



HOME NEWS

We are leaving space to record the marriage of two more of our former pupils in next issue. This is a great year for these events.

Electric lights were put into the school department last week. The boys there will now be able to work full time on the afternoons they are employed.

We are sorry that Mr. Mellishaw of our engine room staff was compelled to relinquish his duties for a time owing to lameness. We hope to see him back at his post soon.

The literary meeting of the Debating Society, which was set for the 1st inst. was postponed for two weeks to make way for the monthly social and will be held on the 17th inst.

Our second foot ball team played a friendly game with the Albert College juniors on Saturday afternoon the 1st inst. The game ended as usual in a victory for our lads, the score being 1 to 0 at the close.

Geo. Wallace, one of our senior pupils, has been allowed ten days holiday to visit his friends near Lindsay and take a trip to Toronto of his own accord. George returned here during the vacation and worked steadily throughout the summer and deserved a little change and recreation.

The exterior of the addition to the engine room is now completed and Mr. Moote and his helpers have been busy making the surroundings tidy after the builders. Inside, Engineer Peppan has about completed the connections and expects to have the new boiler in operation almost immediately.

Our pupils are as ardent in their political convictions as are hearing people and partisan feeling ran high here as the time for the elections drew near. It was amusing to watch some of the younger pupils engaging in political discussions, and many of them seem to know quite as much or more about the issues of the day as do many older people.

At Halloween the boys carried their lessons as usual, but managed between times to get off a few harmless pranks which would have passed without note only some kept up the celebration after lights were out with unnecessary noise in consequence two of them had an interview with Mr. Mathison next morning and we guess that their conduct marks will not cut much figure in this issue.

M. Labelle and R. McMaster are the monitors this month to see that the exterior surroundings are properly cleaned up daily. Every morning after breakfast the boys who do not belong to the shops are marshalled out with shovels, brooms and hand carts and by half past eight a great improvement is noticeable. Two large boys from the shops are appointed each month for this work and the plan works well.

All our pupils feel sorry for Freddy Barnard. A short time ago he dislocated his collar bone while playing football, which for some time has retarded his studies and quite stopped his work in the shoe shops. Last week a new trouble reached him, he received the sad news that he would never see his brother, Henry, again, he having gone hence on the 31st ult. Every one around the Institution likes Freddy and he has the sincere sympathy of all.

This has been one of the most remarkable falls within the recollection of even the oldest inhabitant. All through September and October the weather was simply perfect and November so far has been mild and pleasant with the exception of three or four dull days. There has been no snow yet except a little flurry on the 9th which lasted only an hour or two. The unusually mild weather will, among poor people, be a very acceptable set off to the high price of coal.

The senior boys and girls social took place on the evening of the 3rd inst. in the girls sitting room and was an enjoyable affair. For two hours the pupils intermingled in games and indoor amusements which were kept up as lively as they always are when the deaf meet for a social time. All the resident teachers were present to help on the fun, and the pupils were very sorry when the signal was given to disband. The boys then departed to their own side with expressions of thanks to their entertainers for the pleasant evening they had spent.

During the last two terms our staff of teachers and officers enjoyed a remarkable degree of immunity from illness, but this session we have so far been rather unfortunate in this respect. Miss Metcalf was the first victim and was confined to the house for a couple of weeks, then Mr. Keith was laid off for some days, and last week Mrs. Terrill and Miss Templeton were both on the sick list. We are glad to say that the first three have fully recovered and are at work again, but Miss Templeton, while much better, will not be able to assume her duties for a few days yet. We hope good health will prevail for the rest of the term.

Monday the 5th inst., being a fine day our pupils were given a half holiday and allowed to take part in the demonstration held in the city to honor the memory of the Belleville contingent from the South African War. After an early dinner all the elder boys and girls marched to the city and lined up opposite the Post Office. When the troops came along they were greeted by the waving flags of our boys and girls, which was about the extent of the welcome the heroes received from us, for the attention of all was so engrossed by the desire to see all they could of the khaki clad boys facing the brief moment they were passing, that our lads quite forgot to cheer a welcome and regretted when too late that they were not more demonstrative. All are thankful that the Belleville boys have passed so far through the war without a break by death since they left us one year ago. Two of them, Messrs. Hulme and Austin, are now on the way to England to receive honors in the motherland and may they and others in the artillery return home in safety.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. Forster, of Kingston, was with her mother, Mrs. Terrill, during her illness.

Tom Hill, the great traveller, has been heard from in San Francisco, California, where he is dispensing court plaster to all who need that article. In all probability we shall hear from him from China after a while, and before he returns to Toronto perhaps he may make a tour of the world. He has an idea of South Africa and from there to England, his old home.

Mr. John Rae, a steady young man who is deaf and dumb and who is making \$2.50 per day in Nauvoo, B. C., wishes the comforts of a home and is anxious to get a wife to cheer his lonely hours. Any deaf young lady, between the ages of 25 and 30, looking for a settlement in life, by addressing him as above, will get a prompt reply. Send letters to the care of Temperance House.

Mr. Geo. Tilley, one of the returned soldiers from South Africa, paid a visit to the Institution last week. The boys were all glad to get a view at short range of one of the brave soldier lads and heartily cheered him as he went through the shops with Mr. Moore, his brother in law. He had with him some of the Transvaal silver and combs bearing Mr. King's effigy, which he kindly showed the boys who were much interested.

Many of the old pupils who were here in the seventies, will remember Mrs. Keegan who was matron of the Institution at that time. After leaving her she was at the Asylum for the Insane at Hamilton for many years and a Hamilton paper, in reference to her and her talented daughter Daisy, says -

Mrs. Keegan, who has recently resigned her position as matron of the Hamilton Asylum for the Insane, left this week for Toronto, where she will spend a couple of months visiting friends and relatives. Later she intends going to Chicago and Milwaukee. In March she will sail for London to join her daughter Miss Mary Keegan, with whom she will make her home in future. Miss Keegan was obliged to retire from the stage on account of her health, as she could not stand the strain of excitement and hard work, which the life of a successful actress entails. She is engaged in journalistic work in London, writing for a newspaper syndicate and also for some of the English magazines.

Mr. Robert Pyc, of Thamesville, writes: "Died at Ann Arbor on the 29th and buried at Waukesha on the 31st Miss Mabel Bloom, at the early age of 41 years. The deceased was a very estimable young lady and highly respected by all who knew her. She

was a member of the Methodist Church and very well known in Thamesville. She died at the hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was a sister of a former scholar of the school for deaf, Mr. Duncan Bloom, and by her death was shown one of the many noble lives that have been made by your school. Mr. Bloom started for Michigan all alone at night and brought the remains to their former home, he having lost both his father and mother before this. I think this makes almost a hero of the brave fellow, who is not able to travel as well as one who could hear, and then the sad journey he was on, I think this makes it the more praiseworthy. He is very much respected in the town and many are the people who express their sorrow for the poor young man, but more especially under the sad circumstances. But he is such a good Christian that he puts all trust in the great and good Father of us all and carries all his troubles to him which makes it easier for him to bear his trouble. May all the deaf mutes who read this place their hope in the same God he has trusted and they will find great comfort for their souls. May you continue in the good work of educating the deaf mutes."

Certain Cure for Insomnia.

"Insomnia is a self-inflicted curse through the violation of nature's laws," writes Edward B. Warner in the Juno Ladies' Home Journal. "The cause may be over anxiety, planning for the morrow, thinking and worrying over the yesterday and to-day, but no opiate can remove the cause, even though it may bring sleep. If the cause is merely mental overwork it may be quickly remedied by removing the brain of the excess of blood. Physical exercise is a panacea for about every ailment which human flesh is heir to. Therefore stand erect, and rise slowly from the heels, descend slowly. Do this from 40 to 50 times until you feel the congestion in the muscles of the leg. Almost instant relief follows, and sleep is soon induced. For those who are averse to a little work I would recommend, instead, a bowl of hot milk (without so much as a wafer) immediately before retiring. The hotter the milk the better for the purpose. This will prove a better sleep producer than all the opiates known to medical science. It brings about an increased activity of the blood vessels of the stomach, causing slight temporary congestion, which relieves the blood vessels of the brain. The hot milk is also quite strengthening to the stomach."

Why He Was Advanced.

A business firm once employed a young man whose energy and grasp of affairs soon led the management to promote him over a faithful and trusted employe, says a writer in The Popular Science Monthly. "The old clerk felt deeply hurt that the younger man should be promoted over him, and complained to the manager.

Feeling that this was a case that could not be argued, the manager asked the old clerk what was the occasion of all the noise in the front of their building. The clerk went forward, and returned with the answer that it was a lot of wagons going by.

The manager then asked what they were loaded with, and again the clerk went out and returned, reporting that they were loaded with wheat.

The manager then sent him to ascertain how many wagons there were, and he returned with the answer that there were sixteen. Finally he was sent to see where they were from and he returned saying they were from the city of Lucena. The manager then asked the old clerk to be seated, and sent for the young man and said to him:

"Will you see what is the meaning of that rumbling noise in front?"

The young man replied: "Sixteen wagons loaded with wheat. Twenty more will pass to-morrow. They belong to Romero & Co., of Lucena, and are on their way to Marchesa, where wheat is bringing one dollar and a quarter a bushel for hauling."

The young man was advanced, and the manager, turning to the old clerk, said: "My friend, you see now why the younger man was promoted over you."

At one place in England, at least, slates are washed twice a day with a disinfecting fluid. The slates of children should be carefully inspected and great attention should be paid to the sponges with which they clean them.

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

- OFFICERS**
- President: R. Mathison, Belleville
 - Vice-President: P. Fraser, Toronto
 - Secretary: J. L. Blythe, Toronto
 - Treasurer: Wm. Scarce, Belleville
 - Members: D. J. McKillop, Belleville; D. R. Coleman, W. J. Campbell, Miss A. Fraser, Toronto
- ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**
- President: R. Mathison
 - Secretary: Wm. Douglas
 - Treasurer: D. J. McKillop
 - Manager: Wm. Scarce
- FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL CLUBS**
- First Eleven: G. R. Wallace
 - Second Eleven: Francis Doyle
 - Third Team: [Name]
 - Fourth Team: [Name]
- DEAF LITERARY SOCIETY**
- President: R. Mathison
 - Vice-President: M. Madlen
 - Secretary: D. J. McKillop
 - Treasurer: I. L. Barnett
 - Members: Wm. Scarce, G. R. Wallace

THE CANADIAN MUTE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 1900

Keep the highest! Nobler far than gazing at a star, To see a glow worm lantern led to flow in another's track! Ernest Neal Lyon

Dufferin Literary Society.

The Dufferin Literary Society will hold its regular meetings during this season on the evenings of Nov 17th and 24th, Dec 1st, 1900, and January 12th, Feb 9th, 16th, March 9th and April 6th, 1900.

What's In a Name?

There is a good deal in some of our boys and girls names. To begin with we have a *King* who is most determined in his style. We should have a *War* next highest is a *Duke* who had grammar as Duke is a little. We have a *Cornish*, a thorough man, and a *Countryman* who may do his country proud. In the next line, we boast a *Baker*, a *Carter*, a *Paylor*, a *Smith* and a *Watson*. This world would not be without *Love*, and so we have at home. We also have *Lulu* and *Order*, our first class Institution should have a *Cherry* and *Moss Rose* will do our front and fragrance. How could we have a *Spink* and *Brooks* run without a *Shower*. We have all three, seven *Bronze*, three *Girres* and *Grays*, we can surely well unfurl our flags to *Quinto* livezes. We have a *Winter* and that is a common thought. As to our short *Cam* perhaps we are a little *Quick* to over, which nobody can *Deny*. We are *Uret*; over so *Little*.

Blessings of our attendants staff, returned on the 1st inst. to Mr. A. a prosperous farmer near the town. Congratulations. We hope the union will be happy.