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FUTURE WHEAT SUPPLIES.

We publish below the leading article of the Toronto Globe in its issue of January 26th. The article is a masterly summary of the present and future conditions of the wheat supply. As such, with its carefully selected statistics and logical deductions, pointing towards Canada as the great source of supply in the future, the article is replete with interest to all to whom the advance of Canada agriculturally means increased personal benefit. These comprise all engaged in agricultural labour in whatever capacity.

"Every comprehensive review of the world's wheat trade gives abundant evidence of Canada's prospects in the future production of that important article of food. Although making a substantial contribution to the market of the United Kingdom, it is evident we have as yet only touched the edge of our great wheat-growing territory. The situation at present shows a fair balance of supply and demand at existing quotations, but the growing needs of the future must make for the advantage of the Dominion. Estimates for the present month place the reserves in the port granaries of the United Kingdom at 1,960,000 quarters. In addition to stocks of foreign breadstuffs 3,500,000 quarters of last year's crop still remain in the British farmer's hands. That makes the visible supply in the United Kingdom 5,460,000 quarters, an average estimate a little more than that of January, 1896, and slightly lower than that of January, 1895. Imports up to the 1st

of January amounted to 8,500,000 quarters. According to Dornbusch's Wheat Review the necessary imports for this cereal year will be 23,000,000 quarters. Deducting imports up to the first of the new year this estimate will leave a balance of 14,500,000 quarters to be imported in the thirty four weeks from January 1 to August 31, about 426,000 quarters per week. The principal contributors will be the Dominion and the United States, Russia, Turkey, and the Danubian provinces. All reports seem to confirm the unfavourable news regarding the crop in Argentina. None of the responsible commercial journals are as yet prepared to accept or contradict these rumours, and in the midst of many conflicting influences tending to conceal and distort information it is indeed difficult to secure trustworthy news regarding the season's crop. The American Miller has had a special correspondent in the many provinces of the Argentine Republic for several months, and his investigations show that the present season is exceptional and that the surplus for export is comparatively small. He has learned also that past seasons have fully tested the capacity of the Republic in producing wheat for export. That fact must have an important bearing on the Canadian wheat production of the future. It is estimated that Roumania, Bulgaria, Roumelia, and the other Danubian and Black Sea provinces, exclusive of Russia, will export from 4,000,000 to 4,500,000 quarters to western Europe before the arrival of the new crop. This is in excess of earlier estimates, and the discovery of the larger surplus in that locality has had the natural effect on the markets of the west.

Although the stocks of wheat in the United

Kingdom, added to the floating supply and stocks at the chief European points of accumulation, make about the average of January computations for recent years, the supply for export from the United States shows a remarkable decrease. It is 3,000,000 quarters less than in 1896, and 5,700,000 quarters less than in 1895. This indicates a condition which may also be regarded as having an important bearing on Canada's wheat prospects in future years. Latest advices from the Australias are to the effect that the coming harvest will be far below a fair average. Instead of having about 1,500,000 quarters for export and ranking sixth among the wheat-exporting countries, the islands of Australasia will import about 620,000 quarters during the coming year. This is, of course, a temporary condition and does not affect the situation regarding Canada's future place among wheat-exporting countries. When Argentina came into the market there was naturally a commotion and a scaling down of prices. But it is now evident that the wheat-growing provinces of that Republic are exploited to their full capacity. There may be a few wheat-growing districts still to be cultivated, but with the natural growth of urban population the surplus for export will tend to diminish rather than increase. Australasia will remain stationary so far as the export of wheat is concerned, and the Danubian provinces have no unused areas to exploit. The Russian territory exporting through the Black Sea ports cannot increase its exporting capacity to any appreciable extent. It is true that the new Russian railway will connect a considerable extent of wheat-growing land with commercial

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ECHOES OF THE MONTH.

THE little group that forms our frontispiece is the third detachment for the Winnipeg Home that left Toronto at the beginning of last month. As we write, most of them have found places, and we hear that applications are coming in briskly from all parts of Manitoba and the North-West, so that we shall soon hope to have another party under weigh for the "Great West." As we look at the group and recall what we know of each individual boy, we wonder if the Canadian North-West has absorbed into its population, since its vast tracts were thrown open to settlement, a body of colonists of brighter promise than these sixteen little lads. To begin with, every boy is physically healthy, and "sound in wind and limb," and takes with him a good strong pair of arms and legs and a good notion of using them. Each boy of the group is at any rate up to a fair average in intelligence and mental ability. We do not know that there is any brilliant genius among the little party. Certainly, for aught we know, there may be an embryo Shakespeare or Milton, but whether this is so or not, we can vouch that there is not a boy whose mental equipment is not sufficient to enable him to battle his way successfully in life. They have all received a good elementary education, and can read, write and cipher; and, whatever else they may be as citizens,

Dr. Barnardo's boys will never swell the number of "illiterate voters," of whom we have heard so much of late among our neighbours across the line. Furthermore, every boy among this number has been under kindly, wholesome, industrial training, and has been taught to obey and knows how to make himself useful. They have been accustomed to habits of cleanliness and decency, to rise early in the morning, to observe punctuality and to conform to rules. These are not trifles as part of a boy's upbringing, but we believe are conducive, to a most important

extent, to his future success. And as an even brighter omen and stronger power for good in their lives, we can claim for our boys that every one of them has been brought under the gracious influences of the teaching of God's word, and has been taught that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and that to lie and steal and cheat is wrong and shameful. It is not ours to say what fruit this knowledge and training will bear in after life, but "the boy is father to the man," and we are bidden to "train up the child in the way he should go, and when

heard nothing but congratulations on their appearance, and good wishes for the success of the boys and the new departure in our Canadian work, of which they are the pioneers. All the indications at present are full of hope and good promise for our work in the North-West, and, with God's blessing, we look forward to a wide development in that direction and to its being a "door of hope" to many hundreds in years to come.

Most of those who have so far been drafted to Manitoba are boys who have previously been

boarded out on farms in Muskoka, and we expect to draw our "supplies" for Manitoba chiefly from those who will have been trained and brought up in the farm households in Northern Ontario. The knowledge and experience the boys will have gained in farm life and ways in their Muskoka homes will be of the greatest service to them in their new situations, and they will be no strangers to the rigors of the climate and the conditions of pioneer life. Among the five hundred and fifty or so who are at present boarded in Muskoka, there are now from seventy to eighty who will soon be ready for "flitting," and whom we shall hope to transfer to the Winnipeg Home during the next few weeks, and we are sure we may bespeak the good wishes of all our readers for these little lads as they go forth into their new homes that the way may be opened for them, and that He who is the helper of the fatherless and pre-

serveth the strangers may indeed go before them and "open to them of His good treasure."

There is nothing of human activity and enterprise that is free from defects and shortcomings, but we venture to commend, even to the severest and most cynical unsympathizer in philanthropic work, the results of Dr. Barnardo's efforts, as represented by the present position and prospects of these little lads and the many hundreds of others under our care. We would ask where could be found any effort for the betterment or uplifting of individuals or



OUR THIRD DETACHMENT OF YOUNG MANITOBIANS.

he is old he shall not depart from it," and if the future conduct of these little lads is in accordance with the training they have received under Dr. Barnardo's care, and the influences that have hitherto surrounded their lives, they will indeed grow up to be a blessing to themselves and to others. We are sanguine enough to believe that such will indeed be the case and to predict a bright future for our little lads in the great new country in which their lot is now cast.

So far a more than kindly welcome has greeted our little Manitobans, and we have

classes that shows the direct accomplishment of greater good to a greater number. These little lads had begun life under adverse circumstances, and through no fault of their own, and in many cases through no fault of those on whom they depended, had been thrown on the tender mercies of the world; and the laws of humanity and the instincts of social preservation demanded that provision should be made for them. We need not enlarge upon what the results would have been had they been left to endure want and privation, and face the world unaided and uncared for. As it is they have been fed and taught and trained. Life has been opened up for them afresh in a young country full of the richest possibilities. They have escaped whatever are the drawbacks of Institution life by the boarding-out system, and have, in almost all cases, been brought up under the care of kindly, Christian people, with whom they have shared their family life and simple comforts. Brought away from the fetid moral atmosphere of large cities, they have grown up in country homes, and have been educated in country schools, and they are now going out to earn their living in a country where a prosperous future awaits the industrious and persevering. Let those who differ from us show us a more excellent way; but, meantime, we invite all who care at all for the welfare and happiness of their fellow-men, to rejoice with us over the bright results we can show for our work and to join with us in the hope that God's blessing may continue to rest upon Dr. Barnardo's efforts in the future as it has done so unmistakably in the past.

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At the Toronto Home January has been a busy month, a large portion of our time being taken up with compiling our annual reports. Probably very few of our boys are aware that every year for several years after they arrive in Canada, we are expected to send home to Dr. Barnardo a full and detailed report of each boy's welfare and progress during the previous twelve months. To enable us to do this we have to maintain an elaborate system of records, so that no fact that comes to our knowledge regarding a boy may pass unnoted. We have a series of immense volumes in the office, each volume representing a party as it comes out from England, and the name and age of every boy is entered at the head of a folio as soon as he arrives, and the facts of his subsequent career are recorded beneath as the information reaches us by letter or from the visitors' reports, or from any other source whatever. One member of our staff devotes his whole time to entering these records, assisted at times by others, and he may be considered as our chief "Recording Angel." At the beginning of each year "the Books are opened" and from the records they contain we compile for Dr. Barnardo a brief sketch of every boy's career since the date of the previous report. As it may be imagined, this is no light task, and involves much burning of the "midnight oil," but on the whole it is a very pleasant task, inasmuch as the great majority of the reports are thoroughly satisfactory and encouraging, and tell of good honest work and steady progress. Some of them, of course, are of a very different character, and are as painful to us to write as they are to Dr. Barnardo to read; but the bad reports are the small minority, and of the two thousand or so that we have reported upon during the last few weeks there is but a small number of whom we could wish that we had not to write.

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While on the subject of our official Records I cannot help doing myself the pleasure of bearing tribute to the faithful, efficient service rendered to the work by the various members of

our staff, and which has been never more conspicuous than during the past year. I think I am not wrong in saying that it would be very hard to find a more zealous, devoted body of workers than those who are associated with me in their different capacities. Mr. Davis is at his post late and early, and brings to his duties an amount of judgment, tact, experience and all-round usefulness that are invaluable to us. I cannot speak too highly of the energy, zeal, and thoroughness with which Mr. Griffith has discharged his duties during the year. In his capacity of visitor he has travelled many hundreds of miles in all weathers and at all hours, and has accomplished a marvellous amount of useful and important work. Mr. Gaunt has had under his charge the Boarding Out work in the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts, and we could not have placed that important department in more conscientious and efficient hands. To his painstaking and indefatigable efforts its success is very largely due, and though, like one of old, he is disposed to be "careful and troubled about many things," we are sure it must be a source of much thankfulness and gratification to him to see the bright and permanent results of the work to which he has devoted himself. Mr. Blasdale is entirely occupied with the formidable task of keeping up the Registers. He came to us with over twenty years' experience as clerk to a large Bench of Magistrates in Yorkshire, and we can only say that he has fully maintained, in his position on our staff, the high record as a faithful worker and competent official that he brought with him from his former sphere. Miss Kennedy is our principal stenographer, and as such her work is "known and read" by all our boys and other correspondents. We consider ourselves highly fortunate in having, for several years past, had the services of one so thoroughly capable and possessing the accuracy, carefulness, and intelligence so essential in secretarial work, and so hard to find. Our school-mistress, Miss Pearson, has shown that she has her heart in her work, and the boys who have passed through the school during the past few years will be glad to know that she is still at her post and discharging her duties as efficiently and energetically as ever. As to Mrs. Cunerty, we are sure that everyone who has ever eaten and drunk and slept at the "Home" will agree that there is but one Mrs. Cunerty in all the world, and we could not attempt to do justice to the subject; but we can only say that if any Institution can produce a matron more kindly, more devoted, or more anxious to make anybody and everybody around her happy and comfortable, than Mrs. Cunerty, they are fortunate indeed.

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The end of January brings us to the opening of the campaign in the coming season's work of providing for new comers. We have in fact already received a good many applications for the first party that we hope to reach us, as usual, early in April, and there seems every prospect of a very large demand. Our friends can help us by putting us in communication with any who require boys, and who are good people to take boys under their care, and we shall be glad to forward, to any one who desires, the form of application, with all necessary information as to the terms and conditions upon which the boys are placed.

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We do not anticipate that the party will include any large number of big boys, but there is almost sure to be a good many from 12 to 15 years of age, who are now under training at Stepney and Leopold House, and who will come out ready for work.

Alfred B. Owen

MANITOBA FARM NOTES.

Even old residents of North-Western Manitoba, used as they are to delightful, bright and clear winter days, the weather of the month of December and January has proved surprising, and many are the words of praise bestowed upon the clerk of the ever-present commodity for the quality of the supply furnished the Industrial Farm during the period just mentioned; why, even our friends Overton and Wood must admit that nothing of the kind is produced even within the limits of the salubrious Indies.

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We do not know if the bright sunshiny days have had anything to do with the decision, but we are pleased to be able to record the fact that another of our young men, John Brown, whose portrait is reproduced on this page, has shown faith sufficient in the country and in his own resources to make a purchase of land adjoining Dr. Barnardo's Farm, the south-east quarter of section nineteen, township twenty, range twenty-eight, just north of the farm of Mr. McConnell, whose location will be well remembered by all the old lads of the Manitoba contingent. It is Brown's inten-



JOHN BROWN.

tion to begin operations upon this land, which for wheat growing qualities cannot be excelled in Manitoba, in the early spring, and within two years we expect to hear of his marketing as much and as good wheat as his neighbours, Messrs. George Fisher and Henry Pettitt, whose grain last year was equal in quality to the best. Neighbour Pettitt's returns must have been pretty satisfactory, as he has struck away to the east, the direction from which all good things come, even the blooming wives of our young farmers, and we live in the belief that our friend will not this time return alone, and should he come with an extra lot of suspicious looking trunks and parcels, with two tickets in his pocket, no person of his acquaintance in Manitoba will fail to wish him much joy.

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The writer was pleased to learn a few days ago that another of the ex-foremen of the Industrial Farm, Ernest Albert Long, had joined at the close of the year the happy army of Benedicts and settled on a farm in the Bin-scarth district. Heartiest congratulations are in order, and that Mr. and Mrs. Long may attain much deserved success is the sincere wish of the Barnardo colony.

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Mr. Blythe, the old-time Farm Superintendent, returned on the 12th January from a well-merited vacation of three weeks, which he spent in travel through parts of the Western States and Ontario. Mr. Blythe has no desire to move the Barnardo Farm to any of the districts he visited, we believe; and he finds the return to dry footing, in place of mud and slush, a pleasant change.

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Naturally the great event of the Farm Home since the date of the last Notes over the signature of the writer, was the annual Christmas dinner,

which was not only partaken of by all the able-bodied staff and inmates, but by a goodly number of old lad visitors, who still appear to have an openly expressed regard for Barnardo turkeys and genuine English plum pudding. Nelson's great war signal, "ENGLAND EXPECTS THAT EVERY MAN WILL DO HIS DUTY," must have appeared before the eyes of sixty hungry young Englishmen assembled around the boards in the old mess room, and the great naval lord himself would have been perfectly satisfied at the manner in which the "decks were cleared" (of turkey), and with the constant call of the young warriors for more worlds (of pudding) to conquer. The evening terminated with a most enjoyable concert, in which the following old-time stars appeared: John Redbourne, Thomas Galpin, Henry Griffiths and Thomas Larrigay, while from the later constellations we can mention Arthur George Green, Edward Carey, Joseph Overton, Messrs Simmonds, Hodgetts, Kilgallen, Cay and Reynolds, as having entertained a very critical audience with great success. The instrumental duets of Green and Carey were much appreciated; Reynolds' deep-toned solos were fine, while Redbourne, the Shoal Lake orator, who is now not only a farmer on his own account, but the father of a fine family, amused the audience by describing the condition of the "School Question" in his part of the world. Space does not permit full justice to other performers, but on the whole the entertainment did great credit to the promoters and artists alike, and will long be remembered as having filled up an enjoyable evening. At high noon a ceremony took place in the Manager's office, some forty youths being initiated into the mysteries of the order of the "Victoria Shilling." As this is a secret organization, it will not be possible in public print to describe the impressive ceremony.

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The following visitors registered at the office during the Christmas holiday, and our readers will be interested, we feel sure, in reading not only their addresses, but the notes taken by Mr. Gray in relation to their present condition and prospects of advancement:—

First on the list is JOHN REDBOURNE, of the year 1891. This young man is farming at Shoal Lake on his own account, has married, and is now the happy father of a young hopeful. During 1896 he grew some three thousand bushels of grain, and although, as he says, it has been up-hill work, he feels that his success as a farmer is now assured. Young reader, go thou and do likewise.

ALFRED WILLASON, 1891, Silver Creek P.O., has been engaged with threshing gangs at good wages all the fall, and says he is never at any time of the year out of work.

FREDERICK MILLS, 1893, is still at Mr. Coulter's, Silver Creek, and it is not necessary to say is giving satisfaction with his work.

GERALD B. JOHNSTON, 1893, has employment with Mr. James Vinnell, of Boulton. Is getting on all right; appears happy and contented.

HENRY GRIFFITHS, 1888, is at present with Mr. McLennan at Minniska. Likes his place well. Says he has had excellent health since he came to Manitoba, and considers his prospects are good.

CHARLES MILLER, 1893, has been with threshing gangs all the fall and made good wages. His address is Seeburn.

THOMAS FERRIS, 1892, gives his address as care of Mr. A. Hall, Binscarth. Says he has a homestead near Birtle. Is in excellent health, and is well satisfied with his condition and prospects.

JOSEPH M. HANLON, 1894, Lidford P. O., is looking well, and expects to take up a homestead in the Spring.

THOMAS WILLIAM GALPIN, 1895, still employed with Messrs. Wallace of Shellmouth,

where he has an excellent place, is in good health and pleased with his prospects.

SAMUEL HACKMAN, 1896, care of Mr. Hugh W. McDonald, has now taken a liking to the country and farming; secured a yearly contract and feels that he is doing well.

THOMAS LARRIGAY, 1894, Minniska P. O., is giving good satisfaction with his work, and enters on the 18th January the employ of one of the largest farmers in the county.

GEORGE A. WILLIAMS, 1895, gives his address as care Mr. William Chittick, Seeburn, says his health, which at one time was poor, is now much improved. He appears happy and contented.

JOHN ANDERSON, 1893, is now employed with Mr. John Peddie, of Silver Creek, and likes his place very much.

THOMAS WALSH, 1894, care David Dunn, Minniska, is getting on first rate and is satisfied with prospects. Subscribed for "Ups and Downs" while at the Home.

WILLIAM H. RIEVELEY, 1895, is engaged with Mr. Donald Stewart of Silver Creek, but expects to remove to Portage la Prairie district in the Spring, where he has relatives.

ALBERT VICTOR MALONEY, 1891, gives his address as care Eustace & Paulette, Binscarth Farm. Says he is doing well, has saved considerable money, and expects ultimately to go into cattle buying.

SYLVESTER SWIFT, 1892, is employed with Mr. Armstrong, Lone Tree P. O.

THOMAS COSTELLO, 1892, at present with Mr. R. H. Kay, Farlands Farm, Millwood.

JAMES A. WELCH has charge of Mr. J. M. Keating's farm, Silver Creek, while Mr. Keating is in Ontario. This fact alone shows the confidence reposed in this young man by his employer.

GEORGE T. HARVEY, 1891, is employed by Mrs. Laycock of Fox Warren, and is reported by this lady to be a thoroughly reliable servant.

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On December 26th our old friend, JOHN W. ARGENT ("Sarnia," April, 1894) drove into the farm-yard with a dashing pair, coupled to a fine sleigh, completely equipped with robes, etc., and stated that he had come for a short visit to the old nest. Argent has very nearly completed a three years' engagement, which will entitle him to a substantial present from the Home; and it is to be hoped that nothing will occur between now and the 23rd July to break the term. In this connection, if there are any of our young men who can show a continuous and satisfactory engagement in one situation of three years, the writer would like their names and addresses, as he has instructions from the Director, Dr. Barnardo, to reward in a proper manner such exemplary conduct. Send in your names, lads; but please don't all speak at once!

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Just as these notes are being brought to a close, a letter is received from one of our many supporters in Gladstone, Mr. George Williams, in which he describes a visit made to the Farm of one of the original party of 1888, Mr. Herbert Pohl. Mr. Williams says: Pohl purchased his farm, which appears to be an excellent selection, only a few miles from Gladstone, a rising town at the junction of the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company's line with that of the Manitoba and North-Western Railway, from one of the loan companies, and that the sum of one hundred dollars paid in the Fall of 1897, will entitle Pohl to a clear deed of the quarter section. It is no surprise to the people at the Farm Home to be told by our correspondent, that Herbert Pohl is a hard working young man, and we are all gratified to read that "he has made greater improvements upon his land, considering the time of residence, than any of his neighbours." His house is described as the "picture of neatness," and built of clean cut logs

and white-washed. "It quite puts his neighbours in the shade." Then as regards stock and implements, our writer says the young farmer owns all the outfit necessary for carrying on his business: a fine big pair of horses, not to mention a strong colt growing up to take its place in the collar alongside its dam: harness, waggons, sleighs, binder, ploughs and harrows. In a word, this honest and industrious young fellow who eight years ago was pleased to grasp the warm hand of Dr. Barnardo, be drawn out of the maelstrom of old world competition and given a footing in the new Empire, is on his feet, and we warmly congratulate him on his success. Is there not room for thousands—yes, tens of thousands—of such creditable young immigrants, and where is there a citizen of the Dominion of Canada who will in his more thoughtful moments, begrudge this young man who has earned all he possesses by honest hard work, his chances of becoming a well-to-do farmer and a citizen of credit to a country whose crying want is increased population.

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The horizon of the "Community Barnardo" was brightened up on Sunday, the 17th, by the arrival at the Farm of our old friend and colleague, Mr. F. J. Davis of Toronto. His visit was very much enjoyed, and we trust it is only the precursor of many more of the same nature.



MERRY MAKING AT STEPNEY.

SCHOOL,
18 STEPNEY CAUSEWAY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Your UPS AND DOWNS to hand, for which the boys express their thanks.

The party of young men who came from Canada to spend two or three winter months in England, visited us here in the school, and we had a pleasant chat together for half an hour. They had arrived on the previous evening from Liverpool, and of course were *quietly* excited by the prospect of a good time among their friends. I have met two or three of the party since, and they seemed to find the time hanging heavily on their hands. Possibly much of their hopeful outlook had proved illusory. They had discovered, too, that amusements and living cost money, and that their exchequers were not inexhaustible. One young fellow told me plaintively that his expenses were heavier—much heavier—than he had anticipated. About a month before the arrival of the party, one old boy, ruddy-faced and sturdy, who came over, as he phrased it, on his own hook, introduced himself to me in Commercial Road. He hoped then to get a job with his brother; but the last time I saw him he was hurrying to catch a train to Liverpool, on his way back to Canada. He said that he had had *enough of it*.

The enclosed programme may possibly prove interesting to your readers, as a specimen of what we attempt now and then.

It will be news to many, that we have an orchestral string band as well as the brass band. The "strings" have made no regular appearance in public yet, but Mr. Davis has put his usual skill and enthusiasm to their training, and his thirty performers did their part of the programme very effectively.

Mr. Palmer, one of the schoolmasters, had specially coached his choir boys, and their glees and solos gave us great pleasure. Bowles was in fine form with his comic song. Tom Duffy read Tennyson's "Dora," with a delicate appreciation of the story, quite surprising in so young a boy. The matrons and house masters turned up in force; and the reception Mr. Fowler got when he arrived to "take the chair" should go far to make him come again. Dr. Barnardo would doubtless have looked in on us, in spite of the pressure of Christmas business, but he had to be out of town. It is the first meeting of

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A "DIAMOND JUBILEE" OFFERING.

WE have referred elsewhere to the fact that looming large among the memorable events of the year 1897 will be the celebration, in all parts of the Empire, of the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of our much-loved Queen. Looking back through the sixty years that have elapsed since Her Majesty ascended the throne, it requires no greater knowledge of history than that possessed by the average schoolboy, to fill one with amazement at the vast changes that have taken place, the tremendous progress that has been made in all that conduces to the welfare of mankind, during the lifetime of one Sovereign.

Pointed lesson to autocratic monarchs, and complete answer to rabid advocates of republicanism, is the fact that increasing affection for the monarch and deeper devotion to the monarchy of England have kept pace with the ever-increasing liberty of the subject. This year of grace will see one hundred million Anglo-Saxons, and three hundred million other British subjects, in all parts of the world, making a great spontaneous effort to testify, in a tangible manner, their love for their aged Monarch, and their gratitude for, and appreciation of, the blessings they have enjoyed under her beneficent rule.

It is significant of the spirit of the age, and which is personified in the Queen herself, that the desire in all parts of the Empire is not that the Queen's diamond jubilee should be celebrated by more or less gorgeous pageants and prolonged feasting, but that the event should be commemorated by the establishment of institutions of a permanent character, having for their object the alleviation of suffering and distress and the advancement of knowledge. In making its final decision each section of the Empire, or each community, will be guided by its own peculiar requirements.

It is unquestionable that we are, in a sense, a community by ourselves; certainly not in the sense that is sometimes suggested by those who love us not, and know us not. Of course, we are united with all other British subjects in the wide bond of common citizenship which encircles all. But within that is another circle which binds us together in closer union—a family union. We are a family of 8,000 loyal subjects of Her Majesty, contributing in appreciable measure to the welfare of that part of the Empire in which we live; and it seems to us that it is only right and proper that, apart from what we may do individually as citizens of Canada, we should, as a numerically strong and united community, mark our sense of gratitude for all the many blessings that have been vouchsafed to us during Her Majesty's reign.

Among the many movements for helping, raising, and relieving mankind that have made Vic-

tor's reign truly an era of Christian effort, none has accomplished a greater work, none has been carried on under heavier difficulties, and none to-day is more fully recognized as a national necessity than Dr. Barnardo's institutions for rescuing and helping upward children in distress and those who, but for his assistance, would be in dire distress.

"National institutions," said H. R. H. the Prince of Wales at the Albert Hall last June, and the word was echoed by the press throughout the land.

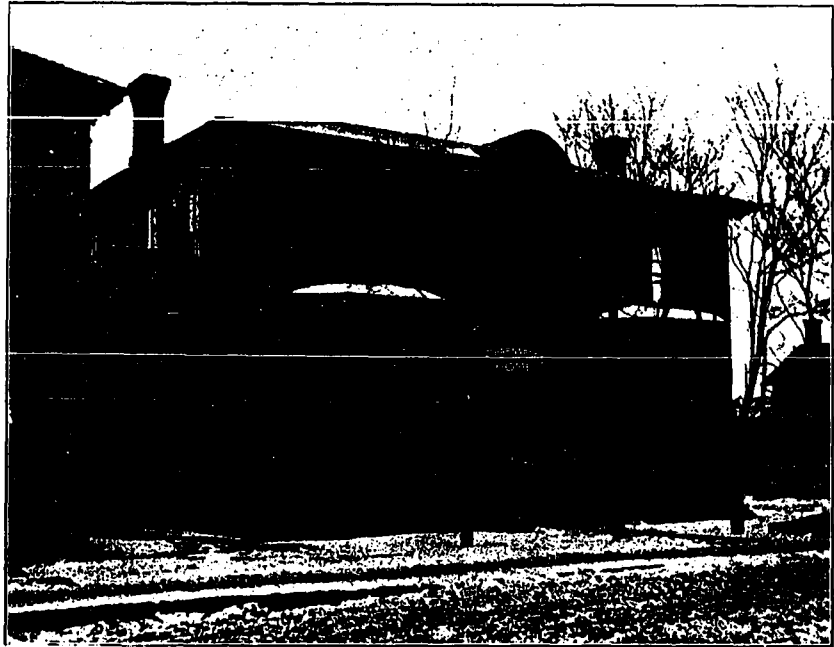
"National" in the benefit they confer; "national" then in their need and in their claim to consideration; and if the claim of Dr. Barnardo upon others is so great, how much stronger is it upon those who, by the help they received from those institutions, have been enabled to place themselves in positions of comfort and comparative independence?

Here is the opportunity for our friends to join together in commemorating Her Majesty's sixty years of beneficent rule. If by a little self-sacrifice every "boy" will double or treble

Herbert C., \$2; Hickford, Wm., \$3.97; King, Jno., \$1; Keen, Hy., 75c.; Ling, Sam'l M., \$1; Lee, Thos., \$1; Lednor, Hy., \$1; Luff, Wm., \$1; Miller, Edward, \$1; Mabey, Hy., \$1; Mills, Jno., \$1; Marshall, Joshua A., \$1; Pettitt, Henry, \$4.75; Potter, Chas., \$1; Peagram, A., \$1; Price, Chas., \$1; Richardson, Herbert, \$1; Rose, Edwin, \$1; Sage, Wm., \$1; Stragnell, Wm. A., \$1; Turner, Valentine, \$4; Unwin, Ebenezer J., \$1; Ward, Chas. Hy., \$1; Wright, Geo. B., \$1; Woodgate, Arthur J., \$1.

WITH OUR FRIENDS.

CHRISTMAS Day has come and gone, and we are now well launched into the new year. Most of the letters from our boys received during the last few weeks, tell of Yuletide gatherings and other festivities in which they participated, evidently with all the ardour of robust youth, untrammelled with any consideration of the morrow, and of the painful tribute the digestive system exacts in



OUR NEW "HOME" AT WINNIPEG

what he had intended to donate to the Home this year we shall have a "diamond jubilee" offering worthy of our numbers and of our position as contented and fairly well-to-do subjects of Her Majesty.

In doing this our friends will not be merely paying a tribute to their Sovereign and momentarily lightening the present load of their old friend and helper, but they will be saving to the Empire a mass of otherwise lost brain and muscle, which, trained and directed into proper channels, will add materially to the sum of the world's happiness; and they will be the means of bringing to a knowledge of Christ those of whom He said, whosoever should receive one should receive Him.

Since our last issue the following donations to the Homes have been received:

Atwell, Alfred, 10c.; Best, Wm., \$2; Bell-chamber, Hy., \$1; Brown, Jno. T., \$1; Bruce, Alfred, \$1; Claxton, Thos., \$1; Collins, Harry, \$1; Clarke, Edgar, \$1; Cox, Hy. T. J., \$2; Cope, Stephen, \$6; Clark, Ernest, \$1; Dinwood, W. J., \$1; Dickason, Walter, \$1; Evans, Jos., \$1; Ferris, Arch., \$1; Fuller, Chas., \$1.75; Flint, Percy, \$1; Grundy, Alf. T., \$1; Grundy, Hy., \$1; Gunnir, A., \$1; Graystone,

time of those who, even occasionally, "live that they may eat," instead of eating that they may live. Up to the time of going to press we have not heard of any expressions of remorse or regret at feeding "not wisely but too well," so we can conclude that the average Barnardo boy's stomachic capabilities do not wane under the influence of farm life in Canada.

To the small party of young lads in residence at the Home Christmas brought some seasonable treats. Christmas Day passed as it generally does at the Home: church in the morning; the orthodox Christmas dinner; games in the afternoon; winding up the evening with some songs and recitations, and the mysterious "dip barrels." Quite a long programme was very creditably rendered; thanks to the care with which Miss Pearson had prepared a number of her young charges for the occasion. During Christmas week the lads were very hospitably entertained by the Young People's Society of the Walmer Road Baptist Church, and by the members of the Royal Templars of Euclid Avenue Church. It is impossible to refer individually to those who thus so kindly contributed to the Christmas pleasures of our lads. A number of these kind friends

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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"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.

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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.

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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."

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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.

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

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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.

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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."

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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."

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

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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.

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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."

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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."

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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

out in the fields. I think I have a very nice place. I don't know where I could get a better one, but I don't know how I would have got to Canada but for Dr. Barnardo."

Arthur's letter shows him to be a happy, contented lad, trying to do his best. He has an excellent home with good, kind people. A recent report describes him as "a nice little fellow, quite manly in manner."

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We are glad to report our old friend William Hickford (June, '86) doing very well in Chicago. We have had considerable correspondence recently with William regarding his young brother, Albert, who came out in July, '95, and to whom, now the opportunity presents itself, William has offered a home. Our friend's career for the last ten years affords us ample testimony of his fitness to assume the roll of protector to a young lad, and we consider Albert is very fortunate in possessing an elder brother of such excellent parts. In the course of our correspondence with William we mentioned that there was still a balance lying to his credit in the bank. This was a surprise to William, who very kindly donated the amount to the Home.

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Writing from Coboconk in the middle of the month, Frederick Chapman, also of the June, '86 party, gives us some very interesting news. He tells us he has had ups and downs in life since he wrote us last. He then proceeds to give an account of himself, which makes us think our friend has been one of the lucky ones who have the "ups" without the "downs."

"I thought I would like a home of my own."

An excellent idea which was well carried out, for Fred proceeds:

"I bought a farm and got married."

At this point we tender Frederick our very hearty congratulations. It is a serious responsibility for a young man to marry with "little to start on"; but, given pluck, perseverance and sound health, and the little soon becomes something bigger. This is the case with our friend, who found it pretty hard work

"scratching away to pay for the farm, but I think I have succeeded fairly well. I have built a very good frame house, and I have it and the farm nearly paid for. I have not got much stock yet, but I intend to have more soon. I feel very thankful to Dr. Barnardo for the good he has done me, for having sent me out here where one has such splendid chances to get along. I feel I can hardly repay him enough, although I have not been as liberal in sending my subscription for the support of the grand work as I should have been, but as I am getting a firm footing now I will make up for what I have lacked. My affection is as warm as ever for the old Home and all connected with it."

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The following "unsolicited testimony" has just reached us. The writer of the letter is the guardian of 12-year-old Harry Renshaw, who came out in June, '93:

"SIR,—I have seen UPS AND DOWNS and read some paragraphs regarding some of your boys. There is not one of the boys the paper refers to that can compare with Harry Renshaw. My neighbours say he is a credit to me. I am acquainted with a number of boys, and there is none can stand by Harry for being warmly clothed, or well fed and for good manners. I am proud of him.

"Yours respectfully,

"(MRS.) SAMUEL SPENCER."

We are very glad indeed to receive such an excellent account of Harry, who, we trust, fully appreciates the care that is bestowed upon his welfare by his kind friend.

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We also hear of two other little men, Charles Millward and A. M. Endicott, living at Port Sydney, that they

"are well, go to school regularly, and can compare

favourably with the best of the boys in our neighbourhood."

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The following extract is from a letter received from Mr. Nelson Robins, and relates to Charles J. Ash of the Spring party of '94:

"Charles is willing to learn. He is a smart boy, and I have no fault to find with him in any way. He is good to mind and willing to do anything we tell him. He goes to Sunday School every Sunday and says his verses, and I think he will get the first prize this year. He is well and rugged and as fat as a little pig"

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Fred Smoothy, whose portrait we herewith present to our readers, is a lad of much promise. He came out in November, '95, and very shortly after his arrival he entered the employ of Col. Leys of London. After a month's trial, that gentleman sent a very encouraging account of Fred, and the several subsequent "visitor's reports" on file in the office show that our friend still holds the good opinion of his employer and



family, by whom he "is much liked." He is very fortunate in having secured such an excellent home. His duties are light, consisting for the main part in feeding the pheasants and poultry, and other work of similar character.

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We have on record many instances of considerable success attained only by dint of sheer pertinacity of purpose, and in face of difficulties many and formidable; but we know of no braver or more determined fight being waged by a Barnardo boy than that in which one of our Christmas callers has been engaged for several years. We refer to Frederick A. Edwards, an "old boy" of '84, who worked on a farm until 1891, when he was 21; and during that term, he informed us, *he never read a book*. We mention this fact to show with what patient industry our friend must have followed the course he laid out for himself when, at 21, he subjected himself to a very thorough heart-searching. To study and equip himself for service in the ministry: this was his ambition. At first the struggle was almost too much for our friend; he felt that the energies which had been allowed to lie dormant so long would never be quickened into sufficient activity for the accomplishment of his purpose. At times

he felt he must abandon his project. "The goal seemed such a long, long way off. I felt I could never reach it." He went on, however, and though frequently cast down, he persevered until first one stage was successfully passed, and then another; and now, after several years of arduous study, our friend is preparing himself for a final course at one of the universities. He has already matriculated, and we feel confident that he will come through the trying ordeals of the next three years with flying colors. He will then be deemed educationally qualified to take his place in the Methodist ministry. Of his fitness for this responsible position in other respects; of his high moral character, or the steadfastness of his faith; there can be little doubt in the minds of those who have come in contact and conversed with our friend. He has already worked hard for the Master, and as a class leader and local preacher it has been his privilege to sow seed which, under God's guidance, may produce an abundant harvest.

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William J. Dinwoody sends us a very interesting letter from Bethany, in which he tells us a great deal about his master's farm, stock and the last season's crop.

"... We have 200 acres of land, 8 horses, 21 head of cattle, 20 sheep, 10 pigs, and over 100 hens. Our stables are very warm. The early crops are good this year. We have had 300 bushels of wheat, 350 bushels of rye, and 900 bushels of white oats, 800 bushels of barley, 100 bushels of white peas, 20 bushels of blue peas, and a few bushels of black oats. We have had seven cows milking this summer and we sent 30,000 pounds of milk to the cheese factory. . . . Potatoes were a poor crop this year. We had six loads, and one hundred loads of turnips. We live four miles from the village and three from the church. . . . I am four feet nine inches in height and I weigh eighty-seven pounds. I will soon be a year here and I am getting along fine. I send you a dollar for the Homes."

Our readers will agree with us that a boy of four feet nine who takes such an intelligent interest in his work and surroundings as is evinced in our young friend's letter, will make a most successful farmer by the time he has added another foot to his stature.

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We have a very interesting letter from our friend, Henry J. Cummings, who came out with our second party of last year. He tells of the strangeness of his surroundings at first, which has now passed away, leaving him contented, happy and much interested in his work. Henry also asks us to accept for the Home a post-office order for two shillings, which was recently sent to him by an aunt in England. We thank our little friend very heartily for his kindly remembrance of the need of others, and we congratulate him upon the good report of him which comes to hand from his employer.

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Henry Percy Peabody, 14 (June, '93), also sends us an interesting account of his work, from which we gather that Henry exercises a jealous watchfulness over his master's poultry yard. We also hear of Christmas festivities, which appear to have been very much to our friend's liking—and no wonder; for turkey, plum pudding, candies, nuts and presents seem to have figured very largely therein.

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Our readers will notice that in "Manitoba Farm Notes," Mr. Struthers refers to a visit east by Henry Pettitt, and alludes to the possibility of this old friend returning to Manitoba with two tickets and sundry trunks and parcels of the kind favoured by the gentler sex when travelling. On his way down Mr. Pettitt called at the Home, and we had a very pleasant hour's chat with him on matters Manitoban—and matters matrimonial. On this latter topic Pettitt was far more reserved than

when discussing the outlook in the North-West, of which he spoke with the utmost freedom, and in a manner that showed intimate acquaintance with his subject. It was a veritable whiff (a pretty substantial one) from the prairie to have our big, ruddy, bearskin-coated visitor with us for a short time. We trust he will have a comfortable and safe journey back to his many friends at Russell.

Joseph Bird, 20, of July '95 party, writes to tell us that he is getting along well in the situation to which he went upon arrival here. He speaks in grateful terms of his employer, Mr. Patience, under whose direction Joseph is becoming a first-rate farmer, and in whom we are sure he will have a friend whose advice will always be for the best. It has given Joseph much pleasure to learn from Mr. Patience that the latter was one of the first party of boys brought to Canada by Miss Annie Macpherson twenty-four years ago. We well know with what splendid material Miss Macpherson has supplied Canada. Many of Ontario's most prosperous and most respected farmers were able to make the first step upward through the help of this fervent Christian lady. Her unremitting toil in London in behalf of the needy and distressed caused her to be recognized years ago as one of the foremost workers and organizers of the age in the cause of Christian philanthropy. Dr. Barnardo has declared that to the success which attended Miss Macpherson's efforts in the emigration of her young charges was due in no small measure the establishment of his emigration policy, the results of which, as our readers know, have been successful beyond anticipation, having given to Canada 8,000 industrious, wealth-producing citizens, and enabled that number of young people to earn for themselves positions of comfort and honourable independence.

Herbert Lenson, 16 (July '92), writes from Black Creek to inform us he is getting along splendidly. Herbert derives much comfort from the reflection that "we put 25 barrels of apples down the cellar, so I guess we will have our fill till Spring." Herbert must have a phenomenal capacity for apples if he does not manage to feel "satisfied" by Spring!

The Forester, of Huntsville, contains the class report for the month of December of S. S. No. 5, Chaffey. A number of our young boarders are pupils at this school, and we are pleased to see that our little friends upon the whole maintain creditable positions in their respective classes. We publish the list as it appeared in *The Forester*, the names of our boys being printed in italics with their ages in brackets in black type:

S. S. NO. 5, CHAFFEY.

Report for the month of December.

Highest possible number of marks, 100.

4th class—M. Henwood 100, B. Ruthven 52, A. Allin 30, M. Allin 22.

3rd class—A. Jones 100 (11), A. Henwood 98, L. Morgan 82, R. Morgan 80, A. Bray 79 (11), R. Black 78 (13), John Gale 50 (10).

2nd class—C. Skinner 100 (9), S. Fishbourne 98 (8), W. Briggs 88 (11), E. Unusian, 70 (12), H. Bennett 68, A. Morley, 65, L. Allin 40.

Part II.—G. Jennings 100 (9), E. Gay 97 (9), R. Cookson 85, W. Houghton 80 (9), C. Ruthven 50, N. Cookson 30, G. Cornick 15 (11), A. Gurr 10 (11).

Sr. Tablet—F. Pearce 100 (11), W. Clayton 95 (10), C. Wall 90 (10), A. Beckstead 75, T. Law 45 (7), B. Porter 10.

Jr. Tablet—George Hawke (9).

When the pupils at a school comprise any considerable number of our "boarders" it is our custom to provide a prize, which the Princi-

pal kindly undertakes to award to the boy of "ours" who, in her or his estimation, is entitled to it for the year's work. We hear from their respective teachers that the following boys secured prizes at the close of last year:

School Section No. 5, Chaffey.—Teacher, Miss M. Campbell—Alexander Jones (11); Chas. Skinner (10).

Hillside School.—Teacher, Miss L. E. Hill—Charles Kellaway (9.)

Beatrice School.—Teacher, Miss C. Gill—1st, Arthur Dickason (12), who obtained 192 marks out of a possible 200; 2nd, Henry Steeden (12), who obtained 186 marks out of a possible 200.

School Section No. 5, Brunel.—Teacher, Miss M. Francis—Frederick Jones (13).

Utterson School.—Teacher, Mr. S. Flack—1st, Walter Smith (12); 2nd, Ernest Gilbert (12); 3rd, Arthur Smith (12)

We hear of Walter Hailstone (June, '89) being still with Mr. McRae, of Strathburn, who gives our friend an excellent character.

We have considerable pleasure in now publishing the portrait of Charles Harris, who formed one of the party of April, '86, and



whose excellent record during his six years' residence in Ontario, and since 1893 in Manitoba, was the subject of comment in these columns three months ago.

We received a visit recently from Mr. and Mrs. Stork, of Pickering, who gave us very encouraging accounts of Frank Colborne, of the April '94 party. Frank has been with Mr. Stork since his arrival in Canada, and we learn that he has grown to be a fine, strong, useful farm hand, and it is expected that at the completion of his engagement in April there will be upwards of \$100 to deposit to his credit in the bank. Frank has just completed arrangements for a year's engagement, from the first of April next, with Mr. Stork's brother. Our friend has made excellent use of his time in Canada, and we have every confidence in his future being marked by an even greater measure of success than has characterized the first stage of his career.

In making application for a boy, Mr. William McKinley, of Elder, writes:

"If David Williams is not there let me know. I ask for him on account of Eddie Williams, his brother (April '94 party), who is a noble little fellow."

Frederick Evans (March '93) is experiencing that pleasant sensation which comes from a knowledge that the nest egg in the bank is slowly but surely accumulating interest.

"I am sending my bank book to be made up. I feel awfully proud to think of it, as this is the first year I ever got interest."

We very sincerely trust that each succeeding year will find a large increase in the interest and capital of Frederick's balance at the bank.

Alfred Hodges, 14, who came out in July '94, writes from Shelburne to inform us that he is getting along well, and enjoys good health. He tells of long winter evenings spent in reading, in adopting which course Alfred proves himself to be a wise little man. He has carefully copied out a short essay entitled "Earning a Capital," which he read some time ago and which he thinks might interest other boys just as it interested him. We publish Alfred's selection in Our Mutual Improvement Society.

We have most encouraging accounts of Thomas Williams, of the Spring party of '90. Thomas is still with Mr. W. R. Henry of Appin, Ont., to whom he went over six years ago. He has always borne a good character, and is described by Mr. Henry as an excellent worker. In thus recording the faithful way in which our friend has sought to carry out the good resolution he made when he left England, we do so with the very firm conviction that the future will tell of still greater success.

On the occasion of Mr. Griffith's last visit to the home of Alfred Budd, he found the house locked up and every member of the household away, having been bidden to the wedding feast of Alfred's employer's sister. From a neighbour, however, Mr. Griffith found that Alfred was "as usual doing very well." He was referred to as a pattern lad as a worker and in general behaviour. We very heartily congratulate Alfred, who came out in April '90, upon the splendid way he is keeping up the reputation of the Home

Joseph Wilcox is one of our "old stagers," having come out in April '85. He is a fine strapping young fellow in the best of health, and is spoken of most highly by his employer, Mr. John Lester, Bothwell P. O. Last summer Joseph went to England with a car-load of horses from Bothwell, and very glad indeed was our friend of the opportunity of paying a visit to his mother. He hopes to form one of our Exhibition party next fall.

Of John T. Stubbs (Sept. '93) we have recent news of a most desirable character. We had the pleasure of a visit from John's employer Mr. Samuel Wauchob, on the 6th inst., and the news Mr. Wauchob brought us was in all respects most encouraging, and his report of John was highly creditable. Mr. Wauchob tells us that John is growing and thriving and bears the best of characters. He has proved himself to be an honest, truthful, obedient lad, and can always be depended upon to do his duty faithfully to the best of his ability. We could wish for no higher commendation than this, and we sincerely congratulate John upon having earned so high a meed of praise.

MERRY MAKING AT STEPNEY.

(Continued from page 3.)

the kind we have held, and we felt some misgivings as to the ultimate success; but the result justifies us in hoping for another in a month or two.

We have begun the usual preparations for the Annual Meeting of the Young Helpers' League at the Albert Hall. The meeting will take place somewhere near the middle of January.

The old members of Mr. Finney's Bible Band will be glad to learn that the classes are still well attended and prosperous.

I hope all your readers will have as pleasant a New Year as is consonant with their welfare.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

J. P. MANUELL.

OUR LITERARY AND MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

CANADIAN WINTER AND WINTER SPORTS.

CHARLES COLES. Age 23. Party, June '89.

Canada is blessed with one of the finest climates in the world, and although it goes to extremes, both in summer and winter, it is one of the healthiest and most enjoyable to be found anywhere.

Winter in Canada is a season of ice and snow, when the "North King," with its icy chains and wintry blasts, holds everything bound within its chilly embrace. Among the grandest scenic representations of Canadian winter is mighty Niagara, when it is subdued by the great "Ice King," as in the winter of 1894-5, when artists and tourists from all over the world came to view one of the most imposing and sublime creations of the Master's hand.

The strange shapes assumed by snow and mist are continually changing, and each hour adds to the beauty of the scene. The view from Prospect Park is entrancingly beautiful, and recalls the lines from Lovell:

"Every pine, and fir and hemlock,
Wore ermine too dear for an earl.
And the poorest twig on the elm tree,
Was ridged inch deep with pearl."

Among other remarkable features of Canadian winter is the wonderful transparency of the air, which makes things a great distance away appear far nearer than they really are. The sun shines with a brilliancy which is scarcely surpassed in any other country.

The contrast between two or more succeeding days is sometimes very great. One day the snow will be falling heavily, accompanied by a strong, biting wind, which blows the snow in winding sheets in every direction. To go out on such a day is very uncomfortable; making one wish for the bright warm days of spring. The next day will be one of those exquisite days, which generally come after a storm; when the air is still and frosty, and the sun is shining brilliantly on the pure white, untrodden snow, making it almost painfully dazzling to the eyes.

What can be more enjoyable than to go for a long drive behind a fleet-footed team with the sleigh-bells jingling merrily all the way.

Among winter sports in Canada, in my opinion, tobogganing ranks first. It is the nearest approach to flying one can find. It is a very exciting pastime, and as you glide down the steep incline you have the sensation of going to a smash-up, but before the smash-up comes, the toboggan slackens speed as gently as it started.

Skating is another popular pastime, and can be enjoyed for weeks at a time. It is a very pretty sight, on a clear moonlight night, to watch the graceful movements of the skaters as they glide over the smooth surface of lake or river.

Other sports, such as curling, hockey, ice-boating, and others, might be described, but space will not allow. Suffice it to say, that in no other country under the sun can the winter be more thoroughly enjoyed than in Canada.

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WINTER AND WINTER SPORTS IN CANADA.

GEO. A. GILDERSON, Age 24. Party, April '90.

The winters of Canada are very cold compared with England. Canada is the home of the Snow King. In no other country do the people—all classes, ages and sexes—engage so extensively in outdoor sports as do the Canadians during this season. With them, winter is the time for amusement, and none know better how to take advantage of it. The people of Montreal surpass all others in their zeal for winter sports.

The first snowfall acts as an intoxicant. Business is neglected and everyone goes mad. The streets are gay with life. The crunching of snow, the jingle of sleigh bells, and shouts and merry peals of laughter fill the air. The whole population seems to be out of doors. Everyone belongs to a snowshoe or toboggan club, and hastens to join his friends in the exhilarating sport. The hills were formerly the tobogganing slides, but as there were too few of these for all, someone introduced the Russian plan of erecting a high wooden structure, up one side of

which the toboggan is dragged, and down the other side the tobogganist shoots with frightful rapidity.

The toboggan is a thin strip of wood, about 2 feet wide, and 6 or 8 feet in length, curled up in front to throw off the snow. Upon this a well-padded cushion or buffalo skin is fastened, and the result is a toboggan of luxury. Some hold but one person, others are long enough for a dozen or more.

Having climbed to the top of the slide, the party prepares to descend. The party are seated one behind the other, the steerer last, ready either with hand or with foot to guide the erratic craft.

Letting go their hold, with the swoop of an eagle, down they rush at the rate of twenty miles an hour. Some of the slides are very steep and look dangerous.

Sometimes there is a spill; the toboggan is ill-balanced; and in a moment the whole party is sent flying in all directions, but not much harm is done. There is a good deal of laughter at this mishap and much brushing off of snow.

At nights the tracks are illuminated. Hundreds of Chinese lanterns dot the trees, or hang in festoons, while the long course is outlined with flaming torches, and a monster bonfire is kept burning near by.

The enlivening strains of a military band make complete charm.

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OUR WINTER WORK.

LEVI BONE, Age 21. Party, June '88.

Well, here in the south-west of Ontario, Kent County, we have varied work in winter. For instance—January 6, ploughing; January 7, froze so hard we could go anywhere on ploughed land with waggon and load. Tomorrow, all being well, I shall be helping neighbour King threshing, and then cutting wood, with chores intermixed, and an occasional jaunt to town; making corn husk mattresses on stormy days, and in fact we do all kinds of work here in winter. We steal, as they say here, all the ploughing we can in the open weather, so as to help on in spring. Hoping that more of our boys will write, if only short, for UPS AND DOWNS, I conclude with best wishes for our Barnardo Boys.

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MY WINTER WORK IN CANADA.

ALFRED JOLLEY, Age 20. Party, June, '90.

I have worked on the farm this last few winters. My work is as follows:

We generally rise about six o'clock; go to the stables feed the stock, and clean out the stables. This takes about an hour. We then come in to breakfast, and when over, we go and water the horses and harness them, if we are going to use them. If we are not going to use the horses, we either split wood at the house or clean grain for chop or sale, or go to the bush and saw wood or logs till about a quarter to twelve, and then come home and have dinner.

After dinner we feed the horses and pigs and water and feed the cattle, and away to work again. It takes about an hour to do the chores at noon. We work till about dark and then come home and have supper.

After supper the women go and milk; after they are done, we go and feed for the night. We are generally done about half-past seven or eight o'clock.

If we are working the horses, it is for to take grain to the mill for chop or sale, or to draw wood to the house or town, or to cut straw or draw logs. One of us work the horses and the other do the chores and fill the spare time splitting wood and putting it in the shed.

We go through this routine of work from the last of November till about the middle of March, except when the snow gets too deep.

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MY OPINION OF WINTER AND WINTER SPORTS IN CANADA.

HARRY BOBBINS, Age 14. Party, July, '94.

Winter is the coldest season of the year. This winter so far has not been so severe as it has been in former years since I have been in Canada. The winter will seem very short after such a long spell of mild weather. In the winter there is not so much work to do. My

favourite winter game is football. It is a very exciting game. I have seen a game played in England between two counties. It is very interesting to watch a football match. The men get in their position and play in order. Skating is another winter pastime. When you go to town you can see groups of boys with skates in their hands going to the river to skate. Small as well as big enjoy this sport; it is a game you will not get cold while playing. I have never learned to skate yet. Sleight riding is good fun in the winter time. There is a fine hill here at Port Albert, on which the boys get their sleighs and go from top to bottom.

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EARNING A CAPITAL.

SELECTION CONTRIBUTED BY

ALFRED HODGES, Age 14. Party, July '94.

"Young men amongst us generally have to earn their capital, if they ever have any. It is not governed by the amount of wages or profit, but by the difference between earnings and spendings. The principle of savings has first to be established, and its beginning often tests the grit of a young man more than temptations to do wrong. He should have learned that money is only safely and surely gotten by work at least, by toil often, by drudgery frequently, and his life will turn for worth or worthlessness, as he regards the days of small things. Our country is accumulating capital fast, and the good, competent boys of correct habits, who have learned the value of a dollar by saving a penny, will get the use of what they need of it. Too many, however, despise work, shirk from toil, and in no emergency would be the drudge when these are the crucibles that try the gold in a fellow. Ownership of land in future does not promise enhanced values at such rapid rates as in the past, while good farming promises abundantly. With the young person everything turns on the habits of industry. I am not considering anything but this one distinction, for no matter how pleasant, temperate, or honest a boy may be, if he shuns labour, he is not worth the powder to blow him up. The struggle for the front will be greater; the fortune will favour the frugal. But he who accomplishes most will learn soonest to save a dollar if he has to sweat for it, and he who fails will keep the sidewalk. Wealth in the future will come from scientific knowledge of some industrial pursuit begun in early life and pursued with all the energy of careful men. The biography faithfully pictured of our unfortunates who fail would be quite salutary and suggestive, and why a man went to the poor-house would be quite as valuable family reading as how another man went to the Senate."

"DR. BARNARDO'S BOYS' HOME,"

STEPNEY CAUSEWAY.

MID-WINTER CONCERT

By Boys of the Band, Choir, and Evening School,
held 14th December, 1896.

Mr. Fowler presided.

PART I.

1. Selection... Marche aux Flambeaux... String Band.
2. Recitation... "Baby's Cry"..... Wm. Bowden.
3. Part Song... "Let the Hills Resound"..... Choir.
4. Duet... { Trombone and Cornet } .. E. Penfold.
"The Song you Sang" } .. A. Cheesman.
5. Song... "Jumbo and Jimbo"..... John Bowles.
6. Recitation... "Wives of Brixham"..... Chas. Hall.
7. Song... "The Little Hero"..... D. Nicol Smith.
8. Gavotte... "La Marquise"..... String Band.
9. Song... "Waves of Sound".....
- Six Choir Boys, with String Accompaniment.
10. Recitation... "Dora"..... Tom Duffy.

PART II.

1. Selection... "Marche Bohemienne" .. String Band.
2. Song... "The Minstrel Boy"..... { G. Tepper.
E. Graham.
3. Recitation... "The Combat"..... Alf. Cheesman.
4. Duet... { .. Euphonium and cornet.. } B Hartican.
"Love's Old, Sweet Song" } A. Cheesman.
5. Part Song... "Out in the Frosty Air"..... Choir.
6. Recitation... "John Maynard"..... Tom Sanders.
7. Song... "Dear Mother England".....
A. E. Allen, G. Tepper, A. Bowen.
8. Duet { .. Flute and Clarinet. } S. Adams.
"Lo! Here the Gentle Lark" } W. C. Jones.
9. Part Song... "Whistling Farmer Boy"..... Choir.
10. National Anthem.....



At Hazel Brae, we still have some little girls under fourteen ready for placing out, while we have sent out a number of this age who are steadily keeping their places

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A FRIENDLY LETTER FROM MISS QUINN.

"My chief motive in writing to-night is to tell you about Lizzie P—, and the good impression she made on those who met her. Poor child! She didn't want to go further, and cried at the station when I left her. I was wishing she could stay longer and I could have 'shown her off' a bit! As it was, several of our friends saw her and were delighted, and so interested. One gentleman . . . was at the station, and said he came on the train from Stratford with her, and had noticed specially her modest behaviour. His sister-in-law was going to Warton, so I placed Lizzie under her care and was so glad of this. Everyone hoped she was going to a good home, but I assured them there wasn't much danger of her not. We had a friend visiting us, a teacher near London, she was so taken with Lizzie—this is what she writes back: 'That poor little Barnardo bairn! A week ago I had not seen her and now she has left me with a heart-ache that I won't soon get rid of, but the short experience has left me with an interest in those . . . children that I hope will last my life-time.'

brings in the two interesting stories of Gideon and Samson, and also of that noble woman Deborah.

There is an instructive lesson for us in the sad story of how, *after the death of Joshua* and the elders who outlived him, the Israelites forsook the God of their fathers, and served other gods. See ch. ii:12. How little the human heart has changed since those days! Do we not all know the danger there is of getting careless, when removed from under some good influence which we enjoyed formerly? We should therefore value Christian friends and good influences, and not willingly remove ourselves from them just for worldly advantages, and if Providence takes us away, we should "watch and pray" lest we enter into temptation.

From the study of Gideon and his pitchers we learn how God can take up and use unlikely instruments to work out His will. Indeed Gideon himself is a proof of this, for he says in chap. i:15, "I am the least in my father's house." His humility, however, is very beautiful, and made him an apt instrument in God's

CHRISTMAS has come and gone, and in another part of our pages there are accounts given of how our little ones enjoyed themselves on that day at Hazel Brae, and also in Muskoka.

We would like to acknowledge gratefully the gifts of different kind friends both at Peterborough and elsewhere, who helped to make this season a happy one for our children. Among Peterborough friends are Mrs. Haultain, Mrs. Templeton Brown, Miss Emma Hall, Miss Moore, Mrs. V. Best, Mr. Dobbin, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. C. N. Brown, Mr. L. Smith, Mr. Stock, Mr. H. Long, Mr. Powell and Mr. Edgecombe. The children had also a kind present of scrap-books from St. Paul's Junior Endeavour Society.

Then from Toronto Mrs. Vigeon bestowed a magnificent supply of candies, which have an unflinching charm for young palates, and from Listowel Miss Quinn gave a number of dressed dolls, also one of our girls, Amelia Pritchard, sent a gift of one dollar for Christmas at the "Home."

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Christmas brought anxiety, too, for our dear invalid, Alice Rogers, who took a very weak turn about that time, although her friends will be glad to hear that she has quite revived again now.

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From the Village Home come two interesting items in the way of news. First of all, Miss Woodgate, after a period of rest at her home, has undertaken the superintendence of Mossford Lodge, a now much enlarged house at Ilford, for we hear it has at present no less than sixty rooms. We are sure her friends at the Village Home are very glad to welcome her back in their midst again.

And then Miss Fargie after so many years faithfully holding her post as head of the school, has at last had to leave on account of illness in her family.

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We received a photo of Alice Rowland, a copy of which appeared in the January number. As the sender of the photograph wished to have it returned, and we have forgotten who it was, we should be glad to be reminded.

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Bank books have been speeding their way back to the Home of late, and again we have to put in a request as to care about the postage. These books do not travel by book-post, but are charged for by letter rate, that is, *three cents per ounce*. If this is borne in mind it will save a good deal of trouble, as it is, they are now frequently charged for on delivery.

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We should be glad if more girls having anything to write about which would be of interest to the others, would send us their communications. It might be a great help in getting up our monthly journal, and as there is a very large correspondence at the Home, this division of labour would be acceptable.



CAIRNS HOUSE.

"It just proves what I have often said that people would be more interested in these children if they only knew them."
"MAMIE QUINN."

To many girls the name of Miss Quinn, the writer of a letter from which we give the above extract, is very familiar, as for years she worked with us at the Home. We received these pleasant words from her lately after she and her mother had kindly given hospitality for the night to one of our girls, who could not easily make the journey in one day.

In these days when the girls cannot shut their ears to the criticisms which are to be heard in the outside world, it is good to have this testimony from a Canadian home on the debated subject, which might be summed up in the words "Come and see." (See John 1:46.)

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On this page of "Our Girls" will be noticed a picture of Cairns House, a familiar object to many from the Village Home. It will be remembered that this picture was to have been given some months ago, but went astray, so Annie Addison has kindly sent us hers.

SCRIPTURE UNION CORNER.

This month gives us readings from the Book of Judges. It tells how, after the death of Joshua, the people were under judges, and

hand, and as for weakness, did not the apostle Paul, counting on Christ's strength, say, "When I am weak, then am I strong"? Here then is a lesson to give courage to any weak ones.

There are also useful precepts from Colossians, and good words from the Psalms in this month's daily readings, which we hope will be of profit.

SCRIPTURE UNION QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

1. Give chapter and verse in the New Testament where mention is made of four characters mentioned in the Readings in Judges.
2. Give chapter and verse in Colossians containing rule of life for those who are in service.
3. How do we know that the writer of Colossians was in prison at the time he wrote the epistle?
4. What kind of a character denies the existence of God? (See answer in Daily Readings from the Psalms.)

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ILFORD AND STEPNEY.

We are giving cuttings from the *Young Helpers' Monthly Magazine*, which we think will be of interest to our readers.

The first one about the Village Home is from a letter signed "Grandfather." Can any one guess who he is?

As for the second about the work-shops at Stepney, we fear we may be trespassing a little on the boys' domain, and then—and then—

what shall we do, for "all trespassers will be prosecuted!" After all, we do not see why we should not "go shares," and it is all a part of one great institution.

ILFORD.

"I have not been to Her Majesty's Hospital since last I wrote to you, but I have paid several visits to the beautiful Village Home down in Essex. Did you ever see it? The country around the Home is very flat, but when once you get inside the Village the place really looks *charming*. I think I shall persuade the editor to let you have just one peep at what the Village is like in this month's issue. Such a lot of little girls have been admitted lately. And, poor little mites, some of them have been very ill, and one little darling that anybody could love, she looks so sweet, has been received into the Home only, I fear, to die!

"Now she lies in her little white bed, looking so sweet, but so sad and delicate. I fear she will never recover; at least so the clever doctors say. But I was so glad to see her in her little bed, and to know that in any case she would be kindly cared for and lovingly treated all the time she is alive, and told of Jesus, who loves poor little girls and gives His servants a desire to help and succour them. But the child is too ill to hear much, or to say much. She can only lie still, and suffer *patiently*. And do you know that that is one of the most difficult tasks that life can set any of us, whether we are big or little?"

STEPNEY.

"The wheelwrights' shop is another in which strong boys are required. There is a great deal of heavy work in the shaping and building of vans, for although this workshop is designated the 'Wheelwrights', yet there is far more done in it than merely the fashioning and repairing of wheels. A lad, when first admitted to this department, would be taught to 'clean up,' that is, *plane* timber. It is more than likely that while practising this art the planer's *biceps* would develop to an encouraging and surprising extent!

"The second operation in which the young apprentice would be instructed is known as 'spoke-chopping.' Its object is to hew out from spars of oak the rough spokes of a wheel. These are afterwards shaped, planed, sand-papered, and secured in the 'hub' of the wheel.

"Mortising, or skilfully dove-tailing one piece of wood into another, is a third operation, which before perfection is achieved needs continual practice.

"Altogether it takes several years to learn efficiently the trade of a wheelwright and van-builder. That many of the Stepney boys do learn it well is evidenced by the firm, strong, useful vans which they are able to turn out for the use of the Homes. These vans have a very fair share of work to do in the carrying of goods to and from the different branches of the institution, and every van in use was built by these young workmen taught in the Stepney workshops! All the repairs to carts, waggons, wheels, etc., are also done here. I saw some well-made hand-carts, such as bakers use, 'made to order,' and only waiting for a second coat of paint, in this interesting workshop.

"Many boys taught in these shops have obtained capital positions upon going out in the world, and although still under twenty years of age are earning twenty-five shillings per week and even more by their trades. E. M. S."

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Mary Spencer, in sending in her donation, writes:

"You said in one of last spring's numbers of UPS AND DOWNS that you thought the girls did not know about the G. D. F. before then. However, I am one that didn't, and you may be sure that if I had known before, I would not have been the last to give."

We do not think many could plead guilty to "not knowing" now since we have so often brought the matter before our readers, so we would just remind them of the words "If ye *know* these things, happy are ye if ye *do* them."

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It will not be very long before the 1st of March is here, and we are anxious to make up a good round sum as soon as possible.

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Time flies. The shortest month of the year has come, for

"Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November,
February twenty-eight alone,
And all the rest have thirty-one."

Therefore let us try to make the most of it.

A. Codes

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A VISIT TO ENGLAND.

In the following letter Emma Webb tells us of a pleasant visit paid by herself and her sister Alice to England last summer. Emma came out to Canada in '88, and has been in but one place, so hers was a well-earned holiday.



ALICE AND EMMA WEBB.

"My sister and I have returned to Canada, after a very pleasant four months' holiday in England. We sailed on the *Parisian* from Montreal on the 27th of June, and reached Quebec in the afternoon, and as the steamer did not sail till the following morning, and it was such a lovely day, we went for a walk up into the city. On Sunday morning Lord and Lady Aberdeen came down to see the steamer off. The voyage going over was very pleasant, although it rained two or three days, but a couple of concerts helped to make it pleasant and pass away the time, that I was rather sorry when the voyage was over, but I guess those who were sick were not. We passed several very large icebergs.

"We visited the village three or four times, for where we were staying it was only a little over four miles from the Home. One time we stayed for a week at 'Violet Cottage,' and heard Mr. Godfrey preach on Sunday, and we also saw Dr. Barnardo while we were there. What a lovely place the village is now, with its beautiful church and fine large new school! I am sure the girls who came out to this country before 1888 would hardly recognize it as their old home.

"We went to several excursions while visiting my sister. One was to a place called 'Rye Houe,' supposed

to be the very place where the plot to kill the King was hatched; we also went down into the dungeons where the prisoners were starved to death. We went to the Crystal Palace and in the evening there was a grand display of fireworks and to the British Museum, and St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey."

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LETTERS FROM GIRLS.

Ruby Hodgson is one of our more recent arrivals, belonging to '95 party. She is living in Bowmanville with a lady who takes a kind interest in her, and is doing well. Ruby writes:

"I like the UPS AND DOWNS very much; my mistress takes a great interest in it, too. I think my mistress likes reading it as well as the daily paper, the *Globe*, and the loss of the daily paper means a great deal to the Canadians."



RUBY HODGSON.

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Amy Jelfs, the writer of the following letter, arrived in Canada in September '88, and went the following month to live with Mr. Alexander Brand, Embro, where she has been ever since. She writes:

"I am so thankful that I came to Embro, and as I am greatly indebted to Dr. Barnardo for all his goodness to me, I think I feel it more and more as I grow older. . . . I do love getting the UPS AND DOWNS. I think it is a very good name for that paper. We all have our ups and downs, and it is as our motto says: 'We must run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus.'

"I think the Christian Endeavor Society is doing me a great deal of good; it helps us onward; and this New Year we are going to try harder than ever before to go forward with His work.

"I do love hearing about the other girls, and how they are getting along, although they are all strangers to me. I have been in Embro eight years last October, and I have every card that I received at Christmas time, and I am sure that they are really beautiful. I think that it is very kind of you to send them to me. I try to remember them every day, and go forward with my work with a right good will, trying to please all those that are around me.

"We had the county convention of Christian Endeavor in Embro on November 17 and 18. I attended every meeting, all but the last afternoon, and then we were giving the delegates a social in our church, and of course we all could not be at the meeting. I am sure that it did us all a great deal of good, and I am sure that we felt His presence there. . . . I attend the Bible class and our pastor teaches it. I think that he is a real good preacher. He asked me to take a class two weeks ago for that Sunday, but I did not feel able to do it. Last Sunday he asked some one to volunteer to teach a class, and no one would move; but he kept his eye on me, so I said that I would, and I am sure that I was greatly blessed by teaching that class. I think that I will have to close my letter now as I am getting tired.

"AMY JELFS."

ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS.

HOW THE LITTLE ONES AT HAZEL BRAE SPENT CHRISTMAS.

FROM MISS GIBBS.

MY DEAR GIRLS,—As you could not all be at "Hazel Brae" on Christmas day, you will, I think, like to hear what we did, so I will try and tell you something about it, and I hope you all spent as happy a day as we did, for I think, at its close, we could all say we had, indeed, "a happy Christmas."

In the early morning we were awakened, as usual, by the sound of little voices singing sweet Christmas hymns, reminding us of our Saviour's birth, for this should ever be our first thought; and let the message of old come home to each one of us—"Unto you is born this day, a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord."

After morning Church—for as many as could be spared, went—we dined all together, one big family of about fifty, on turkey and plum-pudding, the usual Christmas fare. But, do you know, girls, there is a little secret about our pudding which we do not always find in other people's, for some of us found something more than plums and currants, and, indeed, something that might have disturbed our digestive organs had we not been careful. And now can you guess? We, who were lucky, were five cents richer than when we commenced our dinner. Do you think Santa Claus had anything to do with this?

He paid us a visit, however, about 4 o'clock, for just as the children were singing "Santa Claus is coming to bring us lots of toys," etc., the curtain was drawn, and there he was, with a big Christmas tree, ready to distribute all sorts of good things—some prettily-dressed dolls for the little ones, handkerchief sachets, blotters, purses, and various other useful things, for the elder girls, and candies, of course, for all, for big and little alike are always ready for candies.

The grown-up people, too, were not forgotten, and you should have seen the funny little dolls they had given to them. I suppose Santa Claus wanted to remind them of their childhood.

After he had said "good-bye" to us, and tea over, the children, and indeed big girls too, enjoyed a great romp, and all the more so as Mr. Metcalf appeared on the scene and entered fully into their games. Mr. Metcalf, by the way, had been missing all the afternoon. I wonder where he was! Do you think Santa Claus would know?

By this time we were all rather tired, but before separating for the night, there remained one thing more to do, which always delights the hearts of the children—the pulling of bon-bons. Oh, the fun they had, especially as they adorned themselves with the many kinds of "head-gear" they found inside.

Of course, we remembered all absent friends, and gave three loud cheers, especially for Dr. Barnardo; and our dear friend, Miss Woodgate, you may be sure, was not forgotten either.

Another Christmas day has come and gone, to be held, I trust, in happy remembrance by each one present. And let us each, dear girls, endeavour, by God's help, to make the year upon which we have now entered, happier and better than the last, not only for ourselves, but for all with whom we come in contact.

With love and best wishes,

I am, your sincere friend,

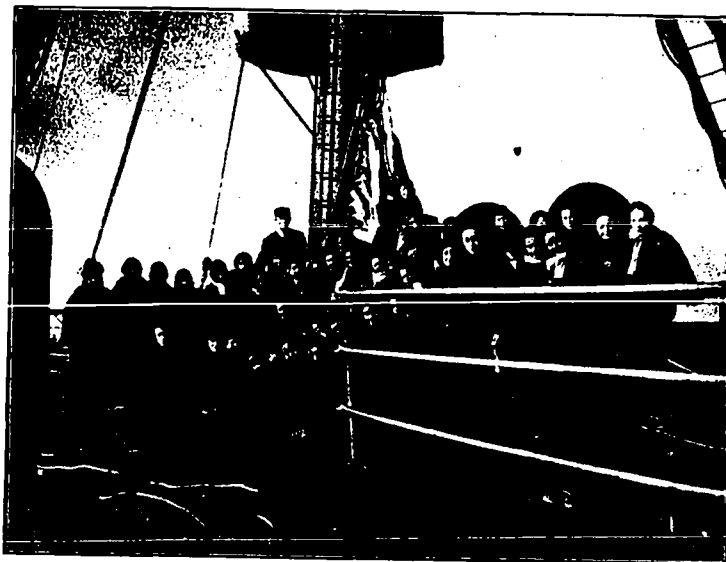
G. GIBBS.

AN EVENING WITH THE LITTLE ONES IN MUSKOKA.

When enjoying our pleasant Christmas gathering in Hazel Brae, we never forget our girls who are away, most of whom, we believe, share in the gladness and good times of the family with whom they are living, and we hope that not many spend a really *lonely* Christmas. This year our thoughts seemed to turn more especially to our little ones away north in Muskoka, and having a few "trifles" left over from our own Christmas Tree, it was suggested "could we not send them to our Boarders and give them a treat, too?" This suggestion met with general approval, and the idea grew and

took shape, and finally resulted in a very pleasant, happy gathering of little ones in Huntsville, with tea, games, Christmas tree, and all sorts of good things.

It is possible you may not all fully understand the term "Boarders." These are young children, all under twelve, who have been placed with farmers and others in Muskoka, that they may be brought up as members of the family, attend school regularly and get a fair education, and at the same time become accustomed to the Canadian climate and home ways, and learn to be smart and useful in little home duties, so that when their time comes to start life's battle in earnest and earn their own living, they may not feel as "strangers in a strange land," but may know to some extent what will be expected of them and how to set about it. It is, in short, the nursery and training ground from which we hope to produce good, capable "helps," both boys and girls.



MR. OWEN AND OUR LAST PARTY OF GIRLS ON BOARD THE "SCOTSMAN."
(Photo by a Lady Passenger.)

But to return to our "treat." In thinking this over the one great difficulty was, that the children were so scattered and lived at such distances from each other, as to make it impossible to gather them all. Our *hearts* were large enough, but the *miles* were too long.

Huntsville being the chief centre, it was decided to invite all boys and girls, who lived in and around that town, to meet Miss Loveday and Mr. Gaunt on Thursday evening, January 14th, at the Church Hall, which had been placed at our disposal by the kindness and courtesy of the Rev. Arch. Llywdd. Nothing was said in the invitation as to what was to be done at this gathering, but many and varied were the suppositions and expectations of the favoured little ones, several of whom thought it quite important enough for Dr. Barnardo to come himself and see them, and looked quite disappointed when told he was thousands of miles away in England, but when sharp, watchful eyes saw a kind friend in the neighbourhood drive up to the door and leave there a fine tall fir tree—the secret was out!

Well, 5 o'clock arrived in due time (almost too soon for those who were in charge and had preparations to make), and found gathered in the schoolroom a bright, merry party of children, 26 girls and 18 boys—44 in all. It did one good to look round at their eager, healthy, happy faces, and as far as outward appearance went they all, without exception, gave evidence of being well and kindly cared for. Tea was quickly disposed of and tables put aside, and then began those games that all children know and like. "Roman Soldiers," "Cock Robin," etc. A potato race caused great fun and excitement, being tried in various ways—by two girls, two boys, a little boy and girl, and coming to a climax when two of the "grown-up people" tried their speed and skill, and loud

and hearty were the cheers as the contest got pretty close. By this time even children's voices and throats were getting a little tired, so a bag of candies was handed round to each, and soon began the all-important business of "spoiling the tree." This seemed to give unbounded pleasure and satisfaction. There was something for everyone, and it seemed to be just the thing that each one liked, and any trouble that had been taken was amply repaid by the sight of the joy with which dolls were admired, mouth-organs tried, knives opened and shut, etc. The amusement of the evening was varied by songs, recitations, duets, etc., that had been learned at school or prepared for other entertainments. Of course there was the usual remembrance of absent friends. Three cheers for Dr. Barnardo, for friends in Peterborough and in Toronto (here the rival affections of the boys and the girls for their respective Home was decidedly marked), for Mr.

Shearer, their teacher, and others; closing with the singing of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Many friends in the neighbourhood, including those who were not guardians of the children, very kindly offered help; and our thanks are specially due to the Rev. A. Llywdd for use of the room, to Mrs. Geo. Hutcheson for her contributions of cakes, milk and apples, to Mrs. Hollinshead and Mrs. Rumsey, who in addition to bringing cakes, etc., gave most valuable assistance in the preparation of the tea, and to Mrs. Early, Mrs. Winter and others, who sent various useful gifts.

We think that both children and visitors went home pleased and satisfied, and the latter, we trust, with increased

kindly feelings towards our work. This gathering gave us an opportunity of seeing the children free and unrestrained, and thus helping us to form a better estimate of their home life, and it was very evident that while they were, we hope, learning to *work*, they had not forgotten how to *play*, and for ourselves, we were quite ready to endorse a remark heard during the evening: "Well, they look to be a very promising lot of youngsters."

They all attend some church and Sunday school, and their education, in the more generally accepted sense of the word, is not overlooked. Half-yearly reports from this and other schools in the neighbourhood show a steady, regular attendance, a fair average of marks gained, and are free from any complaint either as to conduct or general appearance, though we cannot help wondering sometimes why some who are known and acknowledged to be quick and capable should remain so long in the low standards.

And now, if any "Boarders" who were not fortunate enough, for that evening at least, to live in or near Huntsville should read this paper, we want to send a loving message to them, to assure them that they were not forgotten, and to whisper that perhaps their turn may come some day. In the meantime, we hope all will work away steadily and well during the present school term, be *true* and *good*, and thus hold up their own and Dr. Barnardo's good name, and show Canadians how happy and useful little English children can be.

Good-bye one and all of you.

J. L.

If you are annoyed or vexed at people, just remember it is not the right time to speak. Close your mouth—shut your teeth together.—Sel.

SOME OF OUR YOUNG LETTER-WRITERS TELL
HOW THEY SPENT CHRISTMAS IN
THEIR PLACES.

"I am very happy in my home, and I like the two children, Charles and Wellington. I had a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year. I hung up my stocking the night before Christmas, and Santa Claus put into it some nuts and candies and a ten-cent piece. I thought that was quite nice.

"I am going to school now; we have a very pretty school-house, both inside and out, and a nice school-master, too. I like going to school very much; I have three-quarters of a mile to go there, but it is not far. I like Canada very much. I nearly forgot to tell you that I was in the second book. Give my love to all.

"ADA BRETON (aged 13)."

"I now take the pleasure of writing to you. I received the Christmas card you sent me, and the Scripture Union, and I was very much pleased with them.

"I like the UPS AND DOWNS, and my mistress likes it too. We could not do without it. I had a very nice Christmas. Santa Claus came to me and brought me a nice doll; it was dressed in a pink dress, and trimmed with ribbon, and he brought me a lot of other things.

"I am sure Dr. Barnardo must be very kind to the orphans to send them to Canada to such nice homes. I read a lot of letters in the UPS AND DOWNS about girls I know. It is very nice to hear of them. I am getting along very well; I am trying to be a good girl; the people are all very kind to me. I go to school every day. I like the school very much.

"We had a concert in the school-house. . . . We made twelve dollars. It is for our Sunday school. My mistress says I am a very good little girl, and says I am getting along very well.

"MARY SWEETING (aged 11)."

"I had a nice journey from Peterborough to Otterville, and I changed five cars, and I met Miss Loveday on my way. My master and my mistress are very kind to me.

"Our baby is grown; he is nearly five months old; he is a nice little boy; he has blue eyes, and his name is Herbert Kellett Parsons. I have a nice home, and I am going to try and keep it.

"I enjoyed my Christmas very much. I had my stocking full with Christmas things. I had my first ride in a cutter. We all went over to spend our Christmas at Mrs. Parsons' mother, where Kitty Lloyd lives. On Christmas eve there was an entertainment for the Sunday school children, and they sang, and then there was the Christmas tree, and Santa Claus came, and he gave me a bag of candies, and a box with a thimble in it. I go to the English Sunday school. I have some nice cards and papers from the Sunday school.

"My mistress is going to send me to the school when I get more useful. We have a farmyard; there is twelve cows, five horses, forty-two pigs, forty-five chickens, and one duck. I send my love to the girls, hoping they are getting on nicely. LILLIAN ALDRIDGE (aged 9)."

"I like my place very much indeed, and I am so thankful you got me such a nice place. My master and mistress are so kind to me, I would not like to leave them. I was glad to hear that you have got out a lot of girls. I have seen Mary, and I am so pleased to have a companion near me. We see each other every Sunday, and come home together. She came and spent an afternoon, and she told a lot about the Home.

"I was surprised to see my letter put in UPS AND DOWNS. I enjoyed Christmas very much. On Christmas eve I hung up my stocking, and next morning I found it quite full, and a parcel with it what Santa Claus brought me; it contained candies, nuts, orange, apple, and a long white boa. In the parcel there was a little piano, it has six keys, and on the lid there is some music, and I had a nice Methodist hymn-book and 25 cents, so I think I did very well.

"This was my first Christmas out to a place. Now, I think, this is all this time, so good-bye.

"KEZA SMART (aged 13)."

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

How eagerly we all looked forward to the time of our annual Christmas entertainment, which was held on the 30th of December. About 7.20 p.m. I went to the station to meet my friend, Miss Gibbs, whom I was expecting that night. I was not kept waiting long before the train came in. Then we, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey and the children went to the Methodist church, where the entertainment was to be held. At 8 p.m. sharp we all joined in singing a hymn; then our pastor, Mr. Wetherell, offered prayer. Then the children began the programme by singing a chorus:

"Hark! the bells are ringing gay,
'Tis the Eve of Christmas day,
Holidays have now begun,
Full of merriment and fun.
Merrily we pass our time,
Merrily as the Christmas chime,
May the coming New Year, too,
Be a happy one to you!" etc.

Then we had a number of songs and solos, recitations and dialogues; and three little girls sang a boat song, and they were rowing in a golden boat, which was a very pretty scene.

The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, but the chief attractions were the two large Christmas trees, and also a log cabin with the old-fashioned fireplace in it, which was trimmed with evergreens and presents. The programme ended with an artificial snowstorm, while eleven little girls, who were very prettily dressed all in white, sang:

"Oh! see the snow is falling now,
It powders all the trees,
Its flakes abound and all around
They float upon the breeze.

'Tis snowing fast and cold the blast,
But yet, I hope 'twill stay,
Oh! see, it blows the falling snow
In shadows far away.

Santa Claus is here, we feel him near,
He's on his icy sleigh,
And covered deep the flowers sleep
Beneath their snowy bed.

Come out and play this wintry day,
Amidst the falling snow,
Come! young and old, fear not the cold,
Nor howling wind that blows."

Then the many beautiful presents were distributed among the scholars, and how true we found the words that Miss Gibbs said to me the next morning, just before she left, that "all good things must come to an end."

ANNIE ADDISON, Prince Albert.

IN LEISURE HOUR.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

1. Santa Claus.
2. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
3. Merry Christmas.

1. Happy New Year.
2. Plum pudding.
3. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The first three are answers to puzzles contributed by Bea Jones, the last three by Edith Hallendale.

Answers are acknowledged from Edith Vincent, Annie Addison, Sarah Darbyshire and Alick Walder.

PUZZLES.

Jane Jeffrey sends the following:

BURIED NAMES.

1. A loyal man is a good citizen.
2. T. Eaton is a flourishing retail store.
3. The morning races were the best.

PUZZLE.

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From Alice Walder:

Scripture drop-vowel from Proverbs.

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GIRLS IN INDIA.

All girls in India are very fond of pretty and bright-colored dresses. The dress is simply five yards of muslin. When only three or four years old a little girl begins to learn how to wind it gracefully around the body and over the shoulder. When she goes into the street she slips one end over the head as a veil. A little short sleeved jacket is the only other garment she wears. This is a very cool and comfortable costume for the hot climate.

Every family has a jewel-box full of little "cubby-holes" for each ornament. This is often buried in the mud-floor of the woman's inner apartment. If you want to see their jewelry you must make an appointment beforehand, so that they can dig it up.

Once in eight days the girls and women wash and comb and oil their hair, and have it nicely braided. They also take off and brighten the jewelry at this time. They would rather starve than give up their jewelry, they are so fond of it. The poorest people make theirs of tin, brass, lead and glass, and sealing-wax and shells.—*Over Sea and Land.*

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

Miss Tabitha Tid and Miss Mewsie Grim
Are taking tea with Miss Martha Brim;
And over their tea, in the usual way,
They're talking scandal, I need not say.

"Mrs. Tom of herself should be ashamed—"
"Miss Kitty Purr is much to be blamed—"
And most likely the people that they condemn
Are sitting at tea and talking of them.

—SEL.

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AT RECESS.

They sat, the little Primer Class,
Beneath the lilac tree;
Said Emily, "My Uncle John
Is rich as rich can be.
He owns one house twelve stories high,
That looks as if 'twould touch the sky!"

"And I've a cousin," Rosa said,
"My grown-up cousin Grace,
Who has a light pink velvet gown
Trimmed round with lovely lace;
She wears it with pink shoes, and in
Her hair a splendid shining pin."

"And I," poor little Bess began,
And knew not what to say;
"And I"—a glad thought lit her face
Like sunshine in the May—
"I have a sister who has wings,
And lives in Heaven, and flies, and sings!"

Loud rang the teacher's warning bell,
And from the lilac tree
They went back into school again,
The Primer Class of three;
And not one of them all could tell
The proper way to BAKER spell.
—*Marion Douglas, in Little Men and Women.*

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CRADLE-SONG AT TWILIGHT.

The child not yet is lulled to rest.
Too young a nurse, the slender Night
So laxly holds him to her breast
That throbs with fight.

He plays with her, and will not sleep.
For other playfellows she sighs;
An unmaternal fondness keep
Her alien eyes.

—*Alice Meynell, in Saturday Review.*

FUTURE WHEAT SUPPLIES.

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ports and open opportunities for a material increase in the surplus wheat for export. With that exception there is no unexploited capacity for meeting the rapidly-growing demand of western Europe outside the Canadian North-West. There the great untouched fields are waiting the touch of industry, and there the future supply of Europe's crowding population must be found. As in every supply of the commercial world, there is an elasticity commensurate with every stiffening demand. A growing improvement in the price of wheat would bring new fields into cultivation in every quarter of the globe, from the United Kingdom, the centre of the demand, to the distant islands of the southern oceans. But while this elasticity may maintain a commercial balance and steady the advance in price, the bulk of the supply must be sought where the great fertile areas are awaiting the plough. The situation in the world's wheat market is among the many assurances of Canada's industrial future. The cityward tendency will continue as far as it is stimulated by the increase of individual results through extensive association. With it the demand for food supplies from suitable areas must continually grow. The Dominion is exceptionally qualified among the nations for meeting this increasing demand, which will abundantly repay all who intelligently apply themselves to the opening field of industry."

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MEMOIRS OF OLD STEPNEY.

TOLD BY FREDERICK FRANCIS TURNER.

'Twas recess day in the Stepney Home, the Saturday previous to our departure for Canada, in the latter days of March, 1889. On the top story of the new building packers were busily engaged in filling boxes with Canadian outfits for a party of 290 boys, and painters were writing our names upon them preparatory to being shipped that night to Liverpool.

I was on the messenger service, and had just returned to the Home in time to join my comrades in marching out of the yard and to be invited to the home of my esteemed companion, Tom Miller, where he was going for the last time to bid his mother farewell. He was a kind-hearted, intelligent, robust boy of fifteen years, but his greatest virtue, at least the one for which I admired him most, was his unceasing love for his mother, his only living parent. He loved to be in her presence, and when released from the Home on Saturdays thither he wended his way.

Soon the massive iron gates of the Home had closed behind us, and we were hastening toward the suburb of Bow.

"This is the house," said my friend, stopping in front of a dingy looking old dwelling just past the Bow Police Station. Casting his eyes up to the second storey he saw his mother standing at the window awaiting him. "She's the best mother in the world," he said, as we ascended the stairs. "I'm sorry I've got to leave her, but I suppose it's for the best. I hope so, at any rate."

At the head of the stairs Tom's mother welcomed us. She was of medium height and was neatly dressed in black. Her hair was fast turning grey; her face was wrinkled and careworn; a kind but somewhat sorrowful look was depicted upon her countenance. Behind her spectacles a tear could be seen, and her dull eyes and reddened eyelids betrayed the fact that she had been weeping. Around her everything was old-fashioned, but neat and clean. A small fire flickered in the grate, for it was a chilly day, and a pet canary sang sweetly near the window, as if welcoming my friend back to his home.

Mrs. Miller kissed her child affectionately, and he returned it. "Why, mother," he said, suddenly, "you look as though you'd been crying. You mustn't do that, you know. If I'm going away from you," he continued, cheerfully, "it's God's will and it'll be all for the best in the end. I'll always remember you, mother, and pray for you wherever I am."

"I give you into the care of God, child," she answered, withdrawing her handkerchief to wipe away unrestrained tears; "as you'll pray for me so I'll pray for you, my dear boy; and if there comes a storm at sea, just

think that I'll be kneeling beside the bed yonder praying that you may be safely brought to your journey's end. I'm glad you'll always remember the mother who loves you, and let us hope that some day we will meet again."

Tom Miller hung his head. His mother's words had pierced his heart. Tears were slowly trickling down his cheeks, while I myself was on the verge of weeping, and silently wishing that I, too, had a mother to love me.

"Cheer up, Tom," said his mother, as she tried to smile to conceal her emotion. Then turning to me she continued: "Is this the boy you've often spoken about the messenger who brings you the tarts and monkey-nuts?"

"Yes," said Tom, wiping his eyes, and smiling through tears, "I don't know what I'd do without him."

"We are faithful friends, mum," I rejoined; "and I am sure we shall be quite happy together on board ship and wherever we may be."

"I hope you will always be true companions, and that your new homes will be close together. You have no mother?" she asked, abruptly.

"No."

"Nor no father?"

"No."

"Then you are indeed a boy to be pitied. What a God-given blessing those orphan homes are to be sure," she concluded.

While Mrs. Miller was doing all in her power to comfort her son tears stood in her own eyes, and while, when we were seated at a scanty meal shortly afterwards, both declared that their last few moments together should not be spent in weeping, neither seemed to make any effort to restrain their tears. Why? It was because love linked their hearts together, and now, when they were about to part, perhaps forever, they wept. Weeping simply brought to light what was in the depths of their hearts, and it alone gave temporary relief to their silent suffering.

A few days afterwards, while we were awaiting the train to depart, and the patriotic airs rendered by the Home band were making the walls of old Euston Station quiver, and amid the hand-shakes and well wishes of friends, the hissing of steam engines and the excitement of a countless throng, our dormitory matron made her way to the compartment in the train where my friend and I were quartered with a beautiful bunch of red roses addressed to Tom Miller from his mother and underneath his name was the beautiful inscription: "First, remember the God who made you; second, the mother who loves you." The band was playing "God be With You Till We Meet Again," the train was about to start, when the guard noticed a woman trying in vain to approach the train.

"Let the woman through," he cried.

Instantly an opening was made and Mrs. Miller approached our apartment. Soon the guard blew his whistle, and the train was slightly moving when, with tears in her eyes, she kissed her child farewell.

Shortly after we reached Canada I was separated from my friend. It was five years afterwards when I met him again, and I learned that he was the sole support of his mother, and, if all went well, would be clasped once more in her embrace before another year had elapsed. He proudly opened his little Bible that he always carried with him, and then, when I had almost forgotten the pathetic scene that for a long time after its occurrence had frequently haunted me, he showed me that beautiful inscription in his mother's handwriting: "First, remember the God who made you; second, the mother who loves you."

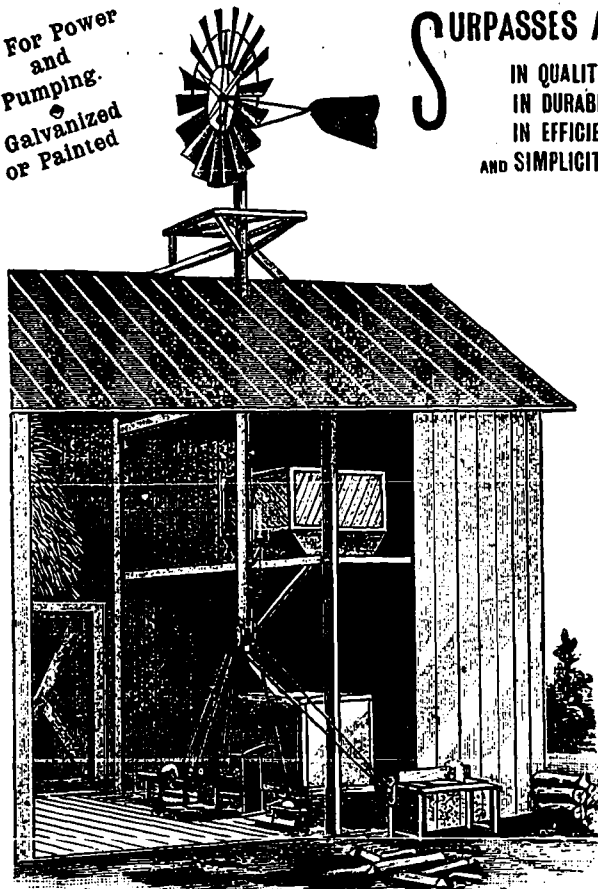
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