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The Ability to Think.

"Words are but things,
And a small drop of ink,
Falling like dew upon a plant,
Produces that which makes
Ten thousand, yes, millions think."

Thought is essential to success in all concerns of life. The successful merchant, financier and student make methodical thought precede action. It is the chief characteristic of superior intelligence. The savage and illiterate class act upon the impulse of passion, whether that impulse originates in affection or anger. The gratification of a desire, or the execution of scheme, born of a momentary passion, consumes their mind for the time being. No thought is given to the probable result, or the consequences of a failure. Intellectual strength which accomplishes more than physical power, is the result of independent thought. It insures a victory in the conflicts for supremacy. It overcomes obstacles in the paths of art and science. Patient, devoted thought has solved questions that bestowed incalculable blessings upon mankind. All the discoveries and inventions of scientists were the results of much thinking,—of a tenacity of thought, with a single object in view. In the pursuit of knowledge, of whatever nature, independent thought must form the basis of action to ensure success. This emphasizes the duties of teachers. They impart instruction, illustrate obscure or difficult questions and then sit in critical judgment upon the pupils' efforts in expressing ideas called knowledge. This is a part of the teacher's work, but the most important part may not be included. Sound independent thought must govern the whole work. In short, teachers must teach their pupils to think. With any class of children this essential to success is not easily obtained. With deaf pupils

it is a difficult task to accomplish. They are disposed to superficial and irrelevant thinking. How is much more convenient to their mental efforts than *why*. To lead a deaf child out of this state of dependency, and beget a strength of mind that is created and sustained by concentrated thought is a part of the teacher's work, with deaf children, that no one without experience in that work can estimate the importance of.

The Test Will Case.

Prof. Coleman returned on Saturday the 28th ult., from his trip to Chatham, where he went to interpret evidence in a test will case tried there. The particulars are as follows: In the White family at Chatham there were five deaf mutes—four boys and one girl. A short time ago the girl died, leaving all her money, some \$1,600, to a nephew and a niece. The four brothers instituted a suit to set aside the will on the alleged ground of the inability of the deceased to make a will, and of undue influence. The case lasted two days, and was tried in Chambers, Judge Bell presiding. The decision of the learned judge sustained the validity of the will. Mr. Coleman had some difficulty in interpreting the evidence of one witness who had never received any education.

Our always welcome contemporary, "The Silent World," has changed both its form and its name. It now comes to hand as a handsome well-edited eight page paper with an entirely new dress, and will hereafter be known as "The Mt. Arty World." The name was changed because there were so many other "silent" papers that confusion often resulted. But with its change of name goes no change of disposition and "The Mt. Arty World" will be as uncompromising an advocate of oralism as was "The Silent World."

Missouri has four schools for the deaf and yet according to the statistics of the state association of the deaf, there are 600 deaf-mutes of school age who are growing up uneducated. *Deaf Mute Register*

If this be so Missouri must have a remarkably large proportion of deaf-mutes. One of the schools in that state has over three hundred pupils in attendance, and allowing a much smaller attendance for each of the other schools, and add the 600 not attending any school and the aggregate would be at least 1400 mutes of school age in that state. This is more than double the proportion of mutes in Ontario.

The October issue of *The Annals* is quite up to the standard. The contents include "The Psychology of Childhood," by Wm. G. Jenkins, M. A., "Examinations," by Geo. H. Putnam, "An Outline of Primary Language Work, Part 3," by Anna C. Hurd, "How to Increase the Intelligence of Our Pupils," by Philip A. Emery, M. A., "The Fourteenth Convention," by the Editor, and several other articles of interest and value. Beginning with 1896, *The Annals* will be issued bi-monthly.

His Little Joke.

Attorney George Knight and an acquaintance were walking slowly along one of the streets of the Western Addition.

"There is some of the most curious architecture in this town that I ever saw in my life," remarked Mr. Knight. "Now look at that building over there," indicating a tall structure with a steeple. "Any one but a confirmed idiot would think that was a church."

"Oh, I don't know," remarked his friend. "It looks like a public school to me. What is it?"

"It's a church of course," and Knight gazed pityingly at his friend, as it searched for other symptoms of idiocy.—*San Francisco Post.*

WINNIPEG ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent

Being asked by several why I don't furnish you with some items concerning the doings of the 'Silent Talk' of this city and county, that you have been furnished with news from nearly every quarter, whenever your old pupils have been scattered, I think it will not be out of place to apologise on my part to send you my quota.

Many changes have taken place in this city within the brief period of one year especially amongst the deaf community, but you, no doubt, have heard the real cause so often that it is unnecessary to repeat it any more. Once Winnipeg boasted of being the possessor of some of your brightest old pupils, and all of them holding remunerative positions. But truly pride goeth before a fall, for a good half of them had to come down and out of their high perches, and seek more congenial quarters before the smoke and turmoil of the typographical revolution, which was brought about by the introduction of the type setting machine.

Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Duncan have shaken the dirt of this country from off their shoes altogether and returned to Toronto and Stratford, respectively, while Mr. Laddy finds himself landed in a weekly newspaper office, having come to the conclusion, after losing his "sit," that this country was as good as any other in which to try and climb up again for "rolling stones never gather any moss." The removal of "Jim" and "Angus," as they were familiarly called here, has caused an irreparable gap, because Jim was very popular with the "boys" and the ladies will excuse me if I say with the girls also, while Angus, with his dignified though unassuming disposition and noble condescension, won for him the affection and respect of all with whom he came in contact.

We are enjoying the beautiful weather of an Indian summer here yet, and the farmers who have reaped one of the most bountiful harvests this year ever known in the history of Manitoba, "according to the oldest inhabitant," are nearly all through with their harvest operations by this time, but, of course, to do this they had to get a good deal of help from Ontario, the C. P. R. having brought in thousands of farm laborers, amongst whom were quite a sprinkling of deaf mutes. However, so far, I have not been able to ascertain all their names, but conspicuous among them were the celebrated McKenzie brothers—Rodrick, John and Kenneth. The writer was a school mate of Rodrick's in the late Prof. Greene's class in '79, and not having met for nigh twelve years we will certainly "condescend" to have a night with "burns" for Auld Lang Syne, if we happen to meet in the city.

We were sorry to learn that our dear old teacher of 1880 to Miss S. Templeton was "submerged" in Lake Muskoka.—Mr. Nurse must be quite busy this season filling orders for "leather medals" for the rescuers.

Mr. A. Munro, an old pupil of your school, is doing well here at shoe making, he having learned his trade under Mr. M. O. Smith, a skillful gentleman who graduated from Copenhagen, Denmark, with a diploma.

Miss Eunice Pettypiece, of the Hudson Bay Company's dressmaking department, has been away at her home in Hartney all summer, but she is expected back to the city soon to resume her duties.

Miss Mary Pettypiece, who is doing very well as a tailress in the city, is contemplating taking several months holidays soon, which she will spend at her home in Hartney, and perhaps visit old friends and relations in her former home in Wingham, Huron Co., Ont.

Mr. Gardner, a graduate of the Halifax school, and who is well and favorably known in Toronto, having lived here for some years, has a steady situation in this city at Mr. Murray's planing mills and makes good wages.

Mr. Neil Calder, better known during his scholastic career as "Old King Catewago," is doing splendidly on his farm of 160 acres, within 10 miles of Carman, one of the most beautiful localities in Manitoba. He intends visiting his old home in Ontario during the Christmas holidays to enjoy a well earned rest, and Old Dame Nature has it that he does not intend to return again—at least not singly.

His daily prayers, for better understood in acts than words, was simply doing good.—*Whittier.*

A September Afternoon

I sit at one on a garden seat,
Under the hickory trees,
A little bird calling sweet sweet
In a quaint old minor key—

The crickets chirp in the after noon,
A myrtle bird-like strain,
And the old toils over the garden
Tugging his wheelbarrow.

His subterranean house and store
With its galleries all complete
Its tiny cells, and its forsythia floor
Its secret vaults, and its guarded door
Are here beneath my feet.

And strange it sounds among the corn,
In loam, creosote and chime,
To hear the locust's strident horn
As in old harvest time.

For now the squirrel stuffs his cheek
With nuts as I scribble brown
And stops and sniffs in squirrel track
As he comes scurrying down.

And all the still September air,
Is sunny as in June,
But the leaves fall here and the leaves
And the signs of Autumn are everywhere
And the year is in its afternoon.

K. S. McE., in *Book*

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Mrs. Jno. Flynn, nee Miss Brown, is visiting her parents in Lindsay.

The late C. J. Howe left a net worth of some fifteen thousand dollars, and a value of \$750,000.

The work of holding meetings on Wednesday evening was resumed on the 25th ult. It has been proposed to hold Bible class meetings at both places successively each week.

We often hear complaints because we do not get the CANADIAN MUTE during the summer, but our friends must understand it is not issued during holidays while the Institute is closed.

The books, pictures and other belongings of the late C. J. Howe were thoughtfully distributed among the associates of deceased. Mrs. Howe's parents will not long survive her.

Mr. Joseph Cook, of the Manitoba Institution, during the summer was at the house of your correspondent. He has now a close likeness to Mr. Deane, our popular Belleville teacher.

The deaf friends of Miss Bull were glad that they saw so little of her during the holidays.

Miss Lotta Henry has not yet returned home from Chicago. We expect her long ago.

Mr. R. P. Vanlauren was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Balis, in their visit here, soon won many friends. Mrs. B. is a handsome and talented woman. We congratulate the Institute in securing such teachers of ability.

Mr. James Duncan returned home on the 1st inst., after spending a few days in this city. Mr. Duncan would thank his friends for kindness shown him. His latest game of checkers with Mr. Mundle, resulted as follows: Mr. Duncan, 69, Mr. Mundle, 61, won 2 draws.

Mr. McIntosh, correspondent for the *Silent Echo*, frequently makes his home a call. They enjoy a chat with him.

Mr. R. C. Slater, instead of returning home last week, has changed his plans and gone to Prince Albert to see his brother John. We expect he is having a fine time roasting the prairie with his gun. We may look for a long account of his travels in the next issue.

The baptism of four babies of deaf-mute parents, by Dr. McTavish, took place on Friday, the 11th inst.

The Massey & Harris shops are closed for repairs. J. H. Mason and family have gone to Harriston to spend a month's vacation.

Mr. N. Smith has returned home from New York. He says he is improving fast. We hope he will soon be able to conduct service, though poor as it does not hinder him from a long way to visit his silent class, when he is home.

On the 13th inst., another meeting for the deaf will be opened in the St. Y. M. C. A., at 10 o'clock on the mornings. Mr. Charles Elliot and others will conduct service.

Mr. R. Hoy, of Avonlea, has been seen measuring from 12 to 13 ft. tall, and peas as long as 1 1/2 ft. He would like to know if any deaf-mute could beat this record.

A peculiar incident occurred in connection with the late Charles Howe's death. A friend of Charles expected to visit him shortly and not being able to get away from him, wrote to Mr. W. A. Mason and remarked, "Is he dead?" Those words only proved too true. Charles was buried the day on which the letter was received.