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The object of the Province in founding and maintaining this Institution is to afford educational advantages to all the youth of the Province who are, on account of deafness, either partial or total, unable to receive instruction in the common schools.

All deaf mutes between the ages of seven and twenty, not being deficient in intellect, and free from contagious diseases, who are bona fide residents of the Province of Ontario will be admitted as pupils. The regular term of instruction is seven years, with a vacation of nearly three months during the summer of each year.

Parents, guardians or friends who are able to pay will be charged the sum of \$20 per year for board, tuition, books and medical attendance will be furnished free.

Deaf mutes whose parents, guardians or friends are unable to pay the amount charged for board WILL BE ADMITTED FREE. Clothing must be furnished by parents or friends.

At the present time the trades of printing, carpentering and shoemaking are taught to boys; the female pupils are instructed in general domestic work, tailoring, dressmaking, sewing, knitting, the use of the sewing machine, and such ornamental and fancy work as may be desirable.

It is hoped that all having charge of deaf mute children will avail themselves of the liberal terms offered by the Government for their education and improvement.

The Regular Annual School Term begins on the second Wednesday in September and closes the third Wednesday in June of each year. For information as to the terms of admission for pupils, etc., will be given upon application to me by letter or otherwise.

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent

Frank S. Washington a deaf mute, was killed while working in a mill of the Ohio Pipe Co., and the administrator of his estate has brought suit to recover \$10,000 damages, claiming that his death was caused by negligence and careless work.

POETRY

The Cry of the Silent.

BY MINNIE M. STRICKLER.

Hark how thy ear O Father's Father
Hark into our woeless cry,
See, we kneel before Thee pleading,
Heavenly Father give us not by

Deaf are our ears, mute are our voices
Naught know we of chant or song
Lonely in our grief we seek Thee
O, Thou who hearest, help us along

The bird sings merrily in cedar tree-top,
The stream flows gently along its way
But for us there is no music,
Pining for joy 'till Thee we pray

Faith would we praise Thee with joyous voice,
Lift high our souls in heavenly songs,
But Thou hath willed and we answer
Heavenly Father! Thy will be done

MISCELLANEOUS

If I Were a Girl.

I would take care of my health, by living out-doors as much as possible, and taking long walks in the sunshine. English girls understand how necessary this is for good complexions and cheerful spirits. Wear simple clothing, that you may climb mountains and breathe freely.

I would secure the best education I could get, by all means, if it is possible. A woman, in these days, if she would be attractive as well as useful, must be intelligent. Educated men need educated wives. Children need educated mothers. Women themselves need a broad education, lest their thoughts become centered in clothes or in the small round of society gossip which belittles. Read good books and thereby become intelligent.

I would cultivate cheerfulness. Discontent soon shows itself in the face. If you have some disappointments, do not do others. If you are cramped for money, be thankful that your lot is no worse than it is. Learn to make the best of things. An unhappy woman is a perpetual cloud in a home. A fretful girl has few friends, and the number lessens year by year.

I would say kind things of others, especially of the girls. A girl who makes unkind remarks about other girls had better be avoided by young men. She will not make an agreeable companion for life.

I would learn how to be self-supporting. Especially in this country, where fortunes change, it is wise for a woman to be able to care for herself. Helpless women are not a comfort to others, and usually are not to themselves.

I would try to be polite everywhere. True courtesy is more winsome than a pretty face or fine dress. Loud talk or loud dress does not betoken the lady. Be appreciative and sympathetic, and you have two keys which will unlock almost all hearts.

I would learn self-control. To know when to speak and when to be silent, to have hateful things said about you and be able to answer pleasantly, to have people confide in you and be wise enough to keep it locked in your own heart, to be in poverty and not be scorned by it, to meet temptation and be strong before it, to be strong enough to perform any labor or duty that needs to be done, all this shows a noble mastery over self.

I would be punctual. Being late at meals, late at church or late in meeting engagements makes unnecessary friction in families. If we are willing to lose valuable time, we have no right to make others lose it.

I would not be careless about the affections. Girls too often think that young men are not easily hurt in love matters, or if they are, they soon recover. As a rule, probably, men love as

deeply as women, and to play with hearts is a sin.

I have known girls engaged to two young men at the same time, thought less as to the effect upon those whom they could not marry. It is a pitiful thing to spoil a life, and it is not so frequently done. The golden rule of doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us is especially applicable here. *Heath and Hall*

A Trade for Boys.

If I had my way I would insist that every boy should learn a trade, writes Foster Coates in the *January Ladies Home Journal*. It was so in the olden times, and it should be so now. The man who has a trade is a thousand times better equipped than the man who has none. Let every boy select the trade that best suits his ability, and promise the highest honors and remuneration. When he has mastered his trade if he dislikes it or it is not profitable, he can begin to study a profession or enter upon a commercial life. If he should fail in both of these he is still master of a good trade—something that no one can take from him, no matter what exigencies may arise. The man who is master of a good trade is as independent as a millionaire. He need never want, he can find profitable employment in any corner of the world.

I do not say one word against a professional career. But I do say emphatically that the man who has a trade and a profession as well need have no fear of the future. The boy who wants to can master a trade between the years of sixteen and twenty and if he dislikes it, he still has time to study medicine, the law or any other of the learned professions. But if he waits until he is twenty or over he may not have an opportunity or feel inclined to learn either.

Anecdotes of the Deaf.

One day Massieu had a complaint to make against a man who had attempted to rob him of his pocket-book. He reported to one of the Paris police-offices and demanded a sheet of paper and wrote as follows:

Mr. Judge, I am deaf and dumb. I was looking at something in a broad street with other deaf and dumb persons. This man saw me. He noticed a small pocket-book in the pocket of my coat. He slyly approached me. He was drawing out the pocket-book when my lip warned me. I turned myself briskly towards this man, who, being afraid, threw the pocket-book between the legs of another man who picked it up and returned it to me. I seized the thief by his jacket, I held him fast; he became pale and trembling. I beckoned to a police officer to come. I showed the pocket book to him and expressed to him by signs that the man had stolen my pocket-book. The officer brought the thief hither. I have followed him. I demand justice. I swear before God that he stole this pocket-book from me. He I dare say will not deny the fact. I beg you, Mr. Judge, not to order him to be beheaded, he has not killed any one but let him be reprimanded and I will be satisfied.

The thief was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in the jail of Bicetre for three months. *Saint-Pro*

Some people always seem to have a large stock of exaggeration on hand and are not slow to deal it out to their fellow men. Exaggeration is but another name for falsehood, to exaggerate is to pass the bounds of truth, and how can those bounds be passed, without entering upon the precincts of falsehood. There can be but a true or a false representation. There is no medium what is not true must be false.

A Weird Story.

The *Cincinnati Enquirer* in its issue of last Sunday gives "some weird stories" recounted by old grave diggers, among which we find the following. "The most thrilling experience I ever had was with a deaf and dumb girl," said Meyer Helwitz, now night watchman at the United Jewish Cemetery on Walnut Hills. "In the summer time I very often place my cot on a new-made grave and then sleep to watch it. My dog I sometimes fasten to my foot with a chain. One night I had fallen asleep, when suddenly I was awakened by a growl and a tug at the chain. I sat up on my cot and looked about. As usual as I am to the dead my hair fairly rose on my head when I saw on a distant grave a white figure. It raised and then lowered, uttering the most unearthly sounds. It then disappeared again, while my trusty dog shrank under my cot, growling and trembling. I grasped my revolver and made for the ghostly figure. When, what do you suppose I found? a deaf and dumb girl in her night-dress, mourning over the grave of her mother."

Deaf Mute Pantomimists.

M. Henri Gaillard and M. Varenne—Parisian gentlemen—are doing their best to found a theatre in which deaf mutes may be utilized as pantomimists, says a correspondent from the French capital. A theatrical performance took place recently in which four deaf and dumb people acted as excellent mimics, and it was thought that the experiment could be repeated on a larger and more permanent scale. A committee has been formed now by MM. Gaillard and Varenne, who intend to ask the public to give them help. The plan, however, is not regarded as likely to be so successful as its promoters imagined. One of the authorities at the national institute of deaf mutes has given it as his opinion that people afflicted with loss of speech and hearing could never act in complicated pieces, and that, moreover, they could not follow the music. These remarks hardly can weigh with M. Gaillard and his associates, who, while awaiting the theatre, are engaged in instructing a contingent of deaf mutes, whom they expect to turn out as finished mimics after a few months of careful training. *—Boston Herald, Jan. 18th*

How to Test an Impostor.

Now and then we hear of a person attempting to sham deafness. The *St. Louis Globe Democrat* gives the following novel way to catch them "napping."

That no man is proof against the love of money is evidenced by the case with which a physician can expose a man who is feigning deafness, says Dr. Wallace Smythe. A man can pretend to be deficient in any of the senses, and it is sometimes necessary to subject him to an electric shock to break down his self-erected barrier. But if a man who pretends to be deaf is approached from behind while standing on a stone floor or sidewalk and a coin dropped so as to ring he will invariably turn sharp around with a view to picking up the coin.

This simple device is frequently resorted to in countries where conscription is the rule and where deafness or any other infirmity relieves a man from army service. I saw it tried in Paris on six alleged deaf youths, and much to the examining physician's amusement, it succeeded in exposing the sham every time.

Let little children be taught to perform their trifling actions properly and as well as they can. Let school boys read, write and do all their lessons thoroughly, not attempting too much. Remember that which is worth doing at all should be done well.