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### OUR MISSION:

First.—That a number of our pupils may learn typesetting, 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.

### SUBSCRIPTION

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### TO OUR READERS.

We wish all our readers  
"A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year."

### CHRISTMAS GREETING.

Before the next issue of THE CANADIAN MUTE the joyous Christmas season of 1893 will be over. We shall, therefore, in this issue anticipate the delight and good-will that come with the day that commemorates the birth of a Saviour, and wish all here, and all our friends elsewhere, a full measure of peace, happiness and prosperity. It is a time of reconciliation, when feuds and animosities are forgotten, and the spirit of Divine compassion pervades human actions. We should have no enemies on Christmas Day. If Christ was a medium of reconciliation between God and man, He was also a peacemaker on earth. The coming of Christmas brings thoughts of home, of love, of joy and happiness. We want to greet dear friends show them the sincerity of our friendship, and give and receive those tokens of good-will that are so pleasantly associated with the season. The greatest pleasure for separated friends is to meet about the old home circle, to exchange affectionate greetings under the paternal roof, and to realize the full meaning of the angelic song as they gaze into eyes that are radiant with Christ-like love and compassion. The pupils of this school, and some of the teachers and officers, cannot realize this supreme Christmas delight; but they can, and do, find the day one of great pleasure and enjoyment. Everything possible is done to fill the hours with unalloyed happiness. The same generous gifts from the "Good Saint," whose mission to the children is typical of Christ's mission to mankind, will be distributed with kind words and loving deeds. The little ones, especially, will be surrounded by a light and love that will give them a practical idea of God's

wonderful love for the world. The rooms and halls, with which they are familiar, will be transformed into places of beauty and delight. Gifted minds and nimble fingers will fashion and form emblems of festivity; and festive of overgreens will mingle with mottoes and designs that are so intimately associated with our thoughts of Christmas Day. When the dinner bell rings, smiling faces will file into the spacious dining-room, to find the long rows of tables literally groaning beneath the load of good things piled thereon, and gastronomical delights will be satiated. Christmas dinner at this school is always a feast worthy the respect of the most favored; and it is discussed in a way that plainly indicates a high appreciation of the culinary art.

Christmas is only ten days off. Santa Claus is training his tiny deer and making his selections of pretty gifts for that wonderful journey from the snow-clad hills of the arctic regions to the homes of all good boys and girls. We sincerely hope that those now afflicted may speedily recover, and that there will be no vacant seats at the morning reception and dinner table when Christmas does come. To all,—officers, teachers, pupils and employees of the school in any capacity, we wish a very  
MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Pennsylvania School, under the new order of things there, has ten classes in the advanced oral department, fourteen in the primary oral, and twelve in the manual, or combined department. The fact that each oral class does not contain more than ten pupils, while the manual classes have fifteen or sixteen each, does not savor of a full measure of "fair play and no favors." Certainly, a less number of pupils enables the teacher to devote more time to each individual; and thus secure better results. If the object is, as has been stated, to thoroughly and impartially test the merits of the rival systems, there should be an equal distribution of such favors as materially aid in the production of good results. Again, the mental capabilities of the pupils assigned to the respective classes should be on an average, if an impartial test is to be made. It too often happens that bright semi-mutes are selected for oral experiments, and the duller congenital mutes relegated to the manual classes. With equal favors we do not fear the discomfiture of the combined system.

The editor of the *Silent Echo*, when at the Chicago Fair, was much interested in the exhibition of Elisha Gray's "Telautograph." Five or six instruments were fitted up to give practical illustrations of the work that can be done. Companies are being organized in the different cities, and it is the intention of those forming these companies to make the "Telautograph" do the work now being done by the Telephone. Mr. McDermid seems to be convinced that this new invention will be a success, and especially a boon to the deaf. The messages are transmitted and received in writing, and are perfectly legible. This being the case, a deaf person can use the instrument with the same advantage as a hearing person. We hope it will succeed.

The *Sign* credits "The Human Hand" to THE CANADIAN MUTE. The honor does not belong to us. It lately appeared in this paper, duly credited to Maggie Hutton ("Scotch Girl"), a former pupil of the Wisconsin School, and now deceased. We claim our own, only. Miss Hutton was a valued correspondent of the *Wisconsin Times*, and a dear friend of Mrs. Fuller-Fischer, of Omaha, Nebraska, who sent us the article for publication.

The Board of Trustees of the Missouri School passed a resolution making the Superintendent editor-in-chief of the *Record*, and seventeen teachers his assistants. We shall hereafter, treat the editorial utterances of that paper with due consideration. It would not be very pleasant to incur the onus of such a ponderous "we". There certainly should be no lack of copy in an office where so many able pens supply it. The *Record* is a good paper, if it does command such an hydra-headed editorial "we".

Superintendent Carter, of the Kansas School, has arranged to have a full set of stereoscopic instruments for the edification of the pupils in the new assembly hall, at least once a week. He has made a good investment. Such exhibitions are a source of great enjoyment for the deaf, and at the same time serve a special educational purpose. We reach the mind of the deaf through the eye, and views of this kind, with the necessary explanations, give the pupils correct ideas of places, etc.

The Oregon people had two thanksgiving days this year, and of course they observed both, as duty or interest inclined. The Lieutenant-Governor set apart November 23rd for thanksgiving purposes, and the President of the United States named November 30th. The pupils of the state schools much appreciated this dual observation, as it gave them two holidays. At the school for the deaf, roast turkey for dinner on both occasions increased the delight of all who participated.

The new heading for the *Optic* was designed and executed by a deaf man, a resident of St. Louis, Mo. It is only another evidence of what the deaf can accomplish in an art that requires a skill of the hand and eye, as well as the exercise of correct judgment.

### THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

#### THE EDUCATOR.

We omitted to notice this excellent educational publication in the previous issues of THE CANADIAN MUTE. The omission was unintentional. The October number, which was received some time ago, more than sustained the reputation of the paper. Teachers of the deaf should read the *Educator*. It always contains something that will benefit them, and give them new ideas to be utilized in the school room. The editors are teachers of experience and writers of ability. They should have success.

#### THE HUFF AND BLUCK.

This representative of the National College comes to us with a new and improved cover, and filled with interesting reading. The graduates and students of the College are abundantly able to keep the journal on a high plane of literary excellence.

#### THE DEAF-MUTE VOICE.

Published at the Mississippi Institution, comes to hand much improved in appearance and is one of our most valued exchanges.

We have a peculiar interest in each and every one of the Institution papers published.

### Dangers of Foot-ball.

A return of the foot-ball accidents for the season just ended in Great Britain has been made. The deaths number twenty-six (four more than the previous season), the broken legs thirty-nine (a decrease of thirteen), the broken arms twelve (the same as in 1891-1892), the collar-bones broken twenty-five (an increase of seven), and the other injuries seventy-five (an increase of nineteen). The chronicler makes the grand total for the past three seasons of "deaths and damages" to be 427.

The London School Board, "for a start," propose to erect in the suburbs of London a Deaf and Dumb Institution for 150 children, by way of carrying out their duties under their new Education Act, which comes in force on the 1st of January.—*The Hanoockburn Times*.



SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,  
BELLEVILLE, Dec. 1, 1893.

To Parents and Friends.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. We shall have our usual joyous Christmas and the New Year for the pupils at the Institution.

Forward by express, or post, some small, inexpensive love tokens for your child. Send it so as to reach here NOT later than the 20th per the name of the child, in care of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, on each box or parcel. Parcels came last year two or three days after the Christmas distribution. Be prompt in this matter.

The classes go right along on Christmas Day and New Year's Day are the pupils excused from the school rooms. Officers and teachers remain at their posts of duty, deriving themselves the pleasure of meeting the old folks at home, for the purpose of administering to the comfort and happiness of the children here, and feeling that "The greatest happiness is found in making others happy." Pupils and teachers have a long rest in the summer season—quite enough for a whole year. During the holiday time evening amusements will be provided.

If parents must have their children at Christmas or New Year's we shall offer no objection to their coming for them to the Institution, but pupils who are thus taken away will not be received again until September next. This precaution is necessary to prevent any of them taking out measles or scarlet fever or bringing back other diseases. We have had all the sickness we want for this season.

Parents and friends of pupils will be welcome visitors to the class rooms at any time. We cannot furnish lodgings or meals to friends of pupils at the Institution, but anyone coming may obtain excellent accommodation at reasonable rates at hotels in Belleville. The following are recommended:—Huffman House, Queen's, Anglo American, Dominion, and Doctor's, near the G. T. R. Station.

Wishing you "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

I am, yours faithfully,

R. Mathison

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### DEATH.

UNQUAHART.—Suddenly at the residence of his father-in-law, A. K. Walker, No. 22 Jackson street west, Hamilton, on the 5th December, John Urquhart, aged 35 years.

Miss Walker, our matron, was called home by telegram on the 6th on account of the sudden and dangerous illness of her brother-in-law, Mr. Urquhart, but before she arrived there he had passed away. All the friends have our heartfelt sympathy.

The smallest pupils here this term are Mabel Burke and Clarence Under. These two toddlers head the procession to chapel and meals, and sit opposite each other at the table.