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P R E F A C E.

I PRINT these letters, partly because I am proud of them, partly because I want the very many kind friends who have helped me commence and carry on the work to share my pleasure, and, lastly, to convey information about my work to others who know just a little about my labours, and would kindly like to know more. I have neither time nor inclination to write reports. I believe in them as little as I do in committees. But it is an easy and a pleasant task to let the people of Canada, who have so freely taken the children, say what they think of them, and to let the little ones tell in return what they think of their new friends; and I am sure that what they both say will, and ought to, have infinitely more weight than anything I could advance in favour of a work which I am grateful to have been permitted to have commenced for our Work-house Girls.

The first party of children left England for Canada in October, 1869. Since then thirty-six parishes * have sent out, under our care, some 460 little girls, between the ages of 9 and 13, to Canada, 146 of whom have been adopted into, or are being treated as members of, the different families who have taken them. The other and elder children have been bound for service till they are 18 years old. Nearly all of the children have had capital health, and, as a rule, we have found them obedient and affectionate.

* Alverstoke, 1 party; Stourbridge, 1; Walsall, 1; Portsea Island, 1; East Preston, 1; Sunderland, 2; Winchester, 1; Marlborough, 1; Birmingham, 1; Islington, 2; Kensington, 2; Bristol, 3; Wolverhampton, 2; St. Luke's, Chelsea, 1; St. George's, Hanover-square, 3; Kirkdale, 4; Toxteth Park, Liverpool, 2; Fareham, 1; Reading, 1; Cheltenham, 1; Chichester, 1; St. Luke's, Holborn, 1; Bradford, Wilts, 1; Lewes, 1; Easthampstead, 2; Oxford, 1; Whitechapel, 1; Devonport, 1; Edmonton, 1; St. Saviour's, Surrey, 1; Chippenham, 1; Windsor, 1; Preston, 1; Clebury Mortimer, 1; Newport, 1; Madeley, 1.

The work is extending, not gradually, but so rapidly that we cannot keep pace with it. I have now on my books in Canada over 400 names of persons whose positions and characters have been inquired into, any of whom might be safely trusted with a child. I leave England (D.V.) on 24th October with only 130 children to fill the 400 homes! A fresh effort must be made to start receiving homes in our large towns, where many a poor, perishing little girl may be gathered in, washed, clothed, trained, and, in time, carried over to a land where she will be welcomed, because wanted, and have, by God's grace, a chance—ah, and how much more than a chance!—to become an honest and respectable woman.

We constantly remind ourselves, and each other, of the blessed fact that the angels rejoice over one sinner that repents; but how is it that we never realise the intolerable anguish of the innumerable company of the angels of the children? Surely the sorrow of the one is as real as the joy of the other, and well may they cover their faces when they look into the heart of our great cities, and see the sin, the sorrow, the dangers and difficulties that hem in so many thousands who cannot discern betwixt their right hand and their left. I am speaking specially about the girls; the boys, poor lads, have difficulties enough of their own, and thank God for all the workers He has raised up to help them; there is not one worker too many; but I want the public to remember that for every boy they see wandering about in the streets, there are at least two girls infinitely more wretched, and in far greater danger, hidden in the courts and alleys out of sight. We have neglected the girls; let us confess the fact. I, for my part, am willing and anxious to go on helping them. I shall be glad to give further information, should it be required, about my fresh plans, and may He without whose blessing it is in vain that we labour, continue His grace, His favour, and His abundant support!

MARIA S. RYE.

19th October, 1871.
418, Strand.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THE CHILDREN.

Miss Rye's arrival at Niagara with her first party of children is thus described in the *Niagara Mail* for November 17th, 1869:—

“The children were conveyed to the home provided for them, and seemed lively as squirrels, notwithstanding their rough passage across the Atlantic, and the fatigue of a long journey from Quebec to Niagara. The sight of so many little orphans moved all hearts with sympathy. After singing a short grace, they took what was prepared for them, and their modest, quiet behaviour at table was very pleasing. The confidence and trust of these children in Miss Rye is unbounded. They regard her with the strongest affection, which they show in a thousand artless ways—fondling round her, kissing her hands, and the like; and when that good lady arrived at the home, an hour or two after the children's arrival, the way they ran clustering round her with exclamations of joy, was a pleasing sight. Still more affecting to see them all kneeling round her in the attitude of profound devotion while she read a portion of the evening service, and put up a prayer of thankfulness to Almighty God for having brought them safely to the end of their long journey. The children joined in the prayers and sang beautifully a little hymn; after which they all retired for the night, perfectly confident and happy in the knowledge that Miss Rye was with them, and that God watched over them all.”

Newcastle, Ontario, Canada, July 4th, 1871.

MR. P. TAPLIN, Fareham, England.

SIR,

In the *Hampshire Telegraph* of the 3rd ult., I notice your letter respecting two girls brought to Canada by Miss Rye on her return from her last visit to England. As I take a warm interest in that lady's laudable undertaking, permit me to address you on the subject. I have succeeded in securing eligible homes for a considerable number of the children, amongst whom are Alice and Mary Churcher, and another girl from your Union, Eliza Nicholson; it was certainly a fortunate occurrence when Miss Rye visited Fareham, as Mary Churcher and Eliza Nicholson are both adopted, the former into the family of a lady in easy circumstances, the latter into that of an independent gentleman, whose only daughter died some years since; both families reside in this village. And Alice Churcher is placed as a domestic in the house of an independent farmer residing within one and a half miles. I have been intimately acquainted with each of the families for more than twenty years, and am quite satisfied that the children put in their charge will receive proper treatment.

The girls will have frequent opportunities to see each other: the two sisters were together on Saturday last, and called at my house, and thanked me for the interest I had taken in their behalf, and appeared to be perfectly happy and contented with their lot. More than half of the children for whom I have secured homes are adopted, principally into the homes of persons of middle age, whose own families have married, and who now wish to have a young person in the house with them; others again by persons without family.

As the advantages to the girls thus brought to Canada may not be properly understood in your part of England, and the information I am in a position to give may be satisfactory to their friends, should you deem it advisable, you are quite at liberty to publish this communication.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN J. ROBSON,

Reeve of Newcastle, co. Durham, Ontario.

P.S.—I find since writing that three other girls from your

Union are placed in this village, viz., two Goddards and Mary Ann Cole, the latter with Rev. Mr. Brent, rector of this parish.

J. J. ROBSON.

In connection with the above communication I can fully corroborate all the above statements made by Mr. Robson. The present position of all the children left here by Miss Rye is in every respect greatly superior to that which they could hope to attain in England.

HENRY BRENT, M.A.,

Rector of Clarke.

Grand Trunk Railway,
Bowmanville Station, 28th August, 1871.

DEAR MADAM,

A Mr. Beacock, of Cartwright, called on me this evening, inquiring if a girl from your Home arrived at our station on Saturday, and showed me your letter; but I would understand it was Saturday, 2 Sept., and that he was to send funds to pay for the girl's passage here; so he gave me 2 dollars for that purpose, which I inclose; if any more he will pay it. I promised him I would see to the girl until I got him word; if not in at the time, if you would be kind enough to let me know what day the girl was to leave.

The girl Letitia Just, whom Mr. Robson assigned to us, from first appearance we are agreeably surprised, and do not think we could have found one to answer us better if we had picked them all over ourself. She seems very fond of Mrs. Christie and also of our two little girls, more especially the youngest—a little girl of 15 months old, which I am sorry to say has been very sick this three days back, and Letitia seems as fond as if she had been her sister, and is a very kind and dutiful girl as any one wishes to have about a house. She wrote to her governess at the school from which she came from in London, expressing herself well pleased with her place, and we are certainly well pleased with her so far.

And her half-sister, who is with Mrs. Pollard—Mrs. Christie's sister—is equally well pleased. If there is anything I can assist you at any time in your kind undertaking, I shall be most happy to do so.

Yours truly,

MISS RYE, Niagara.

J. CHRISTIE.

Amsterdam, Aug. 1st, 1871.

MISS MARIA S. RYE, *Hon. Sec., &c.*

DEAR MADAM,

Since my return home I have obtained, according to promise, the certificates of the president of this village, and the pastor of the church I attend, in regard to my standing and responsibility, which I send herewith.

The little girl we took from your Institution on 3rd ult. seems contented and happy with us, and we are very well pleased with her thus far.

We send her to Sabbath-school every Sunday at our church (the Presbyterian), and shall endeavour to treat her kindly and as a member of my own family, which she is, and I trust may long continue to be, should she prove worthy of our confidence and regard.

Very respectfully yours,
D. D. CASSIDY.

Buckingham, 5th July, 1871.

MISS RYE.

DEAR MADAM,—It is with much pleasure I write to tell you how very much pleased I am with the little girl Rhoda Strugnell, who has reached me safely. She appears perfectly contented and happy in her home. I wish to thank you most kindly for all the trouble which you may have taken in the matter, and I think I could not have selected a little girl to have pleased me better myself. I am happy to hear that your trip out proved pleasant, and may your mission prove as happy to yourself as I trust it may be to others in training these little orphans to lead lives of usefulness. May God bless you!

Believe me sincerely yours,

C. S. WILSON.

Drummondville, July 7th, 1871.

DEAR MADAM,

I have taken the liberty to ask you for another girl, fourteen or fifteen years old, as we are sending Lizzy to school; and my wife is taken up with her so very much that she would like to have one to wait on the table as a dining-room girl, to give her wages; and if

you will be so kind as to grant her favour. Lizzy sends her kind love to you, thanking you for your kindness to her, and if you grant our favour, will bring her down when I come after her, so that you can ask herself how she likes to live with us. I hope you will pick out a nice bright girl for me, and I will be a mother to her. Answer this letter and you will oblige

MARY A. ELLIS.

Cedar Falls, Iowa, December 26th, 1869.

DEAR MADAM,

I am very pleased to inform you that Mary Mainhood arrived in safety at Cedar Falls last Friday afternoon, about two o'clock. Mr. Winter met her there. She is very well, and as happy as she can be. Her trunk has not come, and she has no cheque for it, and she says she never had one. The last time she saw her trunk was at the station after she left you. I will send, for your kind acceptance, a view of our Iowa home, and the future home of Mary H. Mainhood. Thanking you again and again for all your kindness to Mary,

I remain yours truly,

SARAH WINTER.

P. S.—Please to accept my sincere thanks for the nice books you sent me. I shall value them very highly indeed, and Mary is now reading the one you gave her. She wishes me to give her kind love to you, and to tell you she has never felt so happy since her mother died.

I hope, noble lady, that you will accept my warmest thanks for the trouble and care you have had for my little orphan niece. Please to excuse this poorly-written letter, for I am suffering from weak eyes this winter.

New Hamburg, December 3rd, 1869.

MISS M. S. RYE, *Niagara, Ont.*

MISS,

Your letter of the 1st inst. received. The boy Keenan has arrived, and I delivered him all right to his mother, Mrs. Beams. She says she cannot find words sufficient to thank you for your

kindness to her boy. The boy himself says you acted like a mother towards him. With many thanks for your kindness,

I remain, yours truly,

W. DUNWOODIE.

P.S.—I have been advised to return you thanks, through the *Toronto Daily Leader*, for your kind attention to the boy.

W. D.

Woodstock, 20th December, 1870.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

George Harris, whom you so kindly sent me last December, left me some time ago, at his own request, in consequence of a disagreement he had with the cook. He turned out so well that I am anxious to get another of your boys, if you have one that *you can thoroughly recommend*.

I see George constantly. He is in a grocer's shop, and is getting on very well—as far as I can hear, giving good satisfaction. Will you kindly let me know *at once* whether you have a boy or not, as I am without one now?

With best wishes for the success of your charitable undertaking, and the prayer that you may experience a double portion of God's blessing upon yourself,

I am, sincerely yours,

CHARLES BANCROFT, Jun.

Raymond, Feb. 12th.

DEAR MISS RYE,

We have looked forward to your coming most eagerly—and still we look and hope. When are you coming? Little Annie McGill, at Mrs. Kennard's, says, "Never mind, Mrs. Wharton, Miss Rye is *surely coming*, and then you will have a nice little girl to keep the children." The children you left here have given much satisfaction, and Old England may well be proud of them. I wrote you a month since; Mr. Shearer also. He fears you have been ill. Can you not devote a little time to your Raymond friends? And let them know when to expect you. With many wishes for your future prosperity, I remain respectfully,

Your friend,

Raymond, Miss.

CORA R. WHARTON.

Woodstock, 25th April, 1870.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

I have just heard of your return to Niagara, and am much disappointed that your arrangements prevented the promised visit to us. Mr. Bull informed us that he expected a telegraph message to say when you would be in Woodstock, and we looked for you every day. Your "Curly" has been very busy in her small way making preparations for "Miss Rye." I know you will be glad to hear that the darling little thing is quite well, and every day becoming dearer to both Mr. Thomson and myself. I sincerely hope you will be able to come and see us on your return from England, and trust the sea breezes will have a beneficial effect upon your health.

Mr. Thomson unites with me in wishing you a prosperous voyage and safe return to Canada, where your noble efforts to provide comfortable homes for the destitute and friendless have been so eminently successful. I doubt not but that you will be equally fortunate with your second little "army."

Yours is truly a grand, good work, and a blessing must rest upon your labours.

Lilly has just come in from the garden looking rosy and fresh; she sends you her fond love and a "pound of kisses."

I forgot to mention that your letter written on the eve of your departure for the United States, requesting me to meet you on the Monday at the Woodstock Station, did not reach me until the Tuesday; I presume it came up on the same train as yourself.

I regret very much not having seen you then, but trust that pleasure is in store for me this summer.

With every kind wish for your safety and welfare,

I am, dear Miss Rye,

Yours very truly,

JANE THOMSON.

Detroit, Aug. 28th, 1870.

MISS RYE.

I meant to have written you before, telling you of the safe arrival of the little girl, for I knew you would like to hear. But not feeling very well, I have waited. Both Mr. Stephens and myself are very much obliged to you for your kindness and trouble. I like Alice; she seems ready and willing to learn, and I hope to bring her up under such teachings as will make her in the future a good true woman. I have wondered how you managed with so many little ones in charge, and many so young. Alice talks a great

deal of her mates. 'Twas quite a change for her, and I expected she would be home sick; but she is very contented so far. I have just asked her what word I should send Miss Rye for her; she says—"Tell her I like my home, and will be a good girl, and when I learn to write will send her a letter." If I am ever near the Bridge I shall give you a call. I should so much like to make the acquaintance of one who would sacrifice so much comfort for the good of others as you must. Once more thanking you for your trouble,

I am, respectfully yours,

MRS. STEPHENS.

Wilson Maple Street, P.O., Niagara Co., N.Y.

DEAR MADAM,

Yours, in answer to the inquiries we made of you, was received, and we return the form as required.

We had not thought of taking as young a girl, but perhaps it may be as well.

In regard to the position she will hold in our family if we receive a girl into it, I would say we have been accustomed to doing our own work, sewing, &c., and wish for a girl to assist whom we shall treat, not as servant, but as one of our family.

We wish for one whom we can love and trust, and receive affection in return; and while she is a help to us we would wish to be a blessing to her, giving her what useful instruction we can to prepare her for usefulness. She will attend church and Sabbath-school with us, where my daughters are both teachers. It must seem hard for children to leave their native land and find a home with strangers; I wish it might be the lot of each to find a happy home. If we are informed as soon as you return I think my children will visit you, and if they find an active, intelligent girl that they feel they can take to our home and hearts, would like to take one in preference to hiring older help.

Yours respectfully,

CELESTIA LOOMIS.

Bloomfield, Sept. 3rd, 1870.

DEAR MISS RYE,

The little girl arrived quite safely yesterday. We like her looks very much indeed, and hope she may prove as good as she looks.

We feel as though we could not thank you enough for your kindness and trouble in selecting her for us; we will try and bring her up right—at least, as well as we know how. Hoping you may be prospered in your good work,

I remain, yours truly,

MISS RYE.

PRISCILLA POTTER.

*Toronto, 122, George Street,
29th November, 1869.*

MADAM,

I take the liberty of sending you a copy of my little book *The Backwoods Life*, which is an attempt to make things as they are in the back townships familiar to intending emigrants. I imagine that your experience of the wants of this class must render you highly capable of judging how far I have succeeded in furnishing the kind of information required to stimulate the desire to try the realities of a new world, and to gratify the curiosity for particular information as to the everyday life and labour of the immigrant and the settler.

I may venture to add that I have always approved of your idea of bringing children to Canada. My own experience of the woods is that homes of plenty may be found for all, and that, like Joseph, many will live to be the salvation of others.

Wishing you all success in your labour of love,

I am, madam, yours respectfully,

W. F. MUNRO.

*Buckingham, 22nd Dec., 1870,
Quebec Province.*

DEAR MISS MARIA S. RYE,

I was happy to receive your kind note of the 13th instant, but have delayed in my acknowledgment.

I can assure you it creates feelings of sympathy towards you for the manner in which you labour for the welfare of those poor orphan children, when we stop to consider the amount of toil, care, and responsibility you take upon yourself.

I can reciprocate with your feelings towards our little Walter; we should be sorry to part with him, and with the help of our Heavenly Father I shall endeavour to do all I can for him; we think as much of him as of our own, and he will be as well cared for, and hope and trust I shall be able to bring him up as I ought. He shall have a father's care while I am with him.

If in case you should come to Ottawa at any time we should be happy to receive a call from you, and you can see your little boy, Walter B—.

Yours very respectfully,
W. C. KENDALL.

Great Western Railway,
Fergus, Dec. 16th, 1870.

MISS RYE.

DEAR MADAM,—I am happy to inform you that I saw your little orphan girl, Mary Ridgway, put all safe by a friend of mine that was going to near the same place yesterday. Poor little girl! She missed the train that was going to Alma. I happened to be running the next train, and done my utmost to see her safe to her destination. I am permanently here as conductor, and anything you may require up this way I will be only too happy to do it for you.

Yours truly,
JOHN QUIRK.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

Your little *protégé* duly arrived. Mr. Whitehead met him at the station and brought him out. He is an uncommonly good, industrious little fellow, so intelligent and willing, and seems determined to get on in Canada. He is just the kind to do well out here, and I am sure will be well off one of these days. The Industrial Schools deserve every support and encouragement if they turn out such promising boys. He tells me he was 16 last July. I think his previous life before he went to Feltham must have dwarfed his stature. Everything, of course, is quite new to him, and the cows at first appeared rather formidable to him, but he will get on in time, and seems very happy and contented. He speaks with great fondness of you. With best regards from all, and wishing you a very happy Christmas in your Western Home,

I remain, yours sincerely,
CONSTANCE WHITEHEAD.

River View, 23rd Dec.

MISS RYE,

I send you some flowers to let you see I have remembered you. Sickness has prevented me from showing you the attention which I consider your due. I trust and hope when you come again I too may have a little one from "Merry England."

With good wishes for your welfare, and many prayers for success in your good work, allow me to subscribe myself,

Your wellwisher and friend,

MRS. F. A. R. WHARTON.

RAYMOND, MISS.

Chatham, Ontario, January 11th, 1871.

MISS M. S. RYE, *Hon. Sec., Our Orphans' Home, Niagara.*

DEAR MISS,

I have great pleasure in informing you of the safe arrival of the little girl, Elizabeth Bramhall, on Saturday night last at 8 o'clock. We are well satisfied with her so far, and hope her position will be mutually advantageous.

Your obedient,

E. W. SCANE.

Danville, Ky., U. States, Jan. 5th, 1871.

MISS RYE,

I received your letter some time ago, and thought I would have answered it long ago, but many things have prevented me. We were all very much disappointed that you did not come last October, and would like to know *why* you did not. Almost every day some one inquires about you, either of Mr. Talbot or me. Mr. Talbot has written to you several times, but has heard nothing from you. Mr. Kinnaid was sick last summer, and I thought I could not take a girl, and Mr. Talbot wrote you that I did not want any, but Mr. Kinnaid is now well, and I would like to have *two*. I think you could find homes for a hundred here if you would bring them. I was so anxious about your coming that I wrote to my son in Miss. to know if you had come there.

We will certainly expect you in the spring with a *good many*

girls. You must be sure to write to me *immediately*; we are very anxious to hear from you.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and to see you in the spring,

Truly your friend,

ELIZA KINNAIRD.

St. Catherine's, Ontario, February 16th, 1871.

MISS RYE, *Niagara, Ont.*

DEAR LADY,

Will you be so kind as to let me know if you have any little girls with you now about twelve or thirteen years old? My sister-in-law, Lawyer Hill's wife of Welland, would like very much to get one as nurse for her two little children. If you have any, Mrs. Hill will come down herself. The little girl you gave us we are very much pleased with; we think her a perfect little treasure.

Yours, &c.,

DR. HILL.

McGillivray, Nov. 5th, 1870.

DEAR MISS RYE,

Inclosed with this is the form you sent, filled up for Mrs. Holt, the lady that wishes to take one of your children. She would prefer the one that is eight years old, if you still have her with you. If she should be gone, she will take the one that is six. If you could send her to her she would be much obliged, as it would not be convenient for her to go and bring her. If you could send her to Lucan station or to Ailsa Craig, they would be there to meet her when she arrived. Should the references prove satisfactory, and you please to let her have one, please write at least three days before you start the child, as we only get the mails twice a week, and they might not get the letter to be in time to meet her. I think you will get a letter from our township Reeve, Wm. Wright, Esq., and from Rev. Mr. Sexmith, of Lucan, with references, early next week, and I think myself that it will be a good home for one of your children, for they are kind, pious people, and as respectable as any in the township, and we have known them upwards of twenty years. Should you write, please address—Mrs. Holt, Brinsley P. O., McGillivray; and believe me to be, dear Miss Rye,

Yours very respectfully,

BETSY SLACK.

Little Emma begs me to send her best love to dear Miss Rye and all her little girls.

Port Newcastle, August 9th, 1870.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

Your Annie Lysons arrived here safely last night, and I heartily wish that you could have seen what a kind, motherly reception she met with from Mrs. Rowland. She kissed her, and told her that she was her mamma, and that the two little boys by her side were her brothers; and, strange to say, she looks very much like them. Mrs. Rowland told me that she had thought a great deal about her lately, and that she hoped that strength would be given her to carry out all her good intentions concerning her. But I am trespassing on your valuable time.

Yours very truly,

PHEBE ROBSON.

Raymond, Miss., March 14th, 1871.

MISS MARIA S. RYE, *Niagara, Canada.*

Your favour of 22nd February received. We were glad to hear you were well and doing well. We had become uneasy about you, fearing something had befallen you, or you had met with opposition in your enterprise; but we are glad nothing of the kind has happened. Our people—more particularly those about Vicksburg—have been very much disappointed in not getting the girls they had expected. If we had received your letters we could have given you any help in money or assistance that you might have wanted, but we never heard once from you after you left for England. By the next fall we can make any arrangement you may wish, and during the summer you can let Dr. Sansom, of Vicksburg, and myself know what to do or expect. The girls you brought us are doing first-rate, and have given entire satisfaction—so much so that almost every family wants one. The children are well; our little Mary is well, and is an excellent girl. She told me to send her love to you. Mr. Kinnaird has left here and gone back to Kentucky, where he came from. His little girl disliked very much to go.

The spring has opened earlier this season than usual; the weather is quite warm now, and vegetation far advanced, with gardens looking well, and a great deal of corn up. Cotton is not planted generally until 1st to 10th April, and continues on through April. Mrs. Shearer sends her love to you. I would be glad to hear from you often, or any time you can find your own to write to me.

Yours respectfully, &c.,

O. V. SHEARER.

*Government Immigration Office,
Custom House Buildings, St. John, N.B., Canada,
November 30th, 1870.*

MADAM,

I have forwarded the indentures to the different parties for signature, and expect to have them returned in a few days. I have the satisfaction to tell you that from the accounts I receive the persons who have taken the orphans are extremely well satisfied with them. Mr. Boyd has likewise received good accounts of them.

I trust you reached Niagara safely and well. Our people are anxiously inquiring when you will again visit St. John.

I am, Madam, yours sincerely,

ROBERT SHIVES.

MISS M. S. RYE, Niagara.

Minto, December 19th, 1870.

MISS RYE.

DEAR MADAM,—Mary arrived here safe and sound on Friday, the 16th, about noon. She was quite well, and her things all right. Her feet were chilled a little, but they are well now. She said you said we must rub them with onions, and as Mary said that some of the children have chilled feet down with you, I can tell you how to cure them. Just rub them with coal oil twice a day by the fire. Somebody had given her a pair of stockings and a scarf on the road. She is at home with us, and we like her very well, and are quite satisfied. She is lonesome sometimes about her sister, and wishes her to write sometimes to her. She sends her love to her sister, and we also invite her to come up and see her and us when she can make it convenient to do so. Come to Cotswold and ask for us. We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I remain, yours truly,

ELI GOODWIN.

Kirkwall, the 26th January, 1871.

TO MISS RYE.

The girls arrived here the same day that they left Niagara, and we are very well pleased with the girl that you sent us, but Mrs. Miller is not pleased with the girl that you sent her. She wanted a large one. She wants to know if you would not change her when you get some large ones.

THOMAS WATSON.

DEAR MISS RYE,

i like my place verey wel and i am going to school next week, and my Mrs. Master is very kind to me. from

ALICE MCGUFFY.

St. Catherine's, Ontario, November 12, 1870.

MY DEAR MADAM,

I inclose bond duly executed by ourselves and Jane Alvanz.

I am happy to inform you that the child is all that we could wish her to be.

Yours very truly,

MISS RYE, Niagara.

H. M. GILES.

Seaforth, 30th January, 1871.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I have delayed answering your letter, thinking I could find a place for the boy you have, but I cannot find a place that I could recommend.

I could take a boy as an apprentice in factory, but I do not like to take any unless they come first on trial, as some take a dislike to the business and become entirely useless.

Should you not find a place for the boy I might take him, but not for his clothing. I pay boys four dollars per month and board, and raise their wages as they improve. The time depends on what they intend to learn, as some only learn one branch of the business.

Christina is well, and sends her love to you.

I asked her if she had any more word to send to you; she answered that she did not want to go back. She goes to Church and Sunday school regular, for which she got a handsome book as a prize for regular attendance, for which she is very proud of.

Yours truly,

A. G. VAN EGMOND.

Manchester, September 26th, 1870.

TO MISS RYE.

DEAR MADAM,

The little girl, Peebe Oakley, which we got from you seems good-tempered, and is likely to do very well; and her health has been

good so far. We have been very busy, or else we would have written sooner.

I remain, your obedient servant,

ANNIE GRAHAM.

Domville, February 25th, 1871.

MISS RYE,

The little child got here safe and well on Monday at six o'clock. I think we shall be suited with the little girl. She is quite smart about the house.

She learns very fast how to do things about the house.

I remain, yours truly,

W. J. GRAY.

Newcastle, Ont., 21st Dec., 1870.

DEAR MADAM,

I inclose 1 dollar 50 cents, the amount of your expenses in connection with the little girl Annie Lyons. Will you please excuse my negligence in the matter, which was caused by your letter arriving during my absence at Fort William, and it was laid on one side and forgotten?

Mrs. Rowland brought her over a short time since for Mrs. Robson to see, and we were much pleased by the care and kindness the child evidently receives. They have two little boys, and they are taught to call each other brother and sister; and I think she receives the same treatment in every way as one of their own. She appeared quite happy and contented.

I had an application yesterday from Mrs. Rowland's brother for another of your little charges. His name is Stutt, and he lives about five miles from here, is a member of the Church of England, is a farmer, and I think a person who would properly care for a child. His wife I do not know. He would like a little girl about nine years of age.

If you have any left would you have the kindness to write me, and if so, please at the same time to inclose the necessary papers.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN J. ROBSON.

Western Home, Niagara.

Customs, Fort Erie, Canada, Nov. 8th, 1870.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

Western Home, Niagara.

I wrote you some two or three weeks ago, recommending a place for two of your charges—very suitable places—and I have a place for a third—very suitable—a nephew of mine, who lives with his mother, an old lady. All the parties' names in my former letter, and Mr. Edwy Baxter, now named in this, are all farmers in independent circumstances, and will provide not only a permanent home, but educate the children as their own.

I am well aware of your time being occupied, and do not expect answers to my letters, but will be obliged if blank applications be furnished me, so that all preliminary forms may be complied with. These parties desire to obtain children over ten or even twelve years of age, if you have such unprovided for.

I mentioned in my former letter the child Susan, taken by my daughter Mary, is doing well, and proves more than expected.

Yours truly,

RICHARD GRAHAM.

Ailsa Cray, Sept. 5th, 1870.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

Susan Murray arrived safely on Wednesday noon. I am happy to say that she suits us well. I am satisfied, and only hope I may be guided in training her for a life of usefulness.

Yours in love,

MRS. D. SHEFF.

P.S.—I inclose a few lines from Susan.—D.S.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I hope you are well. I like my home much.

Respectfully,

SUSAN MURRAY.

Thorold Village, 14th Sept., 1870.

MADAM,

We are very well pleased with Charlotte James, the little girl we got from you. She seems well satisfied to stay with us. She

tells us she has a sister living with a farmer, but does not know where. If you would send me the farmer's address the girl lives with, I would let her know where Charlotte is stopping.

Charlotte says she thinks she will never forget you and Miss Hallowell. She says she has brother and sisters and an aunt at home. Should any of them write me, I will be happy to give them any information about her they may desire.

I am, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM RAMSAY.

Listowel, Jan. 28th, 1871.

DEAR MISS RYE,

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to answer your kind letter, hoping to find you enjoying good health, as this leaves us all at present. I would have answered your letter before this, only I heard that you were gone to England after more children. We like the little girl very well. We got her christened Fanny Jane after myself. I am going to send her to school as soon as the snow goes off. She is reading now in her second book. She says she would not leave us on any account. If you know, please send me the lady's address that you got her from, for I wish to write to her, and let her know how she is getting along. She is gone so fat that you would hardly know her. She sends her kind love to you, and thanks you for sending her to us. So no more at present.

Yours truly,

NATHANIEL and JANE HARRIS.

Please write again.

Manse, St. Catherine's.

We are very much pleased with Maria, and she appears to be contented and happy. I am delighted to hear of your success, and rejoice with you, and the more so that the children from your Western Home with the families in St. Catherine's are doing well, and making your enterprise deservedly popular.

Mrs. Burson joins with me in kind regards.

Yours truly,

REV. G. BURSON.

William-street, Ottawa, Ontario, December 1st, 1869.

DEAR MADAM,

I feel it my duty to write to you to return thanks for the kind care and protection in regard to the orphans Thomas. They came safe to Ottawa, and they speak in high terms of your kindness to them. You have made my heart glad. I am sure they never could have come if you had not taken them with you. May your life be preserved for many years to carry on your great and good work, and may the new year meet you with every blessing that this world can afford, and may you live a long and happy life, and at the end you may have everlasting life, and be rewarded for all your good and kind works, is the wish of your grateful servant,

SUSANNA MALLET.

February 19th, 1871.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I received your kind letter respecting Miss Caurn (I think that is her name). I was only too happy to have the power to do what I did. At first I felt some doubts as to whether it was a kindness to these children to bring them to this hard country to be sent out to places in that way; but as the little heart forgot its sorrows and tears, and we found how intelligent and appreciative she was, and then again afterwards found that she had got to such a nice home, and found everything so pleasant and happy, it left no doubt about the matter that of all the noble works in which you have spent yourself this is the best and greatest.

I have had a very nice letter from Jane, and I must tender you my humble thanks for the pleasure and interest excited by the incident referred to. I felt, indeed, so much attached to the girl, and so did my wife, that had the girl not had a clearly defined destination we should have brought her forward to Montreal.

It will give me a very great interest in seeing the Institution to which you are so tenderly bound should I have the pleasure of seeing Niagara this summer.

I was down at Nottingham this last summer, and heard a very favourable account of Mary Wilson, who you may remember went out to the States some time ago. She is now quite well-to-do, and may trace it all to your good offices on her behalf.

Accept my kind acknowledgment of your favour, and believe me,
As ever, yours sincerely,

J. H. HARRISON, Montreal.

Grantham, January 23rd, 1871.

DEAR MISS RYE,

Through some mistake I did not receive your note, asking for information concerning the character of —, until yesterday, which must be my apology for not answering it ere this.

I would not be justified in speaking decidedly on the subject, as I do not know much about the person referred to. . . .

Before concluding, permit me to take this opportunity of expressing to you the satisfaction which the conduct and progress of the children already under the care of families in this parish has given me, showing as it does a careful previous training in the doctrines of our religion.

I remain, yours very sincerely,

A. C. SHAW, B.A.,

Missionary of Grantham.

MISS RYE, Western Home, Niagara.

Palermo, March 6th, 1871.

MISS M. S. RYE.

DEAR MADAM,

If you have in your Institute at the present time a girl about 14 years of age or above that, I should like to secure one as soon as possible. I have heard much of the character in general of your orphan girls, concerning their truthfulness and reliability, and I have no doubt you could send me one who would be suitable for me, and, I trust, obtain a comfortable, happy home for herself. Our family consists of my husband, myself, and a little daughter, nearly three years old. My husband is a farmer, living in a healthy locality. No undue exertions, nor work unsuitable for a child of her age, shall be imposed upon her. I shall endeavour to do my duty towards her in every particular, and treat her in every respect as I would that strangers would treat my own child were she left in their care.

Hoping to hear from you soon with whatever particulars you may have to impart,

I am, dear Madam, yours very respectfully,

MRS. JAMES W. HART, Palermo.

Address, Mrs. James W. Hart, Palermo, Ontario.

MISS M. S. RYE, Niagara.

Customs, Fort Erie, Canada, Jan. 3, 1871.

MISS M. S. RYE, Western Home, Niagara.

I inclose blank, filled up and signed by Edwy Baxter. I may add here for your satisfaction that the old lady, his mother, is much pleased with Annie Robinson, and I heard Edwy himself tell my wife, his aunt, he was well satisfied with your choice in the child sent him.

Yours truly,

R. GRAHAM.

P.S.—Our little girl, Susan Pope, is very desirous of knowing where and with whom her elder sister is. Her mistress has requested me to ask you. Will you get one of your assistants to look over the records and drop a note to me embracing the information sought?

Market-square, St. John, N.B., Sept. 16, 1871.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

Many thanks for your photos. sent by Mr. Daniel; they are capital, and are now on view in McMillan's windows.

I put a notice in the papers a short time since, that you might bring some children out. Well, up till to-day I have eighty-one applications for our provinces. They are first-rate, and the girls will be well taken care of; some of them far better than any you had before, and all your first lot did well. And Nova Scotia can take them all! In that case you will not have to take any on to Quebec. You can come direct to St. John from Halifax in one day; leave Halifax at eight a.m., and be with us in the Queen-square at nine p.m. You could get first-class situations here in St. John for 100 servants, such as housemaids, plain cooks, &c.; and it would be a great blessing to the country to get them.

I know how much you have to do, but do write me, soon as you can, all about what you propose to do, for the people are bothering my life out about your young ones. I shall require to know before you come, so as to make the necessary arrangements. I hope you will have a nice lot; and we must try, when you are here, to have as many as can be got of your former family to meet you.

Mrs. Boyd joins me in kindest regards, and your many friends here will be glad to see you again. God bless you, and keep you in all your work and travels.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN BOYD.

WHAT THE CHILDREN SAY ABOUT CANADA.

Wednesday Evening, July 26th, 1870.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

I take up my pen just to write a few lines to you, hoping you are quite well. Dear Miss Rye, I want to tell you that I have left Mrs. Bates because the children would not take to me, and Mrs. Bates said that she had better not keep me, and then I got another place, and I am at a very good place, as well as I want, for the mistress is a nice lady, and I have got a good many companions, for the young ladies are so kind to me that I can do all in my power for them; I don't mind work as long as I have got a good place, and I live at Mr. Gibbons', in St. Catherine's, and I have no more to say at present only that I am doing very well at present, so now I must close my short letter with love to all. I have been here one week on Friday, and when I have been here a little longer I will tell you more about it, so good-bye and God bless you.

From your well-wisher,

MARY JANE ASTON.

Give my love to all the girls, and Mary Martin, if you happen to see her.

St. David's Street, July 17th, 1871.

To MISS RYE.

Mrs. Lines has allowed me to write to you to ask you to inform me where my sisters are, if you please I would be much obliged if you would be kind enough to answer my letter, my mistress and master are both very kind, we have got very pretty little baby, how is the little baby that was at Niagara when I was as I should like to know.

So I,

ELLEN BENNETT.

our western home, Niagara.

MRS. JOHNSON, Grafton,

July the 28th, 1871.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I hope you are quite well and happy, as I am myself. I arrived at my new home all safe, and thankful to say I have a kind mistress and master, and I have a very good home. I have a little baby boy five months old to nurse, and I like him very much. Dear Miss Rye, I do not know how to show my love towards you. I should very much like to do some thing for you, as you have been very kind to us all; give my kind love to Miss Halaway, and tell her I am quite happy. Dear Miss Rye, I go to Sunday school, and my teacher is very kind to me, and I have been to visit her, and she has given me plenty of fruit, and she is going to give me a present in the winter, if she lives so long. Dear Miss Rye, give my kind love to Ellen Connore, and tell her I am quite happy, and tell her I will try to write to her soon. Dear Miss Rye, please excuse me keeping you so long before I wrote to you. I was waiting to see how I would get on. Give my kind love to Mrs. Kiss, and tell her I am happy at present. Please, Miss Rye, excuse my bad writing. I hope I shall see you some how, if not on earth I hope in heaven, so I have no more to say at present, so I remain your loving friend,

LUCY SKINNER.

SARAH EDITH HARDING to MISS RYE.

Please to accept this twenty five cents, part of my first wages. I have a good home, and have plenty of every thing. I should like to help a little to bring some other orphan who want a home at Canada.

I am quite well and strong now. I thank you for your kind wishes. I am going down to Jordan to see the baby to day.*

I send my respects and love to you.

SARAH HARDING.

Dornoch, April 7th, 1870.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I am very sorry I did not write to you before this, and I am very glad that you have found for me a good and kind mistress

* Her sister of 9 months, who came over with her and the other children.

and master, and will you please tell me who the girl was that died for I am very sorry to hear of her, and please Miss Rye will you tell in the when you are going to England and if you are Kirkdale again? And please Miss Rye will you please tell me if Sharlotte is a better Girl? And please Miss Rye how many of the girls have you got now? And Dear Miss Rye will you please to answer this letter before you go back To England?

So no more from your affectionate scholar,

MARY ANN KEELEY.

William-street, Oshawa, Ontario.

DEAR MADAM,

We arrived at aunt's at three o'clock the day you left us. I like the place very much and should not like to go back to England again. But I should like to see all the kind Friends there. I am going to write to Mr Northcott as soon as I can, I have written to the Matron of the Home were I left, My Brother gone into the cabinet Manufactory to learn a trade he has agreed to work a month to see what he would like to do, he has chosen a trade so that he might set up a business. I have no more to say at present.

I remain gratefully,

ISABELLA THOMAS.

St. Paul, March.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I would like to hear how you are getting on. I like St Paul very much, we have such pleasant weather. I go to Sabbath School. I like it very much. I am very happy to say I have my lessons every Sabbath. There are over two hundred Scholars, they sing beautifully. I learn two verses of the Bible every morning to repeat before I have my breakfast. I like my new home very much. Mr and Mrs Moss are very kind to me. I send you my kind love, please give my kind love to Miss Mary Allaway and Jane and Ellen and to all the girls especially to Mary Ketherso and Elizabeth Cobemach, please excuse my bad writing, much love from your affectionate friend,

LOUISA BRELLATT.

Sunday, February 27th, Union Farm.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I write these few lines to tell you that I like my place very much and Mrs Exton is very kind to me and I like her very much, and Miss Lousia also is very kind to me and I like to tell you how I got along. I was very safe and they were all very kind to me and a gentleman taken me into his house and gave me my supper on the first day you had sent me and the same gentleman gave me pretty near three dollars and he was very kind to me indeed, and he put me into the sleeping car and I reached great bend very early and they were very kind to me at Great Bend and gave me all I wanted, and Mrs. Howe gave me a pear of draws and I thanked her very much and a kind Gentleman at Great Bend gave me about 5 cents, and I stayed at Great Bend four day, and Mrs Exton sent for me at Great Bent on Friday night to tell them to send on Saturday morning and the Mrs Exton was to meet at Hampton Junction and I got to the house between 1 and 2 o'clock, and it is a very nice place indeed, and a Gentleman was at Mrs Extons this morning and I think he want a girl, and Mrs Exton thinks there are several good places for good girls in this neighbourhood, and Mrs Extons girl is going away on monday morning to virginia, and I would be very glad to hear from you very much, and please tell me how Lucy James is getting on.

So no more from your affectionate

MARTHA SINCLAIR.

December 22nd, 1870.

DEAR MADAM,

I hope you are enjoying good health, as I am myself. I have ritten home to my friends and to Mrs. Needes, to tell them that we arrived safe at our journey's end, and that we are very glad we came out, as we think we shall be a great deal better out here than in Bristol. I have got a excelent home and a kind mistress and master, and am very happy and contented. I went down to Mrs. Mason, at the Orphan House, to ask her if she could tell your direction. Mrs. Mason told me to call again in about a fortnight's time, and she would get it of a gentleman for me. Martha has been very sick lately, but I think she is getting on better now she has got a very nice home. I think she is very comfortable. Dear madam, will you kindly write and give my sister's directions, as my sisters and brother are very anxious to now she is getting on?

With my love to you,

SUSAN COTTRELL,

In care of Mr. Magee, Brothers, Prince William Street, St. John's,
New Brunswick.

St. Cathrine's.

MARY MARTIN.

DEAR FRIEND,—i writ thes few lines to you, hoping to find you in good health as it leaves me at presant, and i am With my frend lizzie at mrs. Bishopaice, and she likes her plase very well and hops she will stop here, me and my mistress are here ever since I came, but we expect to go to our own house next week, and i think i shall like my place very Well, she is a very kind mistress, and i ham very sorry i have not Wrote to you before. Give my love to the Girls that are ther not forgetin miss hollaway and miss Rye, you told me to let you know how i Got on with cow, i was rather afraide of her first, but now i can milk very Well. Give my love to Zine and the nurse i should like to now how Kate and Christy are geting on and now I must conclude With best love from your frind,

MARY MARTIN.

Pleas to send a answer back as soon as possible.

Toronto, March 19th, 1870.

MISS RYE.

DEAR MADAM,—I take the liberty of writing to inquire whether you are going to take out any more emigrants in the spring or summer. I have two sisters who are anxious to come out, and I know that it would be for their benefit to do so, but they have not the means. They could soon repay their passage-money if they were out. I would have paid the rest of mine by this time, but I am studying in the Normal School, and I am to try for a certificate in June. I stay with Mrs. Davies, the lady you engaged me to, and do what I can in return for my board. If you kindly give me the desired information I shall be much obliged.

Meanwhile I am,

Yours respectfully,

ISABELLA M'INTOSH.

Wood Stock, August, 1870.

DEAR FRIEND,

I write to you to let you know I have left Mr. Bancroft, because the girl's so cross, and I could not do anything to pleas her while Mr. Baneroft and Mrs. Bancroft wes away, too; and as soon as Mr. Bancroft came home, and he want to know why I want to leave for,

and I told him: and I wait their until he got a boy and I got a place, and I lik it very much indeed, because I work in the store for Mr. Gordon, and I sleep their to; and I suppose you will soon go after some more boys and girls. And Mr. Bancroft is very glad to hear I like my place so well, but you can send the lettlet to Mr. Bancroft, and he let it be their until I go for it.

GEORGE HARRIS.

Niagara Street, St. Catharine's.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I arrived safely at St. Catharine's, then I went on to Mr. N—, and stoped there all night. Mr. Norris is going to keep me for 5 years; I am stopping at his brother house; will you please send me my box by Chase to-day (Saturday) and he will leave it at Mr. Norris, Niagara Street, St. Catharine's; that is where I am going to live. Mr. Norris is going to send to school for 2 or 3 month, and now with best love to yourself Miss Alaway,

I remain your grateful

HARRY.

Toronto, June 25th, 1869.

MISS RYE.

MADAM,—My sister and myself return you many thanks for your kindness to us during the voyage, and we hope that you will hear a satisfactory account of us in our new home.

Yours respectfully,

CLARA and JANE HOUNSELL.

Drummondville, Ontario, Jan. 4th, 1870.

Mary Jane Robinson sends her best respects and kind love to Miss Rye, and would be much obliged to her to send her Sunday frock, which she forgot to bring with her to Mrs. Partington's. Mr. Cameron has kindly offered to bring it. She is glad to say she has got a good place, and is very happy. Hopes the little girls are all well.

M. J. ROBINSON, No. 17.

Vernonville, Ontario, Jan. 2, 1871.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

I hope you are quite well, as I am myself, and I hope that all the children are quite well and that Miss Allaways cough is better. I was in a very pretty pickle, I almost lost my way; the conductor of the train said that you ought to have written a letter for to give to him when I got to Toronto. I had no check, so a policeman said that I must stay there, but an Englishman came and read the paper on my jacket, and he asked me if I was one of your girls, and I said yes, so he said he would pay for me; he was in the same ship as we were—the s.s. Prussian; his name was Mr. Harrison; he said he knew you. I have to write a letter to him. I am in my place all right, and a nice place to it is.

I am very thankful, Miss Rye, for you getting me that place; I don't think that I could have a better place, for they are all so kind to us. Walter helps to milk the cows, and when you goes out again I hope you will have a good passage by the mighty power of God. I hope you are all quite well. May God bless you all untill the day of your death.

I remain, yours truly,

MISS RYE.

JANE CANNER.

Niagara, July 31st.

MY DEAR GOVERNESS,

I now take the pleasure of writing to you, and I hope you are better. Give my love to your mother and sister and Miss Alice, and to all the children. I hope they are all good. Tom has got a place at Mr. Alex. Buntin paper manufactory, Valley Field, near Montreal, and I am living with Miss Rye altogether, nursemaid. The children are all very happy. We had the most beautiful voyage, I don't think anybody could have wished better; we was only fourteen days on the water. My dear governess, will you please to excuse my bad writing? I could not write it better because I had not time; I only wrote these few lines to tell you what a pleasant voyage we had, and to know if you were better. I like the place very well. I wished you were with me over here. Miss Rye is very kind to us; they all like her very well. I cannot say any more at present. From

Your obedient servant,

MY. A. STANDEN.

There is a few stamps for the children. I sent a shilling home by Mr. Harris; did they have it? I should like to know.

DEAR GOVERNESS,

How kind it was of you to think of me! I am so disappointed that I could not write before; I was waiting for an answer from Georgie. I came from Niagara before he did, and now he is in Port Hope. Have you ever heard of that place before? It is about one hundred and fifty miles from St. Catherine's. I wrote to Miss Rye and asked her where he was gone to, and she told me that he was in P. Hope, and we wrote twice to him, but he has never answered our letters. Dear Governess, Jane Cannor has been to two places, and has left them both; the last place she went to was very near the next street to me. She had a very sore thumb when we were on the ship, and Ellen Young is gone to the University, I believe so, but I have not heard from her at all; I know nothing of the others. I am well and comfortable. I am very sorry that the winter has tried you so much. I have not been sick since I came from England; I do not forget my old home, although I am far from it. I am so glad the children has got a nice nurse; and do you know if they are going to get another governess? If they do I don't think they will get another one like you. They don't use fireplaces here, they use stoves. I have a nice home and kind mother and father are. Dear Governess, the ladies do not wear their chignons on top of their heads and their hair drawn so tight as you said. Mother has a very nice garden, with apple-trees, and plum-trees, and currant-trees, and grape-vines; and there is such a lot of apples grow on the trees, plums, and currants, and grapes. Give my love to Miss Alice and your mother, scholar, and sister.

I remain, your affectionate scholar,

A. McMASTER.

To MRS. NEEDES, Matron, St. Peter's Hospital, Bristol.

DEAR MADAM,

I know you are very anxious to hear if we arrived, yet we were on the water twelve days. We had a very rough voyage, we expected every moment was our last. I was sea-sick eight days. I never want to go to sea no more. The doctor was afraid it would turn to the fever, but, thanks be to God, I got safe over it. I took nothing but brandy and beef-tea for eight days. When we landed we rode in the train one night and a day. We got out at Portland, then we were on the water another day and night; I was sea-sick again. I preferred the last boat to the first; we were treated very kindly on both. Miss Rye was very kind to us. Forty of us went beyond Canada, the rest went on to Niagara. We were taken to

an Orphan Asylum. I was there one night, when a lady came and took me away in her carriage as parlour-maid, where there are three servants, but she treats me as her own. I am getting one pound a month, and I have not half the work that I had at home. I am living in a very healthy place, called Saint John's, New Brunswick. We spend six months in the town, six months in the country, which will be very good for my health. I have been in my place a fortnight. I was very ill when I came, I had bronchitis. I do not know what I should have done had I not met with a kind mistress. She had a doctor for me, and paid all expenses, but I am getting quite well now. Tell Mrs. Williams I thought of her words when I was on the water. Remember me to every one in the house. Susan and me are living very near each other; she has a good situation, and is doing well. She has wrote to you. Please to excuse me in not stamping the letter, I will stamp it next time. I hope you and your family are all pretty well. I had a mind to jump in the boat after you when you was going away. Good-bye, I will say more next time.

I remain, yours respectfully,

MARTHA TUNNICLIFF.

January 23rd, 1871.

TO MISS COYLE.

DEAR MISS COYLE,

It seemed very hard at first to leave you. I was very sea-sick, and the cribs we slept in was like orange-boxes. We had very good meals in the ship, hot rolls and butter, and either coffee or cocoa every morning. Sunday we had for dinner roast beef, potatoes, and plum pudding. We were thirteen days on the water, and we had a very stormy passage. Miss Rye's house is a very large building. I stayed there five weeks, and left before Christmas. I spent my Christmas very pleasantly. My Christmas dinner was roast beef, turkey, chickens, plum-pudding, potatoes, mincepies, raisins, nuts, candies, and gingerbreads, and my New Year's dinner the same. I like the place I am living in now very well. Mrs. Major Taylor said if Miss Rye won't let her keep me, will you send her out a truthful, honest, industrious girl? Elizabeth Ball would do if she would come; she would have a very happy home. The other girls that you gave the money and papers to have given it away. I was tempted, but I did not; and every one have given away their gospels and other little books except me. This is the coldest day we have had this winter. My mistress says that the thermometer stands twenty degrees below zero. There is good sleighs, the horses

flying round with bells on them. We burn wood and stoves instead of coal and grate, the fires are easier to light than coal. I am stoning raisins now; I have ten pounds. We are going to make plum-pudding to last us all the year round, and some nearly every Sunday. Perhaps I shall have to stone more. I wish you could have some. The Canadian plum-pudding is beautiful. I have scarcely anything to do, just to run an errand, make clothes for myself. I have another frock, three pinafores, two print and one cotton, and a pair of slippers, a new winter's hat, and another linen apron, and a cloud, and a Christmas present scarf and a shawl that cost two dollars, it is two hundred cents. I go to the Sunday-school and church. Please will you give Mary Ann Cook the valentine, and Elizabeth Ball and Emily Cory each one of the papers? Give my kind love to Mrs. Coyle, and tell her I thank her very much, and I hope she is very well. Receive my kind love, and give all the girls the same. I hope they will all be good girls, and give as little trouble as they can. I must now conclude, dear teachers, with affectionate love from

LAURA WARR.

August 5th, 1870.

TO MRS. GREATOREX, Matron, Bristol Union Workhouse.

We all got over the ocean very safe, and we did not have one storm, and I were sick for one day. I like it very well. As we were coming over we had very good food—more than we wanted. We had for Sunday tea and bread and butter for breakfast, and for dinner plum-pudding and roast meat and potatoes and bread. Please recommend my brother to Miss Rye, and please give him my kind love, and will you tell him not to fret about me? I have a very good home and a very good mistress, and I think if he come I shall be waiting for him, and there will be lots of ladies and gentle men. Please give my kind love to — and — and to Miss — and to the nurse of the infants, and receive the same yourself. I hope the next letter will be a little better. I was a shame to send this paper, only I remembered it would be waste of paper.

CHARLOTTE LAMPIN.

Port Stanley, April 7th, 1871.

DEAR MISS —,

I was very much pleased when I received your letter. I am glad you enjoyed your holiday. I have heard where my sister lives,

and have written to her this week. She lives at Mr. James Law, a farmer, only one son, at Thorald. I thought you had letters from all the girls that you had asked to write you, and I think it very ungrateful of them not to write to you. I am very glad to hear that you received a letter from M. A. Cambell. I am very sorry indeed to hear of the death of Mr. Greatorex. Give Miss Emma my kind love, and also Mrs. Greatorex and Master Eddy and Ronald. I have enjoyed the winter very much. It has not been very cold. There has not been very much snow. I believe there never is much snow just here, because we are so near the lake. Please give me the names of some of the girls who are coming out to Canada with Miss Rye, who you can best recommend, for a lady in Port Stanley wishes to get one—one who is kind and gentle to children. Dear Miss —, give my kind love to Miss Jane and to Mrs. —. I hope Mrs. — has been well this winter, as she generally has a cold. Give my love to Mr. Spring, and tell him I have not forgotten the sermon which he preached to us before we came to Canada. I hope Miss Bessell was pleased with my letter to her.

We have lately had a new library in the Sabbath school, and the books are very pretty ones. I hope Mrs. Greatorex is mistress of the house still. Give my kind love to the guardians. I will write to you as often as I can, and let you know how I am getting on. Please accept my kindest love; I must soon write to Mrs. —.

Please write to me as soon as you can, for the lady is anxious to hear about the girls.

I am, your affectionate and grateful friend,

J. STILLWELL.

Niagara, 29th March.

MY DEAR MISS WOODHEAD,

I was disappointed you did not write to me before, but hope you will do so this time. Miss Rye is going to England soon, and has kindly promised to take this little keepsake for you which Mr. Alma bought from a Squaw, and gave it to me. I hope you like it; he is so good to me, and I am so happy. I have a savings bank, and it is nearly full now. I have a great many birds to take care of; they are making their nests, and will soon have young ones. I had great fun at Christmas. I hung my stocking up in the hall, and Santa Claus filled it full of candy and other things. Miss Rye asked me to go up to the Home to dinner, and she had a Christmas tree there, full of candy. We had great fun, but some

of the girls eat so much plum-pudding they could not play. Lizzie Scofield, who was in your class, took sick, and died there; she gave me a nice book the last time I saw her. I am living with the same lady, who has given me a new dress and hat for the spring. It is getting warm now. I knit some stockings this winter, and now am knitting some summer ones for myself. I have plenty of things, and go to Sunday school every Sunday, and learn verses and catechism. I like it very much. Maggie Beard has left here, and gone to some other place. I hope she is as happy as I am. I have grown a good deal. I wore a fur cap and cloud in the cold weather and a warm sack. I walked out every day and went down to see them cutting the ice to fill their ice-houses for the summer. We had not much snow there. I hope Miss Rye will bring out some of the little girls. I know I would like to see them. I had a letter from my brother, and I wrote to him the other day. Tell Polly Mc-guirk to write to me. I wish I could send her some of my pretty things. Miss Alma brought me from Montreal a very pretty basket made by the Squaws. I hope you will write me when you get this. Give my love to all the little girls, and I remain, your affectionate little pupil,

MARY ANN COOK.

Niagara, 5th Sept.

MY DEAR MISS WOODHEAD,

As Miss Rye leaves here for England to-morrow, I will write to thank you for your nice presents and letter. I will try to be a good girl, and follow your advice. Please thank Mr. Birchell for his present of the nice little books he sent me. Most of the little girls who were your pupils have gone from here. I had a short letter from Maggie Beard; she is well and very happy. I am getting big now, and can do a great many things. Mrs. Alma says I am a very good girl; she let me go up to the Home on Saturday, and Miss Rye gave me a drive in her carriage. She has a nice garden and plenty of flowers. The Home looks very pretty with green blinds on it. Most all the girls have gone which Miss Rye brought out the last time. It is a good place for getting off children. Mrs. Alma wishes she would bring out some good big girls who could cook; we want one now.

We are going to have a Sunday-school picnic next week, and I am going to it. I had great fun last time. We go out in boats on the lake, and have swings, and play all day. I went in the lake last night to bathe—the lake Ontario—which you used to tell me about.

I do not know where any of the girls are who you enquire after. I am going to get my likeness taken, and I will send one to you the next time Miss Rye goes home, and will try to get something else from the falls of Niagara, where Miss Alma will take me if I am a good girl when she goes there. I wrote to my brother last winter, but he has not answered it. Please tell Mr. Birchall to ask him to write to me.

I got a present of a nice book from my Sabbath-school teacher. I get a good many presents; the people are all very good to me; your present of the necktie was very pretty, and everybody liked it. My birds all sing so nicely; we have twenty. I wish I could send you a box of peaches; they are very plentiful here, as well as plumbs. I will not forget you and all your good teaching. Please give my love to all the girls who I used to know, and do not forget to remember me to Mr. Birchall, and my best love to yourself.

I remain, your affectionate pupil,

MARY ANN COOK.

Bloomfield, Oct. 13th, 1870.

DEAR MR. BIRCHALL,

I commenced a letter to you a long time ago, but did not finish it, so it was never sent. I hope this letter will reach you before long. I want to let you know how I am getting on, and I would like you to let me know how all of the children are. I would like to see you all very much, and if you, Mr. Birchall, ever come to America, you must be sure to come to Bloomfield to see me. I have a very kind misses and master, and I love them both very much. I travelled all night from Canada to get here. Will you please to tell Miss Boardman that I forgot to bid her good-bye, because one of the girls told me she was off on her holiday, so I went off and did not see her; then when we were going on the ship she told me she had not gone, but was at the school, and I was so sorry not to see her before I left. I wish you would ask her to write to me, and I will answer it right away. Will you please send me my grandmother's directions, so I can write to her sometimes; give her my best love, and I hope she is well. Give my kind love to Mary Ann Law, and will you please send her next time with the other children to Canada? And I want to tell you that I gained six pounds in three weeks, and I weigh fifty-eight pounds and a-half. Now I must tell you something of Bloomfield. My master lives in a nice large house, and he has four children living; two are married, two are home; a son and daughter married, and a son and daughter

home; his son is keeping house a little ways from here. My master has carriages and four horses, pigs, and chickens, and carts. We have got a large mill, where they grind flour, a lot of pigeons, and I have got two little kittens, so cunning and so pretty, one little black one and one little yellow one. I had such a nice ride the other day; I was gone most of the afternoon, and had such a nice time. I go to meeting every Sunday afternoon, not very far from here. There are lots of apple-trees, and pear-trees, and walnut-trees. I gather walnuts every day, then in the winter we will eat them. I study my lessons every day, and knit. I am studying geography. I am knitting a pair of stockings for myself for winter. My misses has made me a new dress, a nice new one, and a nice new hat she gave me; she is going to make me a new apron when she has time. They are building such a large paper-mill below us; they are making it of brick.

ELIZABETH CHESTWORTH.

In care of J. W. Potter, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

CHILDREN FROM BATH ORPHANAGE.

St. Catherine's, Dec. 21st.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

I suppose you have been expecting a letter from me. By this time you will have lost a great many of your children. They are growing less and less every time one is taken from you, so you have not got so-much trouble to count such a lot. Please will you tell me where Alice is gone? Send me her address Please; or as she not gone yet? I hope she will be happy wherever she goes. I like my home very much. I go to Mr. Burson's church, and to his Sunday school. I learn Church catechism, a hymn, and some passages of Scripture. I like to go to Sunday school very much; indeed, I like everything, it is all so pleasant hear. I am getting to know a great deal about the town; Mrs. Burson sends me for a great many messages, and I take the little boy I have to nurse out to different places. Please, Miss Rye, will you come and see us as soon as you can, I should so like to see you.

I suppose the matron is gone home by this time. I am shure the children were very sorry to leave her. When you write to her, will

you give my love to her please? I hope you are quite well, and all the children; we are all well in this house, and I hope they are all well in your house. I think I must say good-night, as I am getting sleepy.

I remain your sincere friend,
SARAH MARIA TALBOT.

BRISTOL WORKHOUSE.

MY DEAR MRS. RYE,

Daines.

I am getting well, and I like my home very well, and I am very happy, and if you please will you be so kind as to let me know wear my sister Matilda has gone; my mistress has bought me a great deal of clother; my eyes are very bad, and I cannot go out, and I am taking medicine and powders.

ELIZA TAYLOR.

Jan. 23rd, 1871.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I was very happy after I left you. I told Jane and Harry that you sent them your kind love. I am very glad you sent me into the hands of such kind and good people. I spent a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I had for my Christmas dinner roast beef, turkey, and chickens, and vegetables, plum pudding, mince pies, raisins, nuts, and candies. I left Mrs. Nellis becaus she thought Mrs. Taylor could teach me better, and if I will learn I shall get on rapidly; it is a very large fine house, something like a mansion, and very kind is my missess and master; but I am going to tell you a sad thing. Emily is a very bad girl, she tells lies to her Mistress and Master; she dips her fingers into jams and pies, and things that do not belong to her; she makes faces behind their back, and then tells another lie afterwards; she said that she dosen't like being in Canada, and that she would rather be with her aunt in Halifax, were she can get plum pudding every Sunday. I should like staying here if you would send another to Mrs. Potter. Missess told me that you would come to pay us a visit soon. I am so glad, for I won't have a chance to come and see you; receive my kind love, and give the same to Miss Alloway and the servants, with affectionate love from

LAURA WARR.

MISS RYE,

I am glad to tell you I have a good Home, and I hope my dear sisters will have as good a Home as I have, my (m)amma would like have them near to me, so that I could see them sometimes. My mama and dada is very kind to me. Please write and tell me where my sisters is.

MARY ANN BENNETT.

CLEVEDON.

Feb. 1st.

DEAR MADAM,

I now write these few lines to you, letting you know that I am quite satisfied with my place, and I have seen Emily's mistres since I have been hear, and Emily is coming over to see me the next time Mr. Lemman comes. I suppose you thought I had forgotten all of you. Give my duty to Miss Alloway. I have had two or three sleigh rides since I have been hear. We sleigh ride to church every Sunday. Dear Miss Rye, I am very fond of my misses and master, they are so very kind to me, and my bedroom is very comfortable, and all carpeted. I hope the baby is quite well.

So no more at present.

JANE BRIKSEY.

CHICHESTER WORKHOUSE.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I now take the pleasure of writing to you to tell you that I am well and comfortable. Mrs. Gourley is a good mother, and Mr. Gourley is a good father, and they are all good and kind to me; this is the best home I have had for many a long day. I have learnt many things since I have been here. I am learning to cook, and bake, and iron. I now find that this place is like what you told me, it is a nice and comfortable place, and Jane Cunner is gone back again; I am very sorry, because she lived very near me, but I hope the next time she is put into a good and comfortable place, as this was from which she is gone away, she will stay. There is a lot of

the girls lives near me, and two of them goes to the presbyterian Sunday school, those two girls that lives with the two Mrs.'s Jeffries, Selina Newbold and Mary E. McCabe, they are in the same school as I am, and in the same class. How is the cook, and the nurse, and Polly Standen, and Jane Brixy? I hope they are all well and happy. Tell them I send my kind love to them. And how many is there left that came out with me? I guess there is but a few who helps the cook now I am gone. Dear Miss Rye, I thank you for getting me such a good home, and I thank Miss Alloway to, for she helped to get it for me. Have all the boys got homes yet? I have heard that my brother as got a home, but I have not seen him or heard from him. Please Miss Rye would you tell me where he is gone; is he in St. Catherine's? Would you please to tell me the name of the place he is gone to, and the name of his master, and the church, and the minister, and what work does he do? Did he cry much after I went away? I know I don't feel quite so happy as I should feel if I knew where he was and hear from him. Did you ever hear him speak of me while he was there? How long ago as he been at his home? I hope he as got such a good home as I have. I guess there is not many that have got such a good home as I have. Is Miss Alloway gone to England yet? How is the little baby? Have you got her yet? If I don't stay here I guess I sha'n't get another one like it. Have you had any snow in Niagara? we have had some. I give my best love to you. Please don't forget to write and tell me about my brother.

I remain yours truly,

ANNIE McMASTER.

ST. GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE.

Fonthill, Jan. 9th, 1871.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I wright these few lines to you, hoping to find you quite well. I like to be hear very well, and they are all kind to me that is here, and is Miss Alaway quite well, and please give my love to all the girls, are they all quite well? And I go to Sunday schooll every Sunday, and I have every thing I want, and there is a girl lives close to here, her name is Elizebeth Hodge, and I hope I will have some more live closer to me; and how did you spend your christmas with the girls? I had a very happy one, and I hope you did also, and are you goying back to England once more, and wish you could bring my brothers

here if you could, for I would like them to be here were I am also. I thank you very much for bringing me over here, and I thank you for your kindness to me while I was with you, so no more at present.

Yours affectionately,

MARY J. ALLISON.

Drummondville, February 13th, 1871.

DEAR MISS RYE,

Perhaps this short letter from me will surprise you, But I feel anxious to let you know that I am quite well at present, and enjoying myself very much, and I am very much pleased with my home, and they are all very kind to me, and I am going to school, and I am taking lessons on the piano, now don't you think that is nice? I promised Mr. Badly I would write to him, and I have keep my promis. I wrote to him about three weeks ago, and I promised I would write to you, and this is keeping my promis good, and I hope you are well, and have you got homes for all the girls yet? and I want to let you know that I was out yesterday and got my likeness taken; my name now is Carrie Pew instead of Mary O'Keefe. I have lots of fun here. I feed the chickens and turkeys, we have rosted turkeys and plenty of apples, and plenty of every thing. We have some splendid horses, and I have riden some of them, as well as haveing sleigh rides and buggy rides. We live in a larg house, and a nice pine and cedar grove in front, and we have a nice pond to slide on; you must call and see me when you come up this way. It is near ten o'clock, and I must bid you good night,

and believe me to be ever

Your Friend,

CARRIE PEW.

P.S.—Please answer this letter.

ST. GILES' REFUGE.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I now Write these few lines to you, hoping you are in good healt, as I am myself. I am going to tell you how I enjoyed myself on Christmas at my new home. We had every thing that we wanted that was beautifull at the dinner table, and at the tea table also

we had Cakes and Candy, and Cherries and Bread and Butter, and every thing that we wanted. Dear Miss Rye, I am very glad to tell you that my Mistress and Mastres has been very kind to me, and if I am a good girl they will like me better, and I am very glad to tell you that my Mistress told me and her little boy to put a plate up stairs, and in the Morning we would find a plate full of Candy and Cakes, and I had a new apron, and her little boy a pare of pants. Dear Miss Rye, the reason I didn't write was because my Mistress wanted to see how we got along with one another. I am going to tell you that Miss L. Winton and my Mother wrote to me before Christmas, and they are quite well. I have no more to say at present, so I must Conclud with kind love, I remain,

Your loving Child,

M. A. REYNOLDS.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I Now take my pen in hand to tell you that my Mistress and Master has been very kind to me. Dear Miss Rye, I thank you and Miss Hollaway for all your kindness to me, and I am very glad to tell you that we have every thing that we want. Dear Miss Rye, I am very glad to tell you that I like the place very much indeed, and I am very happy. Dear Miss Rye, I am very glad to tell you my Mistresses daughter is very kind to me, and I like her very much indeed. Dear Miss Rye, please give my kindest love to Miss Hollaway and the servants. Dear Miss Rye, I have very interesting book to read on Sunday, and I am very glad to tell you that my Mistress talks to me about how kind God has been to us. Dear Miss Rye, I hope that you will get back to England safe that as so you may bring the others. Dear Miss Rye, I have know more to say at present, so I must conclude with kind love.

I remain your loving servant,

M. A. REYNOLDS.

KIRKDALE.

St. Catherin's, Feb. 14th.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I write these few lines to you to ask you would you plase tell me were my sisters is, for if you would I would much a blaise to you, inded. Dear Miss Rye, would you tell me were Jane Tatlock is, and how she his, for I like to know, and Mary E. McCabe and Annie

McMaster send there kind love to you, and I ham verry glad that you have got me such a good place, for I very happle inded, and I would like to see my sister if I could get to see her, but I don't think I could. Dear Miss Rye, are you quite well, for I like to know, becourd I heard that you was very sick inded, and are you quite well now? I hope you are. Dear Miss Rye, have you brote any more out of our school, for if you have would you tell me, for I like to know very much inded, so I have no more times write any more, so this is all I write. So no more from

Your affectanet Scoolar,

SELINA NEWBOLD.

So good night and god blest you.

September 28th, 1870.

MISS RYE,

I like my place very well, and my master and mistress is very kind to me, and a lady made one of my dresses over again, and I thank you for your kindness, and I hope you are getting on very well as I am myself. I hope you will bring out another lot from Bristol, some bigger than myself and older, and please when you go back give my kind love to all that is there, and the master is buying me cloths, and the missess is making them. Please tell me how the others are geting on. This place is a very nice one, And Eliza, the oldes, do play with me, and Lena, the youngest, do try to play too, but she must not go out when it is wet. I am sorry to say that I have done one think that is wrong, that was, I disobeyd the master.

from one that you brought out of England,

MARY JANE HAYNES.

Please to derect your letter,

Homer post office.

I forgot to tell you that me and liza goes to church and Sunday school.

September the 4, 1870, Gainsborough.

MISS RYE,

I take this opertunity to wright a few lines to you to know that I am well, hoping these few lines will find you injoying the same kind blessing of God, and that I like to staye here, and I lerant to

milk and to do a good many other things, and I have plenty to eat, and all kinds of fruit, and I owe you my best respects for fetching me here, and I have had two new dresses and two new aprons, and I like Mr. and Mrs. Garner, and we have not heard anything of my box and clothes yet, and I would like to know when it will come, and I send my best respects to Mary Ann Cook and all the rest of my schoolmates, and I hope they have all got as good a home as I have got. No more at present, but remain yours,

LILLY NEIL.

Direct your letter to Mr. John Garner, Gainsborough, Welland port, post officie.

[*New Jersey*] *Union Farm, February 7th, 1870.*

I now write these few lines to tell you that I like my place very much, and my mistress is very kind to me and gives me all I want, and it is a very nice place indeed, and I only got there on Saturday morning at 2 o'clock, and I was very glad to get there, and would you please tell me how you are getting on, and I like to know how the children are getting on, and would you please tell me how Mrs. — is getting on, for I like to know very much, and how [her] two children are, and I hope they are quite Well, and I hope all is well, and would tell me how Catherine Travis is, for I like to know very much how she [is getting] on, and I like to know how you are getting on, Lucy, and would please tell Priscilla Elliott that I will soon send her a Letter soon, and I send my kind love to Priscilla Elliott, and Mary Hodson, and Louisa Burden; and would you please tell me how George is getting on, for I like to know very much—and I thank him very much for carrying my box over . . . and I send my kind love to you, and I very happy and am very sorry to that I cannot write any better, for it is my first time in writing a letter to you, and write it all myself and am going to put a few verses in this letter, it is about it is well.

'TIS WELL.

Beloved, "it is well,"
God's ways are always right;
And perfect love is o'er them all,
Though Far above our Sight. 1 verse.

Beloved, "it is well,"
Though deep and sore the smart,
The hand that wounds knows how to
bind And heal the broken heart. 2 verse.

Beloved, "it is well,"
Tho' sorrow cloud our way,
'Twill only make the joy more dear
That usher in the day.

So no more from your effectuate

MARTHA SINCLAIR.

Niahgra, Canada.

Milton, November 20th, 1870.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

I now take the pleasure of wrighting to you these few lines to hoping to find you in good helth as it leves me in present. My dear Miss, I tell you that I have goot A good place, some poor orphants as not got such a good place as I have got, and will you send us our clouths? All the people are very kind to us, and we are getting on very well. My dear Miss, I heard that you have been very ill since we left, and I heard all so that you have brought another lot of girls over to canada. I will not wright no more at present, but you shall get a-nother letter very soon, so no more from

Your affectionet scolar,

Love letter.

LUCY FLETCHER.

Canfield, February 4th, 1870.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I now take the opportunity of writing you a few lines. We received your kind letter on the 3rd, and was glad to hear from you. I am well and in good health as this letter leaves me at present, hoping that it may find you the same. As regards the book, I gave Margaret Carr a pitcher for the book, and will you please ask Margaret Carr about it; will you please ask Lucy James and Eliza Viliards about it, and I hope Lucy is getting on very well, and when you write please let me know how Louisa Burden is, and I like my home very well, and they are all very kind to me, and sister and I could not be better treated than what I am, and that I would rather be hear than with my own sisters, and I think that their is no better home about Canada than what it is, and my mamma treats me and my sister as if we were her own children.

EMILY CLAYTON, AND LOUISA CLAYTON.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I hope you are quite well as it leaves me at present. Mrs. and Mr. Jenkinson are very kind to me, and I like the(m) very much. Please will you bring my brother next time, Joseph Richards, Industrail Schools, Kirkdale, Liverpool? I could get him a place near me. Be sure, Miss Rye, that you bring him. I send my kind love to all the children. Please to answer this before you go, and this is my address :—Thorold, Ontario.

I remain, dear Miss Rye, yours truly,

MARY RICHARDS.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I send my kind love to you, and I send my kind love to [the cook], and did you get a letter from my grandfather, and if you get it, pleas send it to me, dear miss rye. I am well; Misses McCall likes me very well, and please if you are ner culke house, send my dress and stokens, and I send my love to Eliza that is in the kitchen, poley, and Jane, and I send my love to that lady that is with you, and have you got meny of the girls a way?

ELIZABETH JACKSON.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I am very well, and I hope you are so to, and I thank God for it. I arrived at Mrs. McKendsey's save, and I was treated very kindly while I was in the train, and Mr. and Mrs. McKendsey is very well, and they are very kind and good to me, and I am very happy, and I hope you are happy, and I hope the children are very well, and I hope Lucy James is getting on very well, and the cook, and please, Miss Rye, if you have heard from my unele, will you please to let me know, for I only wish I could hear from him, I would be very glad. And please let all my friends know, you no who I mean, all the children, that I am very well and in good health. I hope you spent a good Christmas, and had a happy New Year's Day. I hope you spent both well, and I hope the children did to. I know you have got shut of some more since I left. I hope babby is getting on, and I hope Charlotte Smith is a better girl, and I am very thankfull to you, Miss Rye, for bringing

me to Niagara, for if it had not been for you I would not have been where I am now, and I am in a good home, and I am very well feed and kindly treated, and Mr. and Mrs. McKendsey and myself are very well and happy. So no more from your scholar,

SARAH ANN MOSELEY.

Bloomfield, Feb. 14th, 1871.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

I have been thinking about writing to you for some time, and hope to-day I will make it out. I want to let you know how I am. I am very well, and am getting on very nicely for the first time. I hope I will do better day by day. I can milk and wash some of the clothes every Monday. I wash the dishes, and make some beds every morning, and every Saturday I clean the kitchen, laundry, pantry, cellar steps, and F verandar. Miss Annie Potter and I polish the range. Every Sunday I go to the chapel, we have service there and Sunday school. I am going to take two new scholars next Sunday. Its name is the Memorial Chapel. And, Miss Rye, I am sorry to hear Lizzie Taylor was not liked by her mistress for having such a bad temper, so has lost her place, tell me whether she is with you now or not. Jane Taylor and I have been writing to each other. I have not heard from her since Lizzie left her place.

Miss Rye, will you please tell me if you have brought out Mary Ann Law, and where she is now; also where Lizzie Pope is living? Will you please send me Mr. Birchall's directions? I have written to him, and have not received an answer. When you go to England for some more children, will you please give this note to Mr. Birchall?

We have had a great deal of snow so far this winter. Sunday it snowed all day, and cleared off at night; the next morning the snow plows were out; this morning it commenced again, and kept on all day. I think it is clearing off. I often think of the time I left you all and came to New York. I do not know whether you ever heard about my coming or not; when I got to N. Y. there must have been some mistake about the express, for I was out on the street walking along, when I was picked up by one policeman and put in a cab, taken out of that and put in another, and was driven to Mr. Ward's office, waited there for a little while, when Mr. Potter came, and we all went to Bloomfield. I must stop

writing, and will you answer this letter as soon as you can? I will write a note for Mr. Birchall, and will you please give it him when you see him? Direct care J. H. Potter, Bloomfield, N. Y.

ELIZEBETH CHESWORTH.

READING WORKHOUSE.

SARAH RIDGWAY, at Mrs. Wetherell's,

Court-street, St. Cathrians.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

I now sit to write a few lines to you, hopping they will find you in good health, as thank God it leaves me at present. I have a very kind Mistress and Master, and they are very kind to Me. Dear Miss Rye, I hope you spent a merry Christmas and a happy new year, as I did myself. Give my kind love to Mary Jane and to Ellen, and tell them that I am quite well. Will you Please to send me my Sister's address, and will you let me know how she is, and if she has kept her place? There was a ladys tea party, and I went to it, and I had to hand the things round the table, and there was dancing and Playing, and after all the things off the Christmass tree was given out. I had a little mat and a book-mark. I go to the Sunday School every Sunday afternoon. I like St. Cathrians better than Niagara. When you write, let me know how my sister is. I have three lessons when I go to the School on Sunday, and I like it very well. So good-bye, and God bless you all.

I remain, your obeient servant,

SARAH RIDGWAY.

Write back by return of Post. Tell Mary Jane I will write to her next. Give my kind love to Carry Warne, and let me know how she is.

WOLVERHAMPTON WORKHOUSE.

MY DEAR MISS RYE,

Ii have not for got My promisd to write, so I send this in Mrs. Owen's letter. My hands are better, hand My face is nearly well, I like it very well hear. I help the house Maid. I don't go to

school, but I have lessons at home, and I am going to Church and Sunday school every sunday, and Maria lives very near, so I can see her often, and I shall see the others on sunday. When I can write better I will write again. I hope you will come and see me next year. I am very happy. Thank you for ben so kind to me, and

I remain yours gratefully,

ELIZABETH DUNKLEY.

Allenburgh, January 15.

MISS RYE,

DEAR FRIEND,—I now take up my pen to write you a few lines to you, hoping to find you in good health, as it leaves me at present, and I am very glad to tell you that I have got a very good home, and I have now beening going to school for a week, and I like the school master very much, and my Mistress and Master they are both very good to me, and I like them very much indeed, and I have half of every [thing] they have themselves, and I like my home very much, and I am very happy, and there is a nother girl at the same place with me, and I like her very much, and I find this country very much colder than england, and give my love to Ms. halway, and I have no more to say at present, so good-bye.

Your great full friend,

CATHERINE KELLY.

Child S. E. Harding, aged 14, was picked up from London streets. She had been living with two others (one a baby of three months) all alone, in a room in Whitechapel.

September 8th, 1870.

SARAH EDITH HARDING, at Rev. John Murray,
Grimsby, Canada West.

DEAR MISS RYE,

I write hoping to find you better, as we heard in the paper that you were very sick, and how is the dear baby, and is she gone? Please would you send me my brother's address, so I may write to him? I am getting stronger, and I like my place very well. How are all the girls? Would you write and tell me if the baby as gone; if she is, will you tell me what place? Mrs. Murray is very kind to me. I often wish I was back in England again; I wish I could go back. I have no more to say, so will you write and tell me all I ask you?

S. E. HARDING.