

and I hope every boy will take it up; it is just the thing for us, and 25 cents a year is not heavy at all. Everyone, I should think, could pay that. I hope you will succeed."

We too believe that the medal is a great encouragement to a boy. Wherever he may go to seek employment it will tell more eloquently than any letter of recommendation that the owner's record is a good one. Having gained the medal the next thing to do is to strive to keep up the record of which it is a token. This, we feel sure, Douglas will not fail to do.

In sending his subscription for a year, Jno. Cripps, who is living at Oungah, says:—

"I am glad to hear that you are about to start a monthly paper for the boys in Canada and I hope you will carry out your plan successfully. It is a very good name you have given it, for we all have our ups and downs in life. I am in good health myself at the present time and I am doing well, and I hope the rest of the boys that came to Canada with me are. I hope the paper will be a benefit to us all."

We are glad to hear John's good account of his health and prospects. But we are not surprised. A sound body and a determination to do, not only well, but right, at the beginning, very quickly bring in good results. John, we know, possesses these attributes to success and



WILLIAM DEWBURY.

he can be trusted to make a good reputation and honorable position for himself. We share his hope that UPS AND DOWNS will be a benefit to us all.

Albert Dolling, who is working at Tecumseth, says:

"I think you have got a splendid name for your paper and I hope you will make a success of it. I received the sample copy, and I am very much pleased with it."

Fully fifty per cent. of our correspondents allude to the name of our journal, expressing their appreciation of its suitability, as indicative of the career of the average human being. It may interest our friends to know that the selection of a name for our paper entailed a considerable amount of mental labour. Brains were racked and brows were furrowed as suggestion after suggestion was put forward. Eventually a halt was called and each suggested name was considered on its merits. There was a severe "weeding out process" until UPS AND DOWNS alone remained. That the final choice was a good one is evident by the congratulatory remarks of our friends, and the credit of it must go to Mr. Owen from whom the suggestion "UPS AND DOWNS" emanated.



WILLIAM FERRY.

It is a very kind, helpful letter that reaches us from John Bodger, who is now at Dutton. He writes:—

"I am more than pleased with the paper and I think it is worth twice the money to us boys. If the paper were to fail for the want of more money, double the price. I shall never be against giving fifty cents for it. I shall always be willing to take the paper while I am able to work. I feel proud that I belong to Dr. Barnardo's good class of people. Some boys are ashamed to own that they belong to the home; just remember where they would have been, myself as well, if there was no home to go to. I am very sorry that Dr. Barnardo has been ill. I hope he will get his health again. He is a man that England would miss badly, besides being a servant of the Lord God, who is the giver of all goodness. I see a piece in the paper about William Essland who went to Alberta. I should like to know whether he bought his land or took government land. I have made up my mind to go and get a farm myself. I was thinking of going to Algoma because I want to grow fruit trees; mixed farming I intend to go in for. I should like your advice which is the best country to go to, Alberta or Algoma, if one wants to grow apple trees. I shall have to take government land, if I can get it, because my capital is small. I am very anxious to start on life's journey. I have only put my foot at the bottom of the steep hill and I have it to climb. I hope the Doctor will get his health, and I hope the Lord will prosper Dr. Barnardo's good work. I would like to give three hearty cheers for UPS AND DOWNS."

Yes, John, England would "miss Dr. Barnardo badly," and particularly that portion of England whose faithful and indefatigable friend he has been for thirty years. But may it please God that he will be spared for many years to continue the work for his Master to which his life is devoted, and the fruits of which have indeed been plentiful. Accept our thanks for your hearty good wishes for our little journal. We are sure that Essland or any other friend would gladly give you all the information they could in regard to the section of the country they are living in, if you were to write. Our "Old Friends' Directory," on another page, might help you to locate some of those from whom you could obtain desirable information.

Geo. W. Smith, who has now been in Canada six years, sends us a very interesting letter, full of kindly thoughts, and which also contains much of that commodity which is known as "common sense." Speaking of the attacks which are frequently made on "Barnardo boys," George, who is stationed at Appin, says:

"As to the criticism of different writers, if they would hunt up the good boys and write about them, they would have enough to do for a while. I don't care about praising myself, but if I don't tell the good about myself, the Barnardo critics won't. I have worked very steady for nearly seven years. I never worked less than a year in a place. The last place I was working two years and a half at one time. I was all alone. I worked the binder, mower and everything connected with the farm. I took 965 bushels off one year and 895 the next, and left 22 acres of as good wheat as a person would wish to see. They say that the Home boys lower the wages of Canadians. I refused \$145 for a year

after working two years and a half. But I am very glad to say that, in my own estimation, I have bettered myself. I wish you every success with your new paper. You may depend on a constant subscriber in me.

"I don't think I have read through anything with so much interest as UPS AND DOWNS. Reading the account of the boys leaving home just carried me back six or seven years. I seemed to go through everything again; going out for the last Saturday, then to Stepney, to get measured, then on to the bus to Euston Station, and the excitement in getting fixed on board a ship, and, most important of all, the Doctor's last words to the boys. If we tried to do as he counselled us there wouldn't have been any danger of failures. I was very sorry to read of the Doctor's illness, but I am sure the Doctor has the sympathy of myself and all the boys. I think your new paper will be the means of bringing us all together more than anything else."

George has done well, and evidently means to do still better. Pluck, determination, and steady adherence to principle will always conquer in the end.

William S. Mucklestone has recently paid a visit to the old country and has returned full of vigour and ready for work again. One of the first things he did on his return was to send in his subscription for UPS AND DOWNS, a copy of which he had seen. He says in his letter: "Although I do not write, I have not forgotten my benefactors and all who have been so kind to me since I came from England." We are glad to hear from William. We do not think he is the kind of boy to forget old friends, but still we are always pleased to hear from a boy himself how he is getting along.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Aug. 15th, Henry Cooper and Ellen Doveston were made man and wife, the marriage taking place at the Girls' Home at Peterboro', whence the bride originally came. We desire for the young couple every happiness in their married life, and that God's richest blessings and favor may attend them now and hereafter. It makes us feel quite old when we think of Henry as he was when he came from the London Home ten years ago. He has made admirable use of his time during these ten years and his letters to us show him to have a remarkable degree of ability and intelligence, besides a fund of shrewd common sense that will enable him to make his way in the world.



GEORGE W. SMITH.

We are indebted to Mr. T. Cooper, of Cooper's Falls, for a very kind, interesting letter, in which generous tribute is paid to Dr. Barnardo's Homes and boys. We regret that lack of space alone prevents us publishing portions of Mr. Cooper's letter.