

OUR YOUNG ARTISTS.



FEW responses have been sent to our request for original drawings, and we publish this month a couple of very creditable etchings from the pencil of Edward Joseph Reynolds, one of the lads resident on the Industrial Farm at Russell. As copies they are very carefully and intelligently executed, and we would like to know that other of our boys and girls were cultivating a talent, which, while affording most pleasant occupation for leisure moments, will also enable them to adorn the walls of the homes which all are, of course, looking forward to possessing sooner or later.

We want our friends to understand that we are open at all times to receive any little sketches, their own work, with a view to reproduction in UPS AND DOWNS. It should be remembered, however, that pencil sketches lose slightly in the process of reproduction. If pencil be used it would be well not to use too light a lead. Make the sketch not less than the width of two columns; if necessary it can then be reduced.

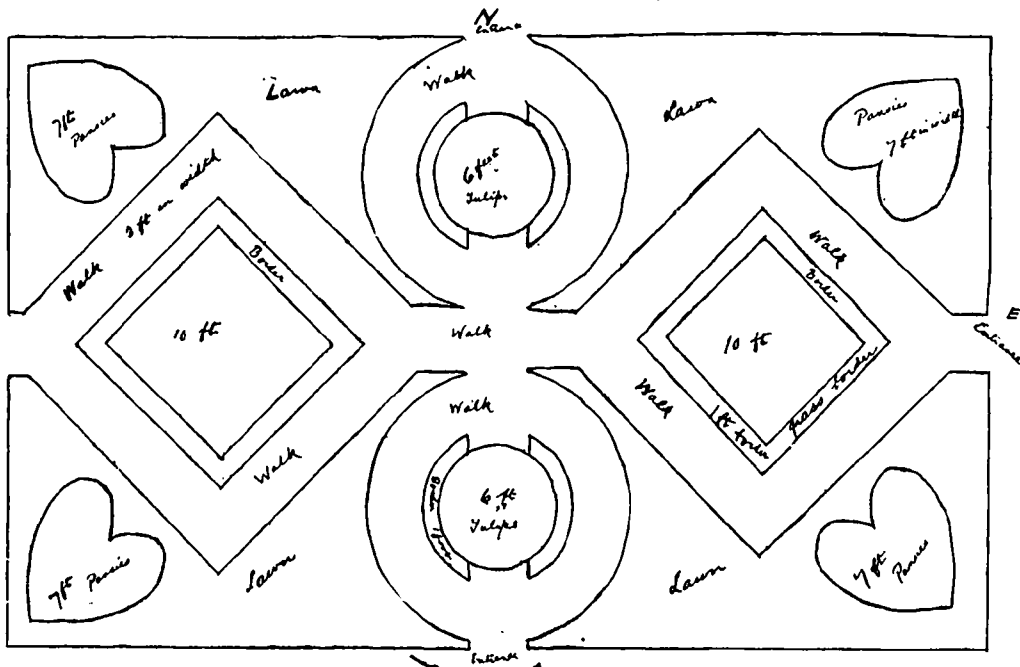
OUR LITERARY AND MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

"My favourite flowers, and how I would lay out a flower garden 50x30 ft., without spending more than \$2 on seeds and bulbs."

GEORGE A. GILDERSON; Age 25. Party April '90.

"There are so many different varieties of flowers, each as pretty as another, that it is rather difficult to decide on a special favourite. My favourite among flowers is the rose. Nothing, in my opinion, looks as handsome as a rose, either in the garden, or climbing up a wall or a house. For beauty and fragrance I do not think it can be beaten. Tulips, pinks, pansies are also pretty flowers.

"I shall now try and give a description of a flower garden as I would make one. The garden is supposed to be 50x30 ft. in size. In each corner there is a heart-shaped bed, each 7 feet in width. These beds may be planted with pansies. On the north and south sides are two circular beds, each six feet in circumference, with a border one foot wide. This border may be of grass or some border flower, as Sweet Alyssum or Mignonette. There is a gravel walk around each bed about three feet in width. These beds may be planted with tulips of red, white and blue shades or different varieties of pinks. On the east and west sides are diamond-shaped beds about ten feet in width."



HOW GEO. A. GILDERSON WOULD LAY OUT A GARDEN, 50X30 FT., AT A COST OF \$2.

"MY FAVOURITE OF THE PENNY VOLUMES."

ALFRED JOLLEY, Age 20. Party June '90.

"Ben Hur" was the most interesting of what I read of them. I think it is a grand book.

"To the one who reads for the sake of passing the time it will not be without interest, and the one who

likes exciting reading will get all he seeks in the chariot race, for the description is so real that it seems as if you were actually there. And the crucifixion, what a scene; the innocent Nazarene hung to the cross upon nails without any proof of guilt.

"The book shows the state of the world at the coming of Christ, also the customs and manners of the people.

"The two sides of the book seem to be love and war. Which shall we say gained the victory, looking on the

if you are wise, keep your money in the bank—there is a gold mine in the honest, hardy, persistent work which the health and strength God has given you will enable you to do, and that gold mine will pay handsome dividends every time. It may be slow, but it is sure; and those who make haste to get rich are not generally the most successful in the long run.

We are lead to these remarks by a letter from Alfred J. Watkins of the June party, '91, who tells us he is sorry he cannot add to his bank account because he has been buying gold mining stock. Well, Alfred, we sincerely hope you will realize on your investment, but we think you will be wise not to put any more money into it just now. You tell us too that you are seeking to improve your education; that is a wise step that will certainly bring you good returns if you are industrious and thorough in the line of study you pursue.

How pleasant it is to have such a report as that which reached us the other day from Mr. Herbert Caldwell, of Allansville, with whom George Morris, party of April '95, has been since he came out. The character Mr. Caldwell gives reads as follows:—

"This is to certify that the bearer, George Morris, has resided with us for the past two years, and I have always found him truthful, honest and straightforward in all

his words and actions. I wish to call particular attention to the first mentioned virtue, for it is so seldom that a person can be met with of whom it can be said, as of him, that he was never known to tell a lie. He is also a good hand at doing chores and is very kind to animals, in fact he can be depended on to do whatever he is told, to the best of his ability."

In a letter from Mr. Caldwell he adds:—

"This character that I give him is no exaggeration, but simply describes him as I have found him."

What a fortune to a boy who has the battle of life to fight to possess a character such as this! No wonder his "boss" adds,

"We are very sorry to have to part with him."

James Horton, June '86, writes a very hopeful and encouraging letter from Barrie, in which he says:—

"I have been very busy and I am working a farm for a man; I am managing everything myself for my master has been ill for a long time, and I expect I shall rent the farm myself after a while. I am getting along splendidly. I am married and have got a good Christian wife. I myself was baptized a while ago, and I am a member of the Baptist Church. I like UPS AND DOWNS very well, it is a very interest-

ing book, and a helpful one too."

Herbert G. Chaplin, party of Sept. '95, writes from Scotch Block:

"I like to write you a few lines once in a while. I went to school last winter, but I do not go now. I am getting along very well at present and I do the chores around