

could not bear to be idle, who was always "up and at it," steady in habits, "a good Christian lad."

Another letter which arrived a few days later from Mr. Wright, of Hamesville, with whom Thomas made his home for some time, is in very similar strain, but contains the sad news that our friend has been seriously ill. We sincerely trust that by the time a copy of this issue reaches Thomas in his Manitoba home he will be fully restored to health.

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After giving us an encouraging account of George Davis (Sept. '94), who is in the employ of Mr. Amelius McCrea, of Merrickville, Mr. McCrea refers to George's brother James, who has "Engaged with my brother for another year. He is one of the most trusty boys you ever brought out to this country. He and my brother think as much of each other as if they were brothers."

This is splendid testimony of the good reputation associated with the name of James Davis, to whom we tender our heartiest congratulations, and bid all others of the numerous "clan Davis" in our ranks go and do likewise.

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Alfred Jolley has been one of the steadiest contributors to our Mutual Improvement Society, taking one of the three prizes offered during the first session. If he does not excel all previous efforts in the contribution which we expect from his pen this issue we shall be much disappointed, for just after we had settled and sent to press our topics for publication in the last issue a letter arrived from Alfred telling us that the change of employment he had made was to that of florist. We had not the slightest knowledge of this when we chose as topic for June,

"My favourite flowers; and how I would lay out a flower garden, 50 ft x 30 ft., without spending more than \$2.00 on seeds and bulbs"

But we shall now expect a very interesting and authoritative essay on floriculture and gardening from Alfred. He is located at Guelph, and has wisely made an engagement in which wages for the first year are a secondary consideration to being taught the business. He will have \$10 a month and board, however, for the summer, so that he will still be able to add to his bank account. Alfred is a member of the Methodist Church and is, we know, striving to be "faithful in that which is least."

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Richard H. Hallam, 19 (March, '92), writes that he has received his bank book, "of which I am very proud." We also learn that Richard is now working for Mr. Chas. Hill, Epping, and hopes in the fall to add another fifty dollars to his bank account. A good resolution which, knowing Richard as we do, we do not doubt he will carry out.

Also a member of Mr. Hill's household is our little friend William Grandison, 12, who came out eighteen months ago, and over whom Richard exercises a kind, brotherly watchfulness. He tells us that Willie is well cared for and is happy and healthy. Both of our lads have our heartiest wishes for their continued prosperity and happiness.

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We have an interesting letter from Harry Neve, of the third party of '93, in which Harry indulges in quite a little "looking backward," referring to the circumstances which led to his entering Dr. Barnardo's Home, and this subsequent decision to make one of the parties going out to Canada; both of which circumstances Harry regards with greatest satisfaction. Our friend, who is 18, has a good situation with Mr. Samuel Johnston, of Moore, and he assures us "I am doing all I can for them and I think I

please them." Harry also adds a word of warning for those who at times feel inclined to make a change. He feels that he has been a looser in many respects by having been somewhat of a rolling stone. We should not mention this past weakness of our friend did he not ask us to do so that others may profit by his experience. One of the healthiest signs for the future is recognition of regret for faults of the past, and we have not the slightest doubt that by the time he is 21, Harry will have made up what he may have lost by being too changeable during his earlier years in Canada.

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A letter to hand from Robert C. Prattle, of the first party of '87, tells of an engagement recently entered into, which promises to prove satisfactory alike to Robert and his employer. As evidence of Robert's steady, persevering character, it may be mentioned that his letter contained \$120, "my two last years' wages," to be deposited in the bank. There is also a donation for the Home, for which we tender Robert our sincere thanks.

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The already respectable bank balance of Charles Hill (June, '89) is also increased by the



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"Now a young man of 25, steady, agreeable and well liked."

sum of \$20, with which Charles sends a letter telling us that he is still at Mongolia, and that he has just made another engagement for eight months with Mr. William J. Ramsay, in whose employ he has now been since June, 1889.

"The longer I am here the better I like both the country and the people."

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We hear through Mr. Griffith that William Gibbs (Aug. '87) is "in the best of health, and doing very well; still with Mr. J. K. Bradley, of Dunnville."

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Joseph Gater has recently completed a five years' engagement with Mr. Baggs, Thistle-town. This gentleman speaks in the highest praise of Joseph, who is now sixteen and the fortunate owner of the sum of \$150, \$100 of which he has deposited in the bank. The remaining fifty dollars are owing by different "clients," and represent the "extras" which Mr. Baggs kindly placed in Joseph's way. Our friend is certainly to be congratulated, and not the least so, that he has such a considerate

employer, with whom we are pleased to learn he has made a further engagement covering the present year.

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Recent word of Frank Cambray (April, '90) tells of still another very substantial bank balance accumulated in a few years. Frank, who is with Mr. F. Hammond, Cayuga, P.O., has over \$200 in the local bank and is spoken of as a steady, persevering lad. There cannot be much doubt about that.

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Richard Blake's (June '90) employer having given up farming, Richard engaged for a year with Mr. J. Taylor, Cherrywood P.O., and in December next there will be another \$100 to add to Richard's account in the bank. He left \$20 for that purpose when he called at the Home recently to give us the foregoing information.

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John E. Sanders went first to Luther Township, but in the fall of 1894 he entered the employ of Mr. Jas. Fisher of Branchton, from whom only a few weeks since spoke most highly of our friend who, he declared, was doing as well as could possibly be expected. John is 17, and by the time he is 21 we shall expect "great things" of him.

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In the two years that have elapsed since he left Leopold House, John Lloyd Price has well maintained the good character with which he came to Canada. He is now in his fourteenth year and is working at Winfield. When visited recently there was not a word of complaint; on the other hand, John was referred to as a well-behaved, capable boy, truthful and honest. We do not wish to make our young friend vain, but, as it is our aim to tell not only the truth, but the whole truth, we must add that the report declares John to be stout and strong and "nice looking." If we had a portrait of John we would let our readers judge for themselves whether they agree with the visitor's report on that point.

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Walter Galey is a lad of 14 who since 1893 has been boarding out at Emsdale. He has recently been placed in a good situation in Manitoba. When he returned to us from Emsdale, he bore with him the following letter from his foster parent:

"I think it only due to yourself and also to the little boy, Walter Galey, that you should hear from us as to what kind of boy he is.

"In the first place, I can assure you we are all sorry to part with him, as during his stay with us he has endeared himself to all.

"He is a very smart, intelligent little fellow, and although very small for his years, he is very healthy, not having had any kind of sickness during his stay of two years with us.

"He is also very useful and capable of doing an immense amount of work around a farm for one so small.

"His moral character is very good on the whole, and providing he is placed in a Christian home, I have no fear for his future. I can assure you we all feel sorry at his departure, and at his request have kept him with us as long as possible.

Yours truly,

"ROBERT BONNEY."

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The following interesting letter from Frank G. Townson, of the first party of April, '95, tells better than anything we could say that our friend is a warm-hearted, faithful lad, striving to do his duty in all things:—

"I write these few lines to tell you how I am getting along. I have done a lot of work during the past winter months, which have made me feel strong and well, so that I stand 5 ft. 5 ins. in height, and weigh 125 pounds.