



George Chinn says he would like some of the Home boys to write him and let him know how they are getting on. Verily George is hard to please, and we fear a little greedy. He is a subscriber to UPS AND DOWNS, which he diligently reads. He must, therefore, read every month letters from a large number of Home boys, written not only to George, but to our remaining two thousand odd readers. In his letter George goes back to the time, ten years ago, when he left England as one of a party of 192 lads. He hopes that all of that party has done well in Canada. He himself has "not done badly," having been six years in one situation and three in another. George also sends a very affectionate greeting to "our girls," of a number of whom he speaks in terms which would indicate that George is a past master in the art of paying compliments.

From Fintona comes a letter from Edward Jehu, which tells of continued contentment:

"I am still jogging along at the farming, and I am doing the same kind of work now as I did last year this time, and so on all the year round."

And "so on all the year round," since he came to Canada in 1890, has Edward displayed the same steady devotion to duty.

Alfred Jolley informs us of a recent change of situation, with which he seems well satisfied. He is now living at Freulton, in Wentworth county, and about twelve miles from Hamilton.

We are in receipt of a very interesting letter from our thirteen-year-old friend, John Henry Harvey, who came out with our last party, and was placed about six weeks ago with a farmer at Demorestville. John tells us that he lives—

"... near the marsh, and just as the sun sets you can hear the frogs singing (!). I like the country very much, but it is rather hot. I do not have to do any work in the fields, but I have to work in the house, and I have to gather the eggs, and that is all the outside work yet. I like Mr. and Mrs. Moran very well. I go to church and Sunday school. . . . I see Dr. Pearson every Sunday at church. He is a very nice gentleman; he always speaks to me, and asks me how I am getting on. I have been here four weeks on Wednesday. . . . We have nearly done sowing."

It will be seen that our little friend commences his career in Canada in a spirit of contentment that promises well for the future, and he is bound to be greatly encouraged by the kindly interest of the good friends around him.

Frederick A. Hanks, 13 (April, '94, party), writes to say how pleased he was to see in UPS AND DOWNS that—

"The old masters are still in their places in the Home in the Old Country, and are well."

Fred was also pleased to see the portrait of Wyndham Fitch, who lives only a few miles away from Fred, whom he often meets. Although only thirteen, Fred hastens to pay his tribute to the—

"fine looking girls whose pictures are in UPS AND DOWNS."

"I don't think I could have done better than I am doing now. I am very well. I cannot thank Dr. Barnardo enough for taking care of me and bringing me out here to Canada."

So writes Walter A Farr, who came out in June, '93, and is now 15.

Charles F. and Francis E. Farley, aged 11 and 9 respectively, are brothers, and came out with our last party. Charles has been placed with a farmer at Victoria Corners, and Frank in a situation at Manvers Station. Both have recently written us, giving their impressions of their new homes. Charles says:

"My month's trial is up. I am very pleased with my present situation, and should be very sorry to leave. I also like my master and mistress, and my master is willing to keep me for five or six years if the agreement is signed."

This is very encouraging, and no less so is the well-written epistle of the younger brother Frank, who says:

"I like my place very much, and they are very good to me. We have two cows and two horses. We have nearly done our planting. I like being in the country very much. Mrs. Johnstone wishes me to say that she will write you as soon as possible, and that she is very pleased with her boy."

We, too, are very pleased with Frank and Charles, and if they will only keep on as they have commenced, they will in a few years be among our well-to-do young farmers.

Arthur Ashmore, who came to Canada in 1888, is now a stalwart young man of 25; he still feels a warm interest in the Home and his old friends. When sending a donation to the Home recently, Arthur informed us that this is his seventh year in his present situation. This is an excellent record, and speaks eloquently of our friend's steadiness and ability, and of their appreciation by his employer, by whom he is paid the highest rate of wages prevailing in the district. Arthur expresses his pleasure at seeing the girls take so much interest in UPS AND DOWNS, and thinks



that boys and girls together ought to be able to do a great deal towards helping Dr. Barnardo in his great work.

If all our friends were as regular in contributing their "mites" as Arthur Ashmore has been for eight years, the sum that we each year send to Dr. Barnardo as "donations from his boys in Canada" would assume very large proportions.

Letters have recently reached us from George Dixon and from George's employer, the latter paying tribute to George's good qualities of heart and head, while our friend gives expression to his satisfaction with his situation and prospects. He has completed the engagement he entered into upon arrival here five years ago, and now at 18 possesses the good conduct and long service medal, and a substantial balance in the bank. George has re-engaged with his employer for another year, a sure token that master and man have learned to appreciate each other.

From Alfred Dainton, who is at Wallaceburg, we hear that he is more interested now in farming than he was during his first year's experience, which is not unnatural. There appears to be no lack of variety in the duties Alfred has to perform, and this in itself is a

strong barrier to discontent. Alfred came out with the July '94 party, and is now 17; so he has plenty of time before him in which to make himself a thoroughly practical farmer before he reaches to man's estate.

Thomas Rolfe, 19, who with a younger brother, William, came out in March, '93, writes us: "I received my UPS AND DOWNS and I was very pleased to see the picture of the band last month. You know I was in the band myself and it put me in mind of when I used to go out with it. Mr. Davies looks just the same as ever; of course the boys' faces were all strange to me, but the 'band' look the same as ever with the uniform. My brother is getting along well, and we see one another very often. I am still at the same place and hope to keep here too."



We also hope that Thomas will keep his place, and furthermore we believe he will; for Thomas is of the right sort, and has impressed those who come in contact with him with a firm belief in his trustworthiness and steadiness of purpose. In Newtonville, where he lives, he has the respect of a large circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Peter D. Hartley, of Milton, writes of little Ernest Jones:

"I find him a very honest boy, one that I can trust and of whom I have a good opinion. He has been attending public school since January 1st. . . . Is in good health, flesh, and spirits."

We might add to this that Ernest has a good home with a kind and considerate employer.

We had a visit recently from William Hutt, his errand being to deposit another hundred dollars to the credit of his bank account. William has a record of twelve years of steady faithful service to look back upon, and to day his home is with the same farmer that we placed him with in 1884. William is not one of those who travel upward by starts and spurts, but "patience and perseverance" is his motto and will yet carry him to an honorable position in the world.

Arthur Geo. Baalim, whose portrait we publish herewith, has been doing his best to earn a good name for himself in Canada for three years, and he is already reaping some of the rewards of honest industry. He is in the employ of a farmer at South Woodslee, by whom he is spoken of in warm words of praise. Although not yet sixteen, Arthur can be trusted to do almost any kind of farm work which his strength is capable of undertaking. He is one of those lads who believes in doing their work behind their master's



back as they would do it if he were present, and in so doing a boy not only does well for his master but for himself. Arthur's agreement will not terminate for two years, when he will have had very valuable experience and a thorough training under a most competent teacher, and will be the possessor of a nice little bank account—a decidedly fortunate position for a young man to be in at 18.