

Of one Afflicted with Deafness

She moves about the house with meek content
Her face to have a gleam of other years
She only guesses half of what is meant
But hides her impotence, her natural tears

FORMER PUPILS.

The Superintendent would be glad to hear from all former pupils of the Institution. In writing, please give Name, Address, Occupation and how you are prospering.

Miss Sarah Ellen Bassett is now a resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Samuel Pugsley Cheapside Halifax still resides with his parents on the farm.

J. Duncan Winnipeg, has changed his location. The building in which he roomed was burned on the 1st inst. He may now be found at 326 McDermott Street.

George McDonald has moved from Uptergrove, Ontario, to 182 Filmore and Jefferson Street, Manistee Michigan. He expects to get work in some of the mills there.

Wm. Kay, of Oil Springs, to whom we are indebted for favors, sends us several of his sketches in the oil regions there. They are highly creditable to his skill with the pencil and brush.

DEAR MR. MATHERSON, The days duties are closed, and as I sit in my favorite chair in private quarters in peaceful solitude after the cares and worry of the day, my mind is in a thoughtful mood, and somehow or other I have been thinking back into the past, and my school-boy days come vividly before me. Wherever I see the word "Belleville," my heart recalls the happiest days of my life. I have tried to think of the cause of this long silence between us, but indeed I cannot account for it. If my memory is right, I think you wrote to me last, and so I am the guilty party. I know you were always busy in the months of May and June, so I did not wish to give you any unnecessary burdens, and as I had heard about you from time to time, through the kindness of Mr. McDermid, I thought it would not matter if I delayed, as I understand Mr. McDermid is in regular correspondence with you, and has probably informed you how I am getting along. Still, my not writing has not in the least lessened my interest in that precious spot of my school life, the spot I always love and cherish with deep reverence, and will till the latest hour of my life. Before concluding, allow me to congratulate you on your successful efforts in inducing the government to put a printing plant in your school, where the many bright scholars will be able to learn a better trade than they could otherwise do. I only wish I had learned it before I left, it would have saved me many hardships that I have gone through, owing to dullness in the shoe trade, due to cheapness of machinery, made boots and shoes, which is a great drain of revenue from the poor cobbler. In expressing my opinion of your paper I may say of the many bright and readable deaf-mute papers that reach this Institution at short intervals, I believe none are more welcome than THE CANADIAN MUTE. Being at present the only one of its kind in Canada, and devoted to the interest of old school boys, far and near, it cannot fail to create an interest in every Canadian mute and the fact that it comes from their "Alma Mater" which all old graduates should revere, makes it all the more interesting.

Yours sincerely,
J. R. BRYCE
Winnipeg, April 1892

The *Journal de Bangor* says "the average person can learn the finger alphabet in an hour. The majority of persons are not 'average persons.'" Then

The *Pelican* says it recently received a periodical addressed, "Dumb Animals, Baton Rouge, La." That was an improvement on Ben Butler.

MANITOBA.

From the Silent Echo, Winnipeg

The health of the school has been excellent since the middle of February.

Miss Ague McLean of Tyner, North Dakota, is in the city at present for a few weeks, visiting her sister Mrs. Forsyth.

J. W. Brown was called home on the 12th inst. to help his father during the busy seeding season. He said he would return next fall.

Mr. Harry Ince called at the Institute last month on his return from Ontario where he had been on business in connection with his farm, which is located near Menota.

Rev. Mr. Joslyn of Hartney, called to pay us a visit and inquired after Lillah and Clarence Pettypiece. He was much struck with the progress made by Clarence in the very short time he has been in school.

Miss Mary Pettypiece has returned to the city, after a few weeks' absence visiting her parents near Brandon. She and her sister Annie often visit the Institution and we are always pleased to see them.

Mr. Chas. E. T. Clarence, a semi-mute, formerly of this city, but now of Portage La Prairie, paid the Institution a flying visit while in the city on business. We were glad to see his cheerful face again and to know he is getting along so well.

Mr. James Grant McIntosh, of Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies, arrived in Winnipeg on the 8th inst. He, accompanied by his sisters and brother Angus, paid us a pleasant visit lately. James is a prosperous business man in the far South. He left on the 25th inst. and will visit England before returning home.

Our Institution was honored by a visit from thirty members of the Provincial Legislature. They were accompanied by Hon. James A. Smart, Minister of Public Works, Hon. D. H. McMillan, Provincial Treasurer, Hon. D. McLean, Provincial Secretary, and Hon. S. J. Jackson, Speaker of the House. About an hour and a half was spent in witnessing an exposition of the methods of instruction and an interesting program of sign recitations, character sketches, etc. The appreciation of the members was manifested by frequent and hearty applause, and those taking part in the exercises felt repaid for their efforts. Judging from the remarks of many members, it will not be long until we will have the pleasure of another visit.

Work has so far progressed upon our building that it is expected it will be ready for occupancy about the first of June. Many improvements have been made in the way of conveniences and comforts and the architectural appearances changed with pleasing effect.

It is not too late to tender our congratulations to the Ontario Institution upon its entrance into journalism. THE CANADIAN MUTE is second to none among the press of the Institutions and if it were not for the fact that it might be said we are prejudiced we would say that from the standpoint of excellence it heads the list.

Our school will close on June 8th and on that day we expect all the children to leave for their homes. The session now drawing to a close has been a most eventful one, and while there were times when we could not reconcile ourselves calmly to circumstances without protesting that we were receiving more than our share of misfortunes, we are in a mood, at the present writing, to look upon our past misfortunes as blessings in disguise.

The term had no more than nicely started when we were summarily turned out of doors by the burning of our building, and when we were settled in our new quarters about a month, a scarlet fever epidemic broke out, taking down eight of our children with the dread disease. This sickness continued over a period of two months and it was with feelings of thankfulness that we were able to report the epidemic at an end. Results growing out of these two experiences strange to say, are the blessings to which we refer.

The attendance at the North Dakota School for the Deaf has been increased by one. It is a girl, born April 9. Sept. and Mrs. Spear have our hearty congratulations. *Companion*

It is understood that Dr. Gillett will deliver an historical address on the Illinois Institution before the alumni association. We are sure that the alumni and others who may be present will receive this information with deep satisfaction.

BRANTFORD BUREAU.

From our own Correspondent

All the boys who came here from Toronto are well satisfied with their situations. They have very considerate employers, and are making good wages. They owe their situations to Messrs. Woodyatt and Swain. Mr. Swain has learned the single hand alphabet, and is able to talk to the mutes. They all get their boots from his firm.

The mutes living in South Brantford purchased a foot-ball last week, and nearly every night they are kicking it in a vacant lot opposite A. E. Smith's home, on Huron St. Messrs. Lloyd and Sutton are no longer interested in sports, as they find in their work enough exercise.

Our esteemed friend, Mr. Woodyatt, has received a letter from a mute by the name of Robert McDonald, asking him to secure a situation for him as a carriage painter. Mr. Woodyatt will, no doubt, do his best, and is being assisted by Mr. Swain, another friend of the mutes here.

Mrs. A. E. Smith went to Hamilton the day before Good Friday and remained there with her mother until the following Monday. She had a good time while away, and A. E. Smith could not have been lonesome as he had Shepherd, Bradshaw and McPherson with him all the time. He acted as cook and house-keeper and filled the position satisfactorily to all, his Dutch pudding being especially appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith's little boy, Ray, is now able to walk around, and is trying to talk.

Miss Annie Mathison is reported to be in the city, but as yet none of us have seen her. We hope we may before she leaves for home.

Charles Golds, of Berlin, was in town for a few days last week. He returned to his work after calling on all of us.

The Sunday afternoon meetings in the Y. M. C. A. are well attended now. Last Sunday A. E. Smith read the story of Queen Esther from the Bible which was very interesting, as was also his address on the lesson taught. Mr. Sutton opened and closed the meeting with prayer, and will lecture next Sunday.

A. E. Smith received a number of copies of the *Silent Press*, published at Dayton Ohio. He has distributed them among the mutes here. It is an interesting paper full of news and interesting stories. When Canadian mutes become more acquainted with their American neighbors, they will find those papers more interesting than at present.

Miss Sarah Folds is working at dress-making and is making good wages.

Wm. Rose has secured a job here. We understand that another of the Berlin mutes is out of work, too. If he would come and look around, he might find something to do here also.

On Good Friday a few of our boys went out to the fair ground, where a game of foot ball was to be played. They were asked to play and McPherson, Bradshaw and A. E. Smith went on the same side. Bradshaw did some good kicking. We wish we had a few more like him to complete our club. The side on which the mutes played, won by 3 to 0. The mutes made up the defence. Shepherd and Sutton were at work, or no doubt they would have been there. A. E. S.

FROM DESERONTO.

From our Correspondent

Mr. J. S. Gould writes from Deseronto, as follows: "I had the thumb of my right hand crushed by the chain in the shingle mill last week. I was not able to work for a few days. I did not get THE CANADIAN MUTE of May 1st. Will you please send me a copy. I am glad to tell you that my chum, Mr. E. O. Robins, came here from Clinton a few days ago. He is working in the shingle mill. I think he likes this town very well."

A bill has been introduced in the Ohio Legislature to allow orphan deaf children who are county charges to stay at the school during the summer vacation.

There was considerable excitement recently at the West of England Deaf and Dumb Institution, caused by a fire in the laundry. By the prompt action of the fire brigade and the officers of the school the flames were confined to the room where they originated, which was gutted and its contents destroyed. It is supposed that the fire was caused by some clothing falling on the stove while the laundress was at dinner.

TORONTO NEWS.

From our own Correspondent

A number of mute friends witnessed the baptism of Mr. Boughton's twins in the English Church on Belleville Ave. George Bridgen, son of F. Bridgen, was there to assist in the sign language.

The Buffalo mutes have sent an invitation to Toronto mutes to attend their picnic either at Lowiston, N. Y., or Niagara Falls (American side) in July. It is expected the mutes here will prefer Lowiston.

Much regret was felt among the mutes at the news of the death of Hugh Fraser. He committed suicide by drowning. He was ill with Typhoid Fever at the time. Mr. and Mrs. Muddle, both mutes, have moved to Lansdown Ave, Parkdale and J. L. Smith and family near Bloomington and Dovercourt Road.

All the mutes have received a neat little paper from the Manitoba Institution. Mr. McDermid will please accept their thanks.

We are pleased that Mr. Alfred Feast has got a situation in Boston. V. S. Alfred had better hunt up our old friend Henry Acheson. We would be pleased to see both of them at our next convention in Belleville.

Rev. Mr. Currie, Heathen Missionary, gave a lecture to the mutes in the West End Association Hall.

Mrs. J. L. Smith met with an accident which might have proved fatal. The cellar steps of their house are new and in her hurry she slipped and fell to the bottom, striking her right chest hard against the brick, also her side and shoulder were bruised. She was laid up for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Fraser were presented with another daughter on Sunday, the 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Biddle have returned after spending a short "Honey-moon" in Detroit. They have taken a house on Sully St.

The next meeting of the National Deaf Mute Association will be held in Chicago in 1893.

Mr. Begg, of the Texas School, on our own George, has a new buggy, and knows how to enjoy it.

It is said that the deaf young man of Virginia began their courtship with the question "Can you cook mee things to eat?"

Harrison Bushby, of the Western Pennsylvania School, can jump 23 feet on the level. Can any of our boys beat that?

Will the editor of the *Tablet* define "strictly grammar English?" It looks worse than those meaningless idioms he speaks of.

A deaf mute named Hadden was recently knocked down by a runaway horse in Chillicothe, Ohio, and had both legs broken.

It is said that the use of the manual alphabet, by hearing people, is growing in popular favor. Perhaps so, but we have not seen it.

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