

Harry W. Chase, 21 (June, '89 party), writes that he is very much pleased with the silver medal he has received since our list of medal winners was published in our issue of September last.

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No letter that we have received for many a long day tells of more perfect happiness than that which looms large in every line of a letter recently to hand from Frederick H. Beazley. Our friend is 23, and has been in Canada since 1891. Throughout the years that have intervened he has gone forward steadily and surely, but his object has not been merely to do well for himself. Ever urging him to still greater effort has been a cherished desire that his mother and sisters might join him in Canada.

A short time ago Frederick saw his way clear to send for one of his sisters, and she accompanied the party which came out in April, and is now living near her brother at Port Rowan. She has, Frederick informs us, recently made the acquaintance of Miss Templeton-Armstrong, who has offered to be a friend to her. We know full well what a tower of strength this friendship of Miss Templeton-Armstrong means to either girl or boy in need at times of kindly counsel or a word of encouragement. Frederick has indeed reason to feel thankful that he has accomplished so much towards the attainment of his heart's desire. He will be aided in the completion of his task by the efforts of an earnest sympathizer and co-worker, for Frederick says:

"I think that now my sister is here we shall be able to work together to bring my mother and the rest of my sisters out here."

How fervently do we trust that the brother and sister alike may be accorded Heaven's help in the accomplishment of their labour of love. That the helping hand of the Father of all has not been withheld from him in the past, our friend fully realizes, for he closes his letter by asking us to publish a text which to him has evidently been an abundant source of sustaining grace. The text is from 2 Corinthians, 9, xiii:

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

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There is that in the first part of the following letter, which it would be well for some of our friends to "read, learn, mark, and inwardly digest." Arthur Acland is one of our older boys who came out in 1886. His career in Canada has been such as to reflect the greatest credit on him, and he has been an earnest and consistent supporter of the Homes.

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I write after a considerable delay to thank you for the excellent recommendation that you were kind enough to send at my request while I was in England last winter. I did not stay in England as I intended to, but came back to Canada about the 4th of March, preferring by a great deal the brave, free, open-air life of the country in Canada, to the smoky pent-up life of the cities in England. I was at the old Home in London for three or four days, and was very kindly received there. I was glad to see the faces of some of the old masters there, especially Mr. Anderson and my old teacher Mr. Manuel. Mr. Anderson sent a message to the boys to say that he is still at the old post, although he has been talking of giving it up any time this five years. I had a very pleasant trip, although it was a bit rough going over. There is quite a colony of old "Barnardo boys" in this section; and I think we must be behaving ourselves pretty well, for a visitor from the Home hardly ever comes near us. We have a football team down here that several of the boys are in, which has made a very good showing this year; their last exploit being to kick the ball all to pieces, so that means a quarter all round to get a new one. I enclose another quarter to pay for a year's subscription to UPS AND DOWNS, a paper we think a great deal of down here. So I think I will conclude with best wishes to all, from

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ONT., CANADA.

Joseph T. Brett commenced a five years' engagement with Mr. Hall, of Cardwell, in 1889, and as a result of his steady, persevering efforts during that period, Joseph found himself on the first of April, 1894, in possession of Dr. Barnardo's Silver Medal and a nice little nest-egg of \$100. In Dec., '94, he engaged with Mr. Michener, of Beamsville, with whom he remained until February last, giving every satisfaction, and fortunate in being the inmate of one of the most comfortable homes in the country. Joseph is still in the neighbourhood of Beamsville and enjoys the respect of a large number of the inhabitants of that district. He possesses a handsome bank balance despite a reduction by the recent purchase of a bicycle.



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GLEANED FROM SOME RECENT VISITORS' REPORTS.

Of a big batch of recent reports now lying before us, the first refers to Samuel Relf, who came out in July, '94, and is stationed at New Lowell. What higher praise could a boy desire than that contained in the eight words, "A better lad could not be than Sam"? Thus spoke Sam's employer, and Sam, on his part, informed Mr. Griffith that he is "well cared for and is as if one of the family"—a truly happy condition of affairs, which we wish, and have every reason to believe, will long continue.

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The next four reports also refer to boys whose postal address is New Lowell. Of William Hy. Coombes (Nov., '95, party), who is 17 years old, we learn that his employer

"likes him well; have had no occasion to find fault with him; truthful."

Mr. Griffith supplements this with the results of his own observations:

"He is cheerful and active, and will, I think, turn out well; he is well satisfied."

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Barnet Rees is only 12, and formed one of the last party. An engagement extending over a term of years, during a portion of which he will attend school, has just been entered into in his behalf with Mr. Plowman, the employer of Samuel Relf. At present, Mr. Plowman "cannot judge much of Barnet's capabilities," but the latter is reported as "a good-looking, healthy

little fellow," and we have not the slightest doubt he will do well and continue happy and contented in the good home he has been fortunate enough to enter.

John Henry White, 15 (March, '92, party), bears an excellent character. He is not as strong as we should like to see him.

"He is slightly built, but he is hearty enough and does not complain; has done his best; is quiet in manner; respectful and well behaved."

The next report—Wm. Luke, 19 (July, '94, party)—affords a striking contrast. Mr. Griffith says:

"The fattest boy I have seen for months; is strong also; short in stature."

In "progress, conduct and behaviour," William is reported as being all that could be desired. In view of the first words of his report, it is, perhaps, needless to add that William "lives well and is comfortable."

"Walter bears a first-class character in all respects; is a valuable farm hand; industrious and truthful."

This of Walter George Bowden, 18, who came out in Aug., '91, and is working at Colwell.

Of John Sones (April, '91) we learn that he is

"a big, powerful youth of 18, weighs 150 lbs.; he is steady and a great worker."

Walter Thomas Smith, 16, of March, '92, party, is reported as being

"a well behaved, quiet lad; very willing; nice in manner."

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Master and mistress had both good things to say of James Cairns, 14, who is working at Smithdale:

"I found lad assisting Mr. Carmichael by churning. She says he is very obliging, and tries his best to give satisfaction. His master says, 'a very good boy.'"

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"Lives as if really one of the family, and is kindly treated; employer says he is doing well, and is kind to stock; cheerful and active."

The foregoing tells of the pleasant lines on which has fallen the lot of George Dinwoody, and also of George's appreciation of his good fortune. He is 15, came out in Sept., '94, and is stationed at Stayner; also the post-office of the lads who are the subject of the next seven reports.

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That Wm. Pickering has made the most of his five years in Canada is evident from the following:—

"His master gives him an excellent character; has hired for \$125 a year. I also saw his former employer, Mr. Morrison, who praises him highly; says he was with him four years two months and three days, and during the whole time they never had a cross word—in fact, he says he cannot say enough to describe his faithfulness; he often spends Sunday with them, and it is a pleasure to have him do so."

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John Jones, who came out in July, '92, although only 13 and "very small and slight," is evidently a manly little fellow. He is reported as trying

"his best to please." . . . "His employer says he expects but little from him, but has a job to keep him from working."

John is in good hands, and will undoubtedly grow stronger as he grows older, and eventually become as capable as he is now enthusiastic. Mr. Griffith says:

"Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn are evidently much attached to him, and he is treated very kindly, just as if their own child."