

AND DOWNS. Frank signs himself "your old friend and Manchester boy." We have remarked before that Lancashire lads all the world over are justly proud of speaking of their connection with the county Palatine.

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Our last report of a few months ago of George Kemble contained vastly important news. George was contemplating marriage at a very early date with a farmer's daughter. We congratulate our friend very sincerely and wish him all happiness and prosperity. George has from the first been enthusiastic about Canada, and after several years' residence in the district of Attercliffe, he has earned the good opinion of a large circle of acquaintances. He is a steady young man with a great capacity for work.

In a letter to hand just as we are about to go to press, we learn that by the time this number reaches our friends George will be a married man, the ceremony being arranged to take place on Dec. 23rd. Our friend also refers to his long and pleasant connection with Mr. Laidlaw by the young people of whose family he is regarded with brotherly and sisterly affection. George has indeed had a very happy life during the eight years he has been a member of Mr. Laidlaw's household, and that he may be still happier in the home which he is about to enter in a new capacity, and that the Father of all will abundantly bless him and his in all things is our very earnest prayer.

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William Legg at 21 is in the same situation as William Legg at 11, and in the intervening ten years he has won the fullest confidence and esteem of his employer, Mr. Griffith, of Eganville. Of course he took the long service and good conduct medal. Very recently we heard that William owns quite a lot of stock, and is as steady and thrifty as ever.

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James Thomas Nobbs decided in 1892 to "try his luck" out West, and consequently in that year he took the long journey to California, entering the employment of Mr. Fowler, who had been an employer of James when the latter was at Cottam, Ont. We have a letter from our friend, in which he tells us something of his life and progress in the land of Uncle Sam:

"I went to work for \$30 a month, and I worked for one man for two years. He was a large farmer, had a large team, ten mules in each. We plough and sow twelve acres in a day, and when seeding is done we would draw lumber from the mountains in two big waggons. We would bring 10,000 feet in one load. In harvest time he had a header that took 32 mules to draw; it would cut and thrash 80 acres in a day. So, you see, they run things on a big scale there. It is a good place for a young man, but he has to get his bed and sleep in the barn or out of doors. Let some of the boys that are going back West write me, and I will tell them the way, and the work and the pay for all kinds of work."

They certainly do run things on a large scale "out there." And we trust that James will derive all the benefit from this munificence of effort to which his energy entitles him.

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Arthur J. Woodgate is now 23, and his ten years in Canada have been well and profitably spent at Craigvale, in which place and the surrounding country Arthur is known as a young man of sterling worth. A few months ago we received a letter from Sidney Manning, who came out with the spring of '93 party and is now 13; and no part of our young friend's interesting letter pleased us more than the following: "Arthur Woodgate teaches our class at Sunday School, and we all like him well." It is indeed, a source of intense pleasure to us

to know that Arthur and many more of our older friends are engaged in the godly work of helping, in quiet, unostentatious manner, others younger than themselves, to lead righteous, Christian lives, and most fervently do we trust that God's blessing will ever be on teachers and pupils.

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Charles Rose continued for six years in one place, respected by and respecting his employer, from whom he only parted when the latter gave up his farm. Charles, whose meritorious service secured him the silver watch, is now working in the neighbourhood of Bath, and is in excellent health, and is doing very well.

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Upon his arrival in Canada, Arthur Woodcock was adopted by Mr. J. S. White, of the Township of Hope, under an agreement by which our friend was to receive \$200 after five years. The arrangement proved to be eminently satisfactory for all concerned, and upon the expiry of the period provided for, Arthur engaged with Mr. White's brother-in-law, and his five years in this second situation have but increased the good reputation he had already established.

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We find Charles Bond still at Kincardine, well pleased with the country and the opportunities it affords to the young man anxious to "get on"—opportunities which Charles has turned to good account. Our friend speaks in grateful terms of Dr. Barnardo, and expresses his desire to "help the Home along."

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George Ireland is another silver medallist, and a most worthy one too. He early sought to adapt himself to the ways of the country. In 1891 we heard of him leading the choir at the church with which he had identified himself. Much later news tells of George's marriage and subsequent elevation to the proud position of father.

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Jesse G. Farmilloe, for over ten years has worked steadily away doing his duty "in that state of life to which God has been pleased to call him." We have recently had a letter from him in which he says all sorts of kind and pleasant things about UPS AND DOWNS and congratulates us upon the fact that we "stand up for us boys." We are proud to be able to "stand up" for such lads as Jesse, believing that they deserve all we can say for them as worthy and honorable members of the community.

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William Smith, to whom we have had occasion to refer to in a previous issue as one of Bracondale's successful market gardeners, continues his onward march. William recently added a windmill to his well-equipped market garden, and intends to turn the advantage this acquisition affords him to good account. William is decidedly go ahead, and the produce from his greenhouse and garden is a testimony of his knowledge of his business. He is a member of the choir of the Methodist Church of Bracondale, and manager and treasurer of the local amateur baseball club.

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Two hundred dollars in the bank is fairly conclusive evidence that some useful lessons have been learnt, some good work has been done, by James Horton during the ten years that have elapsed since he came to Canada as a little lad of 13. There is a long service record here also, James having "grown up" in Barrie,

and in the employment of Mr. Ottaway, who speaks most highly of our friend.

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OF OTHER YEARS.

The following is a letter received two weeks ago from Thos. W. Piper, of the spring party of '92, and who is now 17:

"I write you this letter to let you know that my engagement with Mr. Lodge has expired, and that I have hired for another year with Mr. Frank Henderson, Fingal, for the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars. Mr. Lodge thought that he could not afford to hire me another year; he said that there was not enough work during the winter to keep one busy. I received my wages from Mr. Lodge this day the 8th, and therefore I will send the sum of forty dollars to my bank account by a Post Office Order, and the remaining thirty-five dollars will keep for clothing. Enclosed you will find two dollars from me for Donation Fund, I think this is all this time."

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We received a visit a short time ago from Frederick Crossley, and we were greatly pleased to see him looking so much better and stronger than when we saw him previously. It seemed then as if his health were seriously failing, but he now looks bright and well. He seems comfortable in his situation and things are evident going happily with him generally. We are most thankful that this is the case, for no one knows better than ourselves that Fred is a faithful, willing worker, and has stuck to his post at times when he has undoubtedly been feeling ill, and when it has been a struggle not to give in. His old friends at Stepney will be pleased to hear that he has apparently got over his trouble and will join us in the hope that he will continue to gain health and strength.

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We were much pleased to receive a visit at the beginning of the present month from Mr. Pilkey, the employer of Ambrose Wood. Mr. Pilkey brought us a most satisfactory and encouraging account of his little employee. Ambrose is a fine, bright boy, and doing well in every way. He can already handle a team, and is a first-class ploughman, and Mr. Pilkey thinks it would be hard to find his equal in general smartness and ability amongst the boys of his age in the neighbourhood. Ambrose was for some years boarded out in Muskoka, and is a very gratifying testimony of the practical success and usefulness of our boarding-out movement.

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It is with the greatest possible pleasure that we tender our congratulations to George A. Musk upon the completion of an eight years' engagement, which has been characterized throughout by most faithful service and devotion to duty. George went to Mr. Henry Williams, of Dalston, upon his arrival in Canada, under agreement that he was to receive \$200 when 21 years of age. He attained his majority a few weeks ago, and the position in which he finds himself to-day is one of which any young man might well feel proud. He has the world before him, with everything in his favour; a substantial bank account, every dollar of which he has fully earned by steady persevering effort; and a splendid reputation for uprightness and trustworthiness. "The hand of the diligent maketh rich," and knowing what George has done in the past, we feel assured that under God's blessing his future will be one of increased prosperity and happiness.

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In our picture of three friends of 1890, we have Henry Bellchamber, James Clarke, and Samuel Snow. Except for a few weeks during the past summer, Henry, who is 17, has been