

are unknown to us even by name, but we desire to express to one and all, and to those who sent donations of one kind and another, our very sincere thanks for their kindly interest in, and generous treatment of, our young people.

We have to tender our very hearty congratulations to our old friend Harry Pepper (June, '86), who called at the Home on the 26th ult. with his wife, the marriage of our friend having taken place in the city the previous day. Harry is a steady, upright young man, who has for some time been engaged in the hardware business. We consider him in every respect capable of bearing the responsibilities he has assumed, and on him and his wife we trust that the Heavenly Father will bestow abundant blessing.

On the same day we received a visit from George V. Gee, who called for the purpose of depositing \$73 in the bank, thus bringing his balance at the end of the year well over the \$200 mark. George has spent his seven years in Canada to good purpose. Substantial as is his bank account, it does not represent all George has done; there has been more than one withdrawal that he might help his mother in England.

Joseph A. Murray (Aug., '84) was also one of our callers at Christmastide. Our old friend is in perfect health and getting along first rate. He holds the position of janitor at the Collegiate Institute, Woodstock.

Just as we are about to go to press reports reach us of George W. West (June, '83) and Arthur Ashmore (April, '88). Of the former the word is that he "is still on his 25-acre farm; is about to purchase the 50 acres adjoining; is on the way to prosperity, being steady and industrious; no better farm hand in the district." Ashmore "is putting in his seventh year with Mr. Arch. Campbell; is in good health and an excellent worker." Only a few words, but they speak volumes!

A number of interesting little items of intelligence come to us through Mr. Griffith, as the result of his recent trip through the districts between London and the St. Clair River.

John Edward Salisbury, living with Mr. Dalbert Young, is said to be in good health, and considered one of the best farm hands in the district.

Robert Brandon, who came from the Youths' Labour House, in August, '87, is now a public school teacher at Turnerville, and just entering upon the second year of his engagement. "Much liked and respected throughout the neighbourhood." His brother William is doing well in the same district.

Edward Capeling, an old Stepney boy of the first contingent of '94, has made good use of his time since he landed in the country. He has developed into a fine, useful worker, and bears an excellent character in the neighbourhood.

Richard Parr, employed by Mr. William Slatcher, of Rutherford, has grown to be a tall, powerful young man, and is considered a first-class farm hand. From all we learn, Richard is a credit to the Home in every way.

"Comfortably settled in life," describes the condition of our old friend, Henry Timmath, who came out in '83. He now owns a house and lot at Muirkirk; is married, and is the

proud father of one child. He is, and has been ever since he came to Canada, steady and industrious. "No better farm hand anywhere," was the closing remark of a farmer, speaking to Mr. Griffith of our friend.

We hear of George Moffatt (June, '91, party) being now in the employ of Mr. Pollock, Dover Centre P.O., who gives George a splendid character.

Alfred Bush (March, '92) is now at Wardsville, and he is reported as doing well and being in good health. Some time ago Alfred withdrew his balance from the bank, with a view to purchasing a bicycle. He fortunately thought the matter over before parting with his hard-earned savings, and contented himself with investing a small portion in a watch. There is some reason in a boy providing himself with a watch, particularly if he be absent-minded and inclined to forget that supper is waiting for him; but a bicycle would be, to a very large extent, a "white elephant."

John Hearn (June, '90) called upon Mr. Griffith at Glencoe where John fills a position of trust in an eminently creditable manner. He sent all kinds of good wishes to "the Home," and hopes to pay us a visit next fall.

Glencoe is also the scene of Joseph Mills' efforts. Joseph has been in Canada seven years and is doing well.

William Lancaster is also one of the first party of '90. After five and a half years' steady work, he paid a visit to England in the fall of '95, remaining there all last winter. He is now with Mr. Levi Stahls, of Crediton, and is well spoken of as a very steady and upright young man.

Thomas Lansdowne, who came out with the last party of '93, is now working for Mr. Benjamin Graham, Rodney P.O. He is "in first-class health, steady, and dresses very respectably."

The information Mr. Griffith obtained of George Carley (July, '92) is thoroughly satisfactory. George's postal address is now Croton. "He bears a good name as a worker and as to character; can do all farm work in good style."

Very similar is the report received of Francis V. Newby (April, '91), also at Croton.

Ernest Robinson's connection with the family with whom he has been since his arrival seven years ago has been strengthened by his marriage with a daughter of his employer. Ernest is doing well and bears an excellent character. Very earnestly do we wish him a continuance of the prosperity and happiness which have been vouchsafed to him.

We recently received a visit from the brother of the employer of Walter J. Bracey, of the second party of last year, who informed us that Walter is getting along first rate; is "a smart, active lad and much liked."

Not a few of our readers will remember the tour of the little musical company sent out by Dr. Barnardo in 1891, under the charge of Mr. J. B. Wookey, and the tragic ending of their operations in the awful railroad disaster on the Wabash Railway, in September '92, which proved fatal to two of our little party and seriously injured some of the others. Most of the survivors returned to England. James Lane

and W. B. Evans, the subjects of the very handsome photograph which we reproduce here, remained on this side the Atlantic, and have found a refined, happy, Christian home in the thriving town of Canton, Ohio. We have referred to James and Willie before in the columns of UPS AND DOWNS, but we make no apology for giving our readers the benefit of the following letter which we have just received from them. It should be mentioned that the drum and fife corps referred to is the enterprise



of James and Willie, and their labours in its organization and training have been most successful and have been recognized, as will be seen from the letter, in very distinguished quarters:

"534 N. McKINLEY AVE.,

"CANTON, OHIO., Dec. 28, '96.

"Though too late for Christmas greetings, we now write, wishing you a prosperous New Year.

"With this, we have sent a photograph which was taken just a few weeks ago.

"Everything here is going along very well indeed. Willie is still at work in the drug store and likes the business first-rate.

"I am still going to school, being in the Freshman Class of the High School. My studies are Algebra, Latin, Zoology, Composition, English Literature and a few others of minor importance. They are very hard and keep me busy. We have an examination the week ending January, and I am working hard in preparation for it.

"We receive UPS AND DOWNS every month and enjoy reading it very much. It is a splendid paper and a capital thing for keeping in touch with the boys who have settled in Canada. We recognize some of the boys whose faces appear in the paper every month.

"The political campaign that made Canton a famous city is now a thing of the past, and in a few months the Republicans will place Major McKinley in the Presidential chair. The nation is making great preparations for this event. A large number of citizens from this city expect to go and participate in the celebration. It is probable that our drum corps may go to Washington with one of the political organizations in this city. Remember us kindly to everybody connected with the Home who knew us; also to Mrs. Owen and the family. Father and mother send kindest regards to Mrs. Owen and yourself.

"Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, we remain, very sincerely,

"JIMMIE AND WILLIE."

A letter comes to hand from Arthur Murphy, 14, who is laying up a vast store of knowledge on matters agricultural on the farm of Mr. Watson, Nile P.O., of whom Arthur speaks in warmest terms:

"I can now plough and harrow, and my master said that it was very well done for the first time. I like farming well. The first spring I was here my master gave me a lamb, and this coming spring it is likely to have some little lambs. I think my master is very kind to me. We keep a lot of stock. Of course I have only to attend the cattle and the horses in winter, but in the summer I work