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## OUR MISSION

First. That a number of our pupils may learn type-setting, and from the knowledge obtained be able to earn a livelihood after they leave school.

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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## CLASSIFICATION.

The Superintendent was ready to announce the formation of classes on Monday, 2nd inst. As usual, he took advantage of the occasion to refer to some things that had occurred during the previous session, and call attention to such changes and arrangements as were deemed necessary for the present. The classes average about as usual—twenty pupils in each. This is a high number, in view of the individual attention that must be given to the pupils, but a less number is not possible under the conditions prevailing. The regular work of the session is now well under way, and the usual results are expected. Mr. Bray, who takes the place vacated by Mr. Beaton, enters upon the duties of a teacher with enthusiasm; and as he is a gentleman of good abilities, and can easily make himself familiar with the deaf, his success may be assured. He has received a hearty welcome from his friends here, with whom he spent an enjoyable time a few years ago.

## SYMPATHY AND APPRECIATION.

At the opening exercises on the 2nd inst., Mr. Mathison made special reference to the resignation of Mr. D. M. Beaton at the close of last session, and expressed his regret that the state of Mr. Beaton's health compelled him to retire from the work for which he is so well qualified. The resignation, when offered, was accepted conditionally, the hope being expressed that Mr. Beaton's health would be so far benefited by the summer vacation as to enable him to return to his class. This appointment of a successor was delayed until near the close of the vacation with this object in view, and then a letter from Mr. Beaton made the choice of a successor unnecessary. The teachers and officers endorsed all that the Superintendent had said in favor of Mr. Beaton as a teacher and a gentleman, and united in hoping for a complete restoration of his health. They desire by this means to

assure him that he retains their confidence and esteem, and that they will rejoice to hear of his happiness and prosperity.

From recent utterances by Principal Crocker of the Pennsylvania School at Mt. Airy, the conclusion is drawn that he is fully committed to a "pure oral system, and will use his influence to have signs banished from the school over which he presides as soon as possible. He gravely assures us that the day is not far distant when signs will be unknown in the education of the deaf. We dissent from this view.

The *American Annals* will publish a full report of the proceedings of the Congress of Instructors, in a separate pamphlet. This will be highly appreciated by those who did not attend the meetings, and also by those who did attend.

## The Editor's Table.

### THE BRITISH DEAF MUTE

The September number of this trans-Atlantic publication has been received. It deserves this special notice, because it possesses special merits. The illustrations are good, and all the contents well written and useful.

### TID. SILENT ECHO.

Published at the Institution in Winnipeg, comes to hand enlarged and very much improved in every way. It will hereafter be issued semi-monthly. It is not a whit behind any of the Institution papers, either in respect to matter or typographical appearance.

### AMERICAN ASSAULTS

The October number of this leading publication for the deaf has been received. Its contents are as interesting and instructive as usual. This volume is somewhat bulky, consisting of 187 pages, but no less than 122 pages are devoted to the "Report of the Committee on the Classification of Methods of Instructing the Deaf."

### A PROSPECTUS.

The Illinois School for the deaf is well known as the largest and one of the best equipped schools of the kind in existence. The new Superintendent, S. T. Walker, M. A., has issued an attractive prospectus, fully illustrated, giving an outline of the scope and aim of the work being done at the school. No doubt the high grade the school has so long sustained under Dr. Gillett, will be maintained by Mr. Walker.

### PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF MANITOBA

We have received the annual report of the Government Inspector, which was printed by the pupils of the school for the deaf at Winnipeg, and is a credit to that Institution. The fine illustration of the school building was engraved by Theo. Wilkie, a pupil, and shows what the deaf can do in that branch of artistic work. The report shows all the public institutions of the Prairie Province to be well sustained and highly prosperous.

### THE EDUCATOR.

The publishers of this excellent educational journal lost no time, after returning to work from their summer holidays, in getting out the September number. It is an excellent number, too, containing seven well-written articles relating to the Congress, besides a good deal of other matter of interest to the profession. "Notes from Schools" form a valuable addition to the more elaborate articles, and give a succinct statement of the changes that have occurred, and the work being done. Teachers of the deaf should read the *Educator*.

### OUR BOYS.

*Our Boys* is the name of a little paper printed and published by the boys in the Victoria Industrial School at Minnetonka. The August number, the first of publication, is a neatly printed, nifty, interesting sheet and reflects credit upon all concerned. We learn from *Our Boys* that there are at present 179 boys at the school, and the various departments include work in the public school course, kitchen, bakery, laundry, farm, creamery, engineering, printing, wood working, shoe making, tailoring, knitting, etc. From all we have heard, good work is being accomplished in this school at Minnetonka and at the Alexandria School for girls in East Toronto, both institutions being under the management of the Industrial School Association.

## PERSONALITIES.

Robert Hoy and John Schweitzer were visitors of Wm. Quinlan recently.

Mr. Caldwell will edit the *New* published at the California school. He is a poet, too.

Mr. H. V. Allan has retired from the editorship of the *Subject World*. He is an able writer.

Mr. Fred Reeves, Lindsay, carried off eight first prizes at the Central Exhibition held there Sept. 27-29.

We thank Mr. Fred Reeves for a copy of the *Lindsay Post*, in the office of which he is a compositor. The *Post* is a good paper.

Prof. Hammond, late a teacher in the Illinois School, is now principal of the Chicago Day Schools. He is capable and experienced.

Willie McKay, who has worked one session in the office here, earned some money setting type for the *Woodstock Sentinel* during his vacation.

Mr. Wm. Wallace, who has recently returned from British Columbia, and Mr. Thos. Bradshaw, etc. in Stratford, lately visiting friends and acquaintances.

John Trachell, of Shakespeare, attended the Industrial Fair, Toronto. Mr. Smith of the same place, took in the World's Fair at Chicago, Wm. Quinlan, of Stratford, was content with the Fair at London, Ont.

Dr. Noyes, Superintendent of the Minnesota School, who was nervously afflicted on the 13th of Sept. is improving at Kenosha, Wis., where he is resting. We hope he will soon be fully restored to mental and physical strength.

Thomas Hazelton, of Delta, has been fortunate in taking two 1st prizes for Boots, one 1st for Beets, 2nd and 3rd prizes for Potatoes, and Red Cabbages, and 2nd prize for Pop Corn, at the Delta Autumn Fair. Thomas is a hustler and continues business at the old stand in the village where he lives. As a correspondent, the *Athens Reporter* has few equals and no superiors.

One day in September Miss Jennie Course, a graduate of this Institution, called on Ada James. She is doing well at her home, in Fingal, helping her father keep shop. She looked well, but much thinner. Mrs. James, at her request, went down to spend the afternoon with her the second last Sunday of her vacation. Both had fine chats of "Auld Lang Syne." Jennie wishes every one at the Institution a successful and happy year.

## Extracts from Letters.

The parents of one new pupil wrote to the Superintendent as follows:—"I am glad I went to the Institution with my boy, for now I feel quite satisfied that he is in good hands and that he will be well cared for." Such is the experience of all parents who visit here.

A parent writes:—"I am well aware that you understand what it is to part with these loving ones, but am thankful she has many kind friends. I am pleased with the progress she has made since she has been with you. We take five papers in our home but the Institution one is always the first one read."

A parent writes:—"We feel lonely without her but are satisfied to leave her in your charge, knowing you will do justice by her. I was very much pleased when I visited the Institution, to see such a beautiful place with every convenience and I will be sure to feel at home, as she is fond of company."

Our old friend D. Bayne, of Merivale, Co. of Carleton writes:—"I am requested by the deaf mutes who attended Prof. Denys' lecture to convey our thanks for your kindness in sending him, and I assure you that his visits on this and the previous occasion were greatly appreciated by us, as was also that of Mr. Nurse on a previous occasion. We had about twenty present when Prof. Denys lectured, and I must say he was both amusing and instructive, and all were greatly pleased with him. I hope that you have your numerous family again around you, and you and they arrived safely without accident."

WANTED. Information wanted about a deaf girl named Thompson, whose mother, Mrs. Maria Thompson, was living in Chicago, where she died three or four weeks ago. If anyone can give the address of the little deaf girl, or that of her grandmother, who is supposed to be living in or near Toronto, will confer a favor by writing to Mr. Jules Ross, Washington Park Club, Chicago, Ill.

## TORONTO TOPICS.

### From our own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Nurse were in the city, which since their return to their country. From what we hear of them they had seen a very good deal of the world, and were quite pleased with their trip. Mr. and Mrs. Nurse spent some time with his little daughter, and some of the mites on their trip. They put up their overcoats, and some of the mites, waiting for them. Jack Reynolds' family had a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell had a very good time.

Wednesday the 27th of the month, pupils to return to Belleville, and a large number of the mites on their trip, and many of them had very good chats with old friends.

David Dark is on a visit to the wood-carver and wood-understander, stay in the city if he gets well, and the only deaf mite in the city, the old Hamilton Institution, and Mrs. R. B. B. Mrs. Jones, Mrs. M. Home, H. Moore, and J. Slater.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchan and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. have moved to Woodstock, Parkdale.

The Sunday services on the 1st of the month, directed by Mr. Nasmith, who had returned from Chicago the previous evening, had a fair attendance, only a few having missed, those who had returned from the morning services at the West Hill Church, are well attended, every Sunday, and all in all being about fifteen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. have moved to the street, an lady of their friends, who are all are sure to be suitably entertained by host and hostess.

The deaf mites of this city were surprised to see their old friend Mr. Smith, one of the mites, and a very good reason of his sudden appearance, as a matter of fact, but at a meeting of the mites for the purpose of renewing the "learning" track he had received an offer from the teaching staff in the Institution, and the announcement was very easy with satisfaction. It was the intention of those present that whether the mites had been made, and the Institution had been established on saving his services. Mr. Smith is popular among the mites of the city.

## WINDSOR FEARS.

### From our own Correspondent.

The many readers of your paper will learn of the sudden death of Albert, an old pupil of the Institution, at Windsor, on Wednesday the 11th inst. He was the only son of his mother, and depended on his labor for support. He was a good and industrious young man, beloved by his friends and admired by his mother and his taking off is a serious blow to the family. He came to Detroit from Galt last summer and was doing well. The deaf mites of Windsor have expressed their sympathy to the sorrowing relatives. The remains were taken to Galt on Friday evening for interment.

Daniel Gorman, who was nearly killed last summer by a railway train near the station, almost recovered from the injuries he sustained, but he carries his left arm in a cast. He is at present in St. Mary's Hospital, receiving treatment. It is hoped he will lose the use of his arm, but unless good success is had it may have to be amputated.

Our friend, Walter B. Larkin, has been the subject of many anxious inquiries during the few weeks, as he did not put in an appearance at the meeting of the deaf mite Association. He was acting Treasurer. The members were to know where he is, as they feel anxious to be the custodian of so much money. We think he has met with some accident which prevented him from turning up when wanted. Association is now no more.

Table Hall is glad to be near the station during the winter months. He is working at the Malabar Iron Works, and is the honest living. All his friends wish him happy and prosperity.

Albert Denys was working in the Lumber Palace or Works until June last, when he closed for a time. They have not yet returned, and he does not know whether he will get his job again or not. Albert however, some day will be up right and never get left.

## BRANTFORD BUDGET.

### From our own Correspondent.

Brantford has two more mites added to its population, Mr. and Mrs. Goulthie, who have just moved here last month. Mr. Goulthie has work at the laundry.

Robert Sutton feels justly proud of his game chickens. He got two first prizes at the show. He also got six prizes on poultry, owing to A. E. Smith. We wish him good luck.

Amos Shephard has left Lloyd's school, boarding at the Brunswick Hotel.

We understand that Mr. Lloyd has been storing oil at the mill, where he made his home, and is now living with his brother-in-law, the Hon. Justice.

W. J. Rose has been working on a farm in Paris this summer. He is returning to the city, and is looking for a job.

Thos. McLain has secured a situation, and a carriage was. He gets better wages than he received at the machine shop, and he is doing well.

Mrs. Sutton and McLain having been on holiday, have gone to Buffalo on a visit. Thus, Johnson, the needle pusher, has been here for about two months, selling needles, and his business is good, and his luck is good. We wish him to bear out his statement.

The Massey-Harris Co., which closed its May have not yet resumed work and in consequence, three of our mites are out of employment. They expect to commence this week. Archie South has been working with his mites on the farm.

Last month the Grand Trunk Railway employees an excursion to Toronto, and the mites took advantage of it to visit the city. Messrs. A. E. Smith and Sutton, and others, were calling on some well known mites, and some of the mites. They enjoyed the pleasure of seeing Mrs. McDermid, Mr. and Mrs. Misspight.

Mr. Langmuir, our assistant carpenter, has left for Toronto to enjoy a well earned vacation. The carpenters have been very busy all through the holidays making repairs, etc., and have had very few opportunities for a rest.