

with farmers in different parts of Canada, and it is very pleasing to hear such reports of, and letters from the boys, as the following :

*Secretary of Boys' Home :*

DEAR MADAM.—It gives me no small amount of pleasure to comply with your request. Fred Holdsworth has been in attendance at this school for four months and three days and was seldom absent.

He has been studying principally, the fundamental branches, as arithmetic, reading, writing, composition, etc., and for the time made very fair progress.

Allow me to remark, that he came to school neat and clean in his person and clothes. I have often observed, that the apparel of boys in his position is often neglected, but I am pleased at being able to state that Fred was amongst the best dressed boys in my school.

I remain, your obedient servant,

R. O. H.

*Teacher, S. S. No. 6, Castlemore, Ont.*

June 1st, 1888.

The general health of the boys has been very good ; and up to October last, the Home was quite free from disease of any kind ; but, unfortunately, during that month a boy was admitted with a skin disease that was not known to be contagious, till several other boys were discovered to have taken it, and owing to the want of an infirmary, it was almost impossible to prevent the disease spreading ; however as soon as possible a suitable house was procured and twenty-five infected boys removed thereto. They were placed under the care of one of the matron's assistants, and are attended, at the request of Dr. Thorburn, by Drs. Graham and Cavan, kindly assisted by some medical students.

This disease though very contagious, is neither prostrating