Manitoba, where he worked for a farmer near High Bluff, but, having returned to Ontario for the winter, is engaged until the spring in his old quarters in Warwick Township.

Our school attendance cards have been coming in briskly during the past few days, showing the school record of our little boarders for the previous three months. We notice with pleasure that in many cases there has not been a single absence, and the conduct and behaviour is generally entered as "good" or "very good." Here and there we come across a "fair" or "passable," while, on the other hand, little Stephen Bowden, boarding with Mr. George H. Stanbrook, of Muskoka, is pronounced by his teacher, Miss Coburn, to be "excellent," but the general average is most satisfactory and shows that our little lads, are like the bees, improving each shining hour.

Mrs. John Hall, of Ufford, writes of her little boarder, Arthur H. Kirby: "I like my boy splendidly. He is a good boy, and is getting on well at school, which he is very fond of attending."

Alfred E. Edwards, a boarder, until last October, with Mrs. Hugh Patterson, of Ufford, who wrote us on his leaving that it nearly broke her heart to part with him. The kind lady will be glad to hear

that Alfred is now settled in a most comfortable farm home with Mr. Robert Radcliffe, of Prospect Hill, near St. Mary's, where he has lately been visited by Mr. Griffith. Alfred is attending school during the present winter, but will be able to make himself useful on the farm another season. We hear that Alfred is taking a very keen and lively interest in the progress of events in South Africa, and somewhat astonished his employer by standing on his head and shouting when a report arrived—afterwards unhappily contradicted—that Ladysmith had been relieved, while when the disaster at Bells Spruit was announced, poor Alfred is said to have cried all night. There is evidently no want of patriotism about our little friend, and we hope he may live to be an ornament to his Motherland and the land of his adoption.

The two little brothers, Ernest and Sidney Morgan, send fifteen cents each as a Christmas contribution to the Homer, and which is the result of the sale of some potatoes they grew in a little garden patch of their own. We warmly and gratefully acknowledge this generous and thoughtful little effort on behalf of those in need and suffering. Similar little gifts have been received from others of our small boys boarded out in the North, and we take this opportunity of offering them on Dr. Barnardo's behalf our best and heartiest thanks.

Mr. Henry Wheatley, of Port Sidney, writes of the three little lads under his care, Arthur Briese, Thomas Hampson and Charles Millward: "The boys are well and are going to school regularly. They are good boys to go to school and attend to their lessons. We have no trouble with them at all. They are all willing to do anything they are told, and they never use any bad language. I could not wish for better boys, and I think they will give a good account of themselves when they are grown up."