

and has he a sufficient supply both for working purposes and for Sunday wear?

What has been his conduct and behaviour since previous report?

What complaints, if any, are made by his employer?

Does he appear to be making satisfactory progress?

Does he appear contented and happy?

Does he make any complaint?

Do you consider that he is treated with proper kindness and consideration?

Do you consider his surroundings to be generally satisfactory?

Does he attend a place of worship on Sunday and Sabbath school?

Does he appear to be under moral and religious influences at home?

What work is he chiefly engaged at?

Does he attend day school? What reader was he in last?

What are the terms of engagement?

Does his employer appear to be in sufficiently sound financial circumstances to meet payment of wages that will become due?

Does he correspond with relations or friends?

General remarks.

These questions are a fine sieve through which, we fancy, very little that is seriously amiss in the conditions of a boy's life can pass unnoted, and our visitors' reports fulfil their object in giving us a correct and careful description of each boy's position and surroundings. Several hundreds of reports have been added to our files within the past quarter, and, with few exceptions, they are such as can be read with pleasure and thankfulness. They tell of lads happily settled in their homes, advancing in usefulness and independence, with good prospects before them in life, and doing their duty faithfully in that state of life to which it has pleased God to call them.



WITHIN the next few weeks the usual Farm Ho! Labourers' Harvest Excursions from Ontario to the West will, no doubt, be advertised by the Canadian Pacific and Great Trunk Railways, and, as has been the case for several years past, we anticipate that a good

many of our bigger lads will avail themselves of the extremely low rates offered to take a trip to the golden West. We strongly advise their doing so, and to make their minds up to stay there. As mere farm labourers the difference in wages between the East and West is perhaps not sufficiently high at the present time to offer any special inducement, but on the prairie lands of the North-West, as we have so often pointed out, our lads can aspire to rise beyond the position of labourers and have a grand opportunity of establishing themselves on farms of their own, where, under ordinary circumstances, they may hope in a few years to reach independence and prosperity. These notes are written on the railway train on returning across the prairies from a long journey to the West, and on every side can be seen evidences to confirm all that has ever been said in favour of the advantages and resources of the North-West, and the openings it offers to men of the right stamp. Everywhere men are to be met who came to the country with little or no capital, but to-day have fine farms, good buildings, teams of horses, bands of cattle and sheep that they can count by scores, in some cases by hundreds. The drawbacks of the country are insignificant as compared with its advantages, and while the West is no paradise or a land where success can be reached without labour and well-directed effort, it is essentially the country for a poor man to become a rich man, and for young men with brains, and who are not afraid of work, to start for themselves with the prospect of making good positions in the future. We beg to remind those who intend joining the excursions that most of the special trains leave Toronto during the afternoon of the days advertised, and as in most cases they will have time to spare in the city, they will be cordially welcomed at the Home during their stay, while on their arrival at Winnipeg we shall be pleased to