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Second.—To furnish interesting matter for and encourage a habit of reading among our pupils and deaf mute subscribers.

Third.—To be a medium of communication between the school and parents, and friends of pupils, now in the Institution, the hundreds who were pupils at one time or other in the past, and all who are interested in the education and instruction of the deaf of our land.

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### Close of the Session.

With almost incredible swiftness another session has glided by, and when this issue of THE CANADIAN MUTE reaches our readers the school will have closed and all of the pupils, we trust, will have arrived safe at home. The session has been marked by the same earnest effort and faithful devotion to duty, by both the staff and the pupils, that has characterized its predecessors, and the results obtained, we hope and believe, have been at least a little better than in any previous session, for thus only can we hope to retain our place in the vanguard of progress. The pupils have been favored with excellent health, there having been but very few cases of illness and only one of a serious character, and in every instance good recoveries were made. A few pupils had the mumps during the winter but by assiduous care and watchfulness a general epidemic was prevented. The staff, however, did not escape as well as the pupils; in fact on the officers and teachers this has been one of the hardest sessions for many years. Last year the whole staff combined did not lose two weeks from illness. This season quite a number of them were laid off for shorter or longer periods, and death removed one of our oldest and most faithful teachers. This has been the first break in our staff for many years and has made the closing of the present term a memorably sad one. But while mourning for the one that has gone we are thankful that all the others and all of the pupils have been spared. And now those who, during the past nine months, formed our united and happy family, are scattered to all parts of the Province, and we wish everyone of them—officers, teachers and pupils—a most pleasant and happy holiday, and a safe return next fall. And yet once again in our retrospective view of the

session we must express, in the strongest possible terms, our appreciation and commendation of the behaviour of the pupils during the session. There has not been a single serious breach of conduct during the term, and the cases of minor disobedience or misconduct have been very few and unimportant; and year by year we are pleased to see a constant improvement in this respect. We are quite confident that in no other school in the Province could be found an equal number of children, gathered from every condition in life and grade in society, that could even approximately equal ours in their almost uniform courtesy, obedience and general good conduct, or in their steady application, earnest endeavor and unflagging zeal to advance themselves both in knowledge and in the amenities of life. As usual, a number of our pupils, having completed their course here, will not return again. To these we extend our best wishes for a happy and prosperous career; and hope and feel confident that by their success in whatever trade or vocation they may choose, they will do credit to their alma mater, and, what is yet more important, that by nobility of character, by uprightness of conduct, by the beauty of goodness and by the manifold virtues of a godly life, they will exemplify all their lives the lessons that have been taught and the moral precepts and spiritual truths that have been inculcated here.

### Work of the Session.

Our written examinations began this session on May 27th and continued throughout the week, and the results indicated that the closing session at least equalled any previous term in the thoroughness of the work done and in the advancement made and the attainments acquired by the pupils. These papers will all be sent home in the pupils' trunks and we hope their parents will carefully look over them, as they indicate very fully the scope of the work done in the various classes and to what extent each pupil has mastered that work.

Our official examiner this year was Mr. Duncan Walker, Inspector of Public Schools for the town of Peterborough. What impression he formed of us will be seen by the remarks he made in the chapel and will be further indicated by his report to the government; but it is quite certain that all here formed a most favorable impression of him. This was his first acquaintance with deaf and they seemed at once to have aroused his sympathetic interest, and, before he parted from them, his affectionate regard; and this feeling was fully reciprocated by them. He seemed to quickly gain an insight into the deaf mind, and to perceive the difficulty they have in acquiring facility in the use of language, and by his tact, his urbanity and his evident interest in his work he quickly won their confidence and good will. He began his inspection on the 29th of May and finished on June 1th, during which time he made a careful examination of every class, and saw everything in and about the buildings and as far as possible entered into the daily life of the pupils, which he saw in all its various phases.

On Tuesday afternoon all assembled in the chapel to bid Mr. Walker good-bye and to hear any remarks he wished to make. Superintendent Mathison expressed the pleasure all felt in making his acquaintance and the liking we had all conceived for him, and hoped that he also had formed a favorable impression of us. He himself was convinced, from his daily visit to the classrooms, that every teacher and nearly every pupil had done his or her utmost and the results were very gratifying.

Mr. Walker said that there was just

one thing which he was not pleased about, and that was that his visit here had come to an end, for it had been an exceedingly pleasant and interesting visit to him. To had come to the Institution expecting great things and he had not been disappointed. Mr. Mathison had said in a joocular way that they had tried to hide all their faults from him, but he did not think they could do this to any great extent because he did not think that they had many faults to conceal. Moreover, it would be pretty hard to fool a man who had under his charge some 1800 pupils with whom he was in constant association as inspector. From the lowest to the highest class in the Institution he had been pleased with the work done. He had found the pupils diligent in the class rooms, earnest in their efforts and they had succeeded admirably in their work. Of course they were not perfect, if they were there would be nothing more for them to learn and there would be no need for them to come to school. So long as we live we must continue to learn and that implied present imperfection. The conduct of the pupils in the class-room, their great industry and zeal and their evident affection for and confidence in their teachers proved that they knew what they came to school for and were fully resolved to utilize their opportunities; and from what he could see he must say that they had a class of pupils of whom Mr. Mathison and the teachers might well be proud. He could also say that judging from the work done in the classes, from the evident interest they took in their work and their pride in and anxiety concerning their classes, the pupils might well be proud of their teachers. He could say nothing but praise for the work of the pupils and teachers. When he came everything was new and he had learned a good deal himself, and so pleasant had been his visit that he almost felt as if he would like to stay there all the time. Some of the pupils are now leaving school to take their places in the world and he knew they would always look back with love to this Institution and would realize the benefit of what they had learned here. He need not ask them to remember the lessons taught them and he was sure that they would do nothing in their after life that would cause them or their teachers to feel ashamed. He hoped they would enjoy their holidays and come back again with the hope and purpose of doing even better than in the past. He again congratulated Mr. Mathison and the staff on the excellence of their work, and all of them seemed fully alive to their responsibility. Success in teaching depended on the results attained and the results they had obtained here must be very gratifying to all concerned.

Mr. Walker was loudly applauded at the close of his speech. Prof. Denys and Miss Templeton made short addresses expressive of the appreciation of the staff for Mr. Walker's courtesy and kindness and their admiration for the quick perception with which he seemed to obtain a clear insight into the special aptitudes and disabilities of the deaf, and incidentally both referred in warmly appreciative terms to the help and inspiration all the teachers received from the daily visits of the Superintendent, whose ready sympathy, unflinching good nature and words of cheer and encouragement lifted them out of many a slough of despondency. The proceedings in the chapel were varied by the singing, in the beautiful language of the deaf, of "Now I lay me down to sleep" by some small girls under Miss James' tuition, and of a couple of hymns by some larger girls under Mrs. Bahr's.

—Mr. E. C. Rosenzi, in company with Mr. F. S. Wallbridge, visited the Deaf and Dumb Institution. Prof. Denys introduced Mr. Rosenzi to the Superintendent, Mr. Mathison, and the teachers, and took great pleasure in showing the visitors through the Institution, explaining the methods of teaching and showing the various exercises of the pupils. Mr. Rosenzi was surprised at the ability and progress displayed by the pupils. The various mechanical branches were also visited, as well as the dormitories, dining rooms and hospital, where everything was in complete order and cleanliness, and it made a deep impression on both the visitors, who heartily praised the well conducted institution. Mr. Rosenzi desires to express sincere thanks to the Superintendent, Prof. Denys and the other teachers whom he had the pleasure to meet, for their courtesy and kindness during their visit. —Belleville Ontario.

### The Lily of the Valley.

Cups of charity still  
All the fragrance freely spill  
Tiny bridesmaids side by side,  
Waiting for the tardy bride.  
Bells enough to ring a chime,  
If the humming bird had time  
Dainty caps in snowy cluster,  
Such a store can baby muster  
Pharos climbing up the hill,  
Bent in adoration still.  
Lily, on thy throne of green,  
Nothing fairer earth has seen,  
Though in ambush thou dost lay thee  
Yet thy sweetness will betray thee  
All alone we seem to find thee,  
But a troop is just behind thee  
Not a flower has honour greater,  
For thine infinite Creator  
Doings to take thy name and wear it,  
Yet permits thee still to share it  
Evermore the Lord most holy  
"Gibeth grace unto the lowly"  
—LUCY A. BENNETT

—Mr. Robert Sutton, of Brantford and Miss Martha Jane Leigh, of Port Albert, are to be married on June 19th. Congratulations in advance.

—On Sunday, the 2nd inst., eleven of our pupils were prepared to be received into communion of the Presbyterian church in the city, but unfortunately owing to the bad weather the girls of the party were unable to go and the seven boys had to go alone. It was a great disappointment to those who were unable to go.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Penner, of Dublin, entertained a party of deaf mute friends on the 24th of May. The gathering was a good one and broke up at a late hour. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hoy, of Avonlea, Mrs. Rice, of Fallarton, Miss Fuller, of Mitchell, and Messrs. Alexander, of Lumley, Pringle, of Staffa, and Novos, of I.

A sculptor once showed a visitor his studio. It was full of gods. One was very curious. The face was concealed by beard, covered with hair, and there were wings on each foot. "What is its name?" said the spectator. "Opportunity," was the reply. "Why is its face hidden?" "Because men seldom know him when he comes to them." "Why has he wings upon his feet?" "Because he is soon gone, and once gone he cannot be overtaken."—Selected.

### THE MACKAY INSTITUTION.

From our own Correspondent.

This has been an unusually lucky school-year for the Mackay Institution. We have had no epidemic of any kind though we were surrounded with an outbreak of scarlet fever and diphtheria for several months.

The new engine to pump the water up to the tanks has been a success, it is only necessary to use it when the wind mill is not in motion.

We wonder if Belleville is favoured with as much rain as Montreal has been. On account of the bad weather our annual picnic has had to be postponed indefinitely, much to the disgust of the pupils.

The Misses Ida McLeod and Elizabeth Duncan purpose attending the Convention of Deaf-mute Instructors to be held in Buffalo and hope to meet some of your teachers there.

We all anticipate seeing our future king and queen in the fall and hope all will have returned and have an opportunity of seeing them as it is not probable they will have another chance.

Our ex-pupils in Ottawa (Gov't. Printing Bureau) did not pay their annual visit this spring to the "Mackay," but we were glad to see that though twenty six printers were given a long holiday, the services of all our boys were retained. Mr. Graham, Metcalfe, is taking one of our boys to help him on the farm this summer.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Gray, (nee Miss Eva Jamieson) a graduate of your Institution, is so happily married. Mrs. Gray has many friends at the Mackay Institution, where she spent two years of her childhood.

The new principal of the Oregon Institution lately paid us a flying visit. We all wish him success in his new field of labour.

The 17 days of May in Montreal, we had a nice, bright day for our Annual Examination and everything passed off very nicely. On the invitation of the Superintendent the Examiners stayed to lunch with herself and teachers, and all enjoyed a pleasant social time. E. M. D.