

to thoroughly master all he undertook. That he succeeded is evidenced by the position he, a young man of twenty-three, holds to-day, and we tender our friend our very hearty congratulations on the good use he has made of his opportunities, and heartily wish him a continuance of his well-deserved success.

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Frank Sargeant, who has worked hard and well for five years, and is now 19, writes us that he has purchased 100 acres of land in the neighborhood of Dyer's Bay, where he purposes settling. We congratulate our friend upon his promotion to the ranks of the landowners, and wish him every success in his enterprise.

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Good accounts reach us from Glencoe of John Leigh, who came from England in August, '91. John has made good progress, and is held in high esteem by his employer and family. Among John's possessions is a bicycle, in riding which he derives a vast amount of pleasure.



WALTER AND THOMAS WRIGHT.

George Chaplin, who came out with our September party of this year, and is eleven years of age, writes us from Scotch Block that his month's experience of his home in that locality is such that he wishes "to stay." We are very pleased to hear of our little friend's contentment, and sincerely trust it will be always so with him.

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Charles McLachlin, 14, who has been two years in Canada, welcomes UPS AND DOWNS as a means of learning how his old friends are progressing. Charles is stationed at Ashfield, and is a steady little worker.

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Joseph H. Stables sends a letter confined to two topics—old friends at Stepney and UPS AND DOWNS. Joseph, who has had six years' experience in Canada, is full of enthusiasm for all and everything connected with Dr. Barnardo's Homes. He is working at Castledery, and we have nothing but the best accounts of him.

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In sending \$40 to be deposited in the bank and a donation of \$2 for the Homes, Joseph Evans informs us that he is in excellent health and well treated. Joseph, who is at Oakwood, has been seven years in Canada, and has served faithfully and well. At the time of writing he had just completed his engagement and was looking for a fresh situation. As Joseph is a very capable and trustworthy young farmer, we do not think he will have much difficulty in finding a good place.

Distance does not deter Arthur Wilson from taking advantage of the opportunities of the hour. During the month our friend called at the Home on his way back from Morden, Man., where he had for two months past been "reaping a harvest"—not only of grain. During the summer he had worked on the Lakes. The result of this readiness to adapt himself to circumstances has placed Arthur, who came out in 1890, in a very satisfactory condition financially, and he intends spending the next four months at the Chatham Business College. In taking this course, we think our friend is acting very sensibly. It will materially contribute to the attainment of that large measure of success which, we feel sure, the future holds in store for Arthur Wilson, and for which he has our very earnest wishes.

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Only less distressing in its surrounding circumstances than the death of poor George Green, was that of John Chapman, which occurred on Nov. 14th, at Ormsby, our poor friend falling a victim to the flames which devoured the hotel in which he was at the time staying. Our first intimation of the terrible event was the arrival at the Home of a brief note from the Rev. Thomas Leech, of Bancroft, informing us that John Chapman had been burned to death on the day and at the place above mentioned.

Our considerate correspondent did not fail to add that John Chapman was "always an industrious and good lad." This posthumous testimony to the good qualities of our unfortunate friend but confirmed the reports we have always received of him since his arrival in Canada eight years ago. At the time of his death, John was following his trade as a blacksmith, to which he apprenticed himself last year. He was only eighteen years old, and was held in high regard by his employer and many others in the locality where he lived. It appears, from the particulars we have been able to gather, that our poor friend would have escaped all injury had he not, with a companion, returned to the burning building to remove some effects. This, perhaps not unnatural, boyish recklessness cut short a promising career and added one more to our death-roll for the year. Such events as these cast a gloom over our work, which it is not easy to dispel, and we can but leave the mitigation of the sorrow of all John Chapman's friends to the one never-failing Father of all Who in His wisdom often does that which fills our human hearts with sorrow, but which, we may be assured, is designed for our ultimate good.

OUR LITTLE BOARDERS.

In writing of the successes of our older boys who are well started in the world, we must not forget the smaller fry, the little lads under ten years of age, who are at present boarded out. This department of our Canadian work is by no means the least successful. In former years boys remained in the English Homes until they were considered to be old enough to earn their living independently, and, in fact, were seldom sent to Canada under the age of 13 or 14. A few years ago, however, Dr. Barnardo resolved to extend to this country the Boarding Out System, which has for long past been in operation in England with such successful results. Accordingly, we have now in every party a number of little lads, between 4 and 10 years of age, who are placed, on their arrival, in farm homes where so much a month is paid for their maintenance. They attend school regularly all the year round, and the people who undertake the charge of them enter into an agreement with us to feed, clothe and care for their little

boarders, and to look well after them in every way.

A member of our staff, Mr. Arthur Gaunt, a gentleman of great experience and ability, gives his whole time to looking after this department of the work, chiefly in visiting the little lads in their homes.

The movement has been a most successful one in every way. The children have all the advantages of beginning life in Canada at an age when they have nothing to unlearn, and when they can adapt themselves at once to the ways of the country. They are brought up amongst Canadians and attend Canadian schools, and when the time comes for their being transferred to situations, they go out possessing useful experience and "knowing their way about." The number of applications for these little fellows is very large every month, far more than we can supply; and we are happy to bear testimony to the general kindness with which they are treated in the homes of their foster parents. We give a few brief extracts from letters recently received, from which it will be seen that "well and doing well" is the general substance of most of the reports.

Willie Fell is "well and doing well at school," and, we hear, "talks of writing" us. A boy of ten who is doing well at school ought to be able to write a very interesting letter, so we shall look out for an envelope with the Huntsville post-mark, where Willie has lived since he came to Canada two years ago.

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Owing to a new school being built quite close to their home at Emsdale, Walter Grant, ten, and Geo. Fry, twelve, will not be kept from their studies during the winter. This is good news, and we hope Walter and George will make the most of their opportunities to acquire knowledge. A healthy body is a great help in developing the mind. Walter and his chum are blessed in this respect; so we shall be disappointed if they do not turn out brilliant scholars.

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William and Henry Hughes came to Canada in the early part of this year, and have a good home with kind people at Bracebridge. William, who is nine, bravely fulfils his trust as elder brother, Henry being only five years old. They go to school and Sunday-school regularly, and we receive very cheering accounts of their progress.

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A recent letter from Elmsdale informs us that James and Philip Gates, aged twelve and six respectively, are "hardy, healthy little fellows." Boys of this description will give a good account of themselves when they set to work on Canada's fruitful soil.

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Thomas Mitchell, 12, and Arthur and Frank Smith, 11 and 7 respectively, are living together at Uttersen. Thomas has been in Canada two years, but Arthur and Frank only came out last year. They are three happy little fellows, getting along well at school and enjoying themselves generally.

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"Behaving well at school as they do at home" is the welcome word from Raymond in regard to John and Walter Hayes, who left England last spring. John is eleven, and Walter is his junior by three years.

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Benjamin S. Elliott and Peter Beechy don't intend to lag behind, and we hear that they "are trying to get promoted at school at Christmas." This is good news, and shows that Benjamin, who is eleven, and Peter, who is ten, will make their way in the world.

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