

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

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THE CANADIAN MUTE

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1899

...to the apple tree... and all the rest... the snow of the blossoms dressed...

Easter Time.

At the Institution Good Friday was, of course, a holiday and books, slates and studies were laid aside for the day...

HOME NEWS

Miss Linn reports having seen the Prairie horned lark, which was quite close for some time but finally rose up singing until nearly out of sight.

One afternoon several little girls came running to the station greatly concerned about a little song sparrow that a blackbird had pecked to death.

Good-bye to the snow for a few months. Mr Keith has been attending to the frozen banks left in shady spots and has kept the boys at work breaking them up with the axe and scattering them.

One fine afternoon last week the pupils were released at 2 p. m. and the girls betook themselves to the city shopping, in charge of the lady teachers.

On Tuesday morning last Miss Linn saw a number of Killdeer plover both flying and on the ground, and was near enough to observe the creamy white of the under part of the body.

All the teachers and officers who reside in the main building are glad that spring and warm days are with us again. It is such a relief to get the boys out of doors where they can tear around without shaking anyone's nerves.

Miss Mathison left on Thursday the 14th inst. on an extended visit to her brother Dr. Mathison and Dr. George Mathison at Kamloops and Winnipeg. She had arranged to take the trip this summer but, in compliance with Superintendent Melker's request...

On Saturday evening the 1st inst. Mr Forrester afforded the pupils a pleasant evening entertainment. He took them in thought, over the sea to Sweden and kept them in close attention for over an hour while he told them of the quaint customs of the people...

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. D. Bayne, of Meryvale, has our sympathy in the death of his father.

Miss Terrill spent the Easter holidays with her daughter at Kingston.

The Rev. Mr. Cowart visited the Baptist pupils on Wednesday afternoon last.

Bicycles are out and both they and their owners are glad to be on the wing again.

The Rev. Canon Burke and the Rev. Mr. Gustin were with us on Wednesday afternoon last.

Miss Brown's mother, from Morrisburg spent Easter here with her daughter and exceedingly enjoyed her visit.

Miss Belle Mathison, after a pleasant visit to friends in Brantford, Ouelph and Hamilton, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Moore, of Toronto, was lately down on a brief visit to Belleville, but did not get out to the Institution to see us.

Geo. W. Grant contemplates buying land in Dauphin, as he would like to be near neighbor to his school mate, Mr. Jackson.

It is reported that Mr. Peter Cummings an ex pupil of Belleville, is a prosperous farmer in Dakota. We would like his address.

Archie McLaren one of our old pupils, is working in the Wire Works in Brooklyn, New York. He is doing well, and in writing to the Superintendent says "God bless the Institution."

Friend Jefferson is now a baker with Mr. Nasmith, Toronto. We often wonder how he can turn his hand to so many different vocations and be an expert in each one. He is very clever.

Mrs. J. Gallagher, of Brockville, mother of Mrs. Peppin, came up to make our acquaintance and spend Easter with her daughter. She was a pleased visitor at the Easter Monday party and left for home the next day.

The death of Mr. Con. McGuire in the city hospital last week was a sad event. He has been ill for a long time and leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss. He was a nephew of Mr. McMillan of our staff who attended his funeral on the 10th inst.

Mrs. D. R. Coleman went to Concord North Carolina last week to be at the bedside of her aged mother Mrs. Caroline McDonald who had been ill for some time. She passed away peacefully last Saturday at the advanced age of 87 years. All the members of the family have our sympathy in their bereavement.

J. J. Jackson writes that he and Mrs. Jackson arrived safely in Dauphin on the 25th of Feb. They are now comfortably settled. J. J. was agreeably surprised to meet his old school mate Andrew Porter on the same train on his way to Assiniboua. Andrew has grown so bald that it was difficult to recognize him.

Forty years of continuous service in the class room is a record sufficiently unique to merit passing notice. Mr. Thos. L. Brown senior teacher of the Michigan school for the deaf completed his fortieth year as a teacher in that school on the 10th ult., and was the recipient of a fitting recognition of his services on the part of the staff and pupils. Mr. Brown is a faithful successful teacher and we hope he will continue to fill his responsible position for many years yet to come.

Two of our former pupils spent Easter with us. They were Arthur Clark and Richard O'Brien. The former often gives us a call, but we have not seen Richard since he left school five years ago. He has steady employment in the C. P. R. shops at Perth and has worked there for some time and we believe is giving good satisfaction to his employers. We are very glad to see him long so well and so careful of his money and best of all to hear that he was a total abstainer and had been for some time. We wish all our old pupils were like him in this respect.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Messrs. Wigget and McLelland are at present working on the night gang at the government printing bureau, and from present indications they may be there all summer as the season of parliament drags slowly along. Mr. and Mrs. McLelland gave a very pleasant party to their mute friends. Miss McKillop, cousin of Mrs. McLelland, was present and, from her knowledge of the manual alphabet and her genial and ladylike manner, made her self a great favorite with the mutes.

We understand that Mr. Holland is at present visiting Mr. Gray.

Miss Macfarlane has spent the last couple of months with her sister in Montreal.

Mr. Clench, who was employed by Mr. Gray last summer and this winter, has left the latter's employment.

Miss Northwick also gave a very pleasant tea party to the mutes, but your correspondent was unable to attend owing to unavoidable circumstances.

D. Bayne's father died on the 14th of March, at the age of 74.

Mr. Luddy, of Perth, was visiting in Ottawa in January and is always sure of a hearty welcome.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Our friends on their way home from the last monthly meeting carried the Mock Parliament discussion to the streets. Our legislators have impressed themselves. Two of the general public at least have had a new sensation. The west-bound friends in a body boarded and nearly filled an empty car. Those who know our kind will have in their mind's eye a Doubybrook Fair in that car, and the occupants in as great a state of energetic effervescence as if the force below had broken loose and electrified the whole contents. A stranger to our own ways got up before and paused at the door in astonishment. "What's this?" he asked the conductor. "Oh," was the answer, "it's a detachment of the silent people." The man sat down and gazed till another "stranger and foreigner" joined him. The new comer was welcomed with effusion by the first man and confided to him in a subdued voice that the situation was really very queer and other worldish. The two then began to discuss the spectacle with freedom till Miss Fraser, who was assisting the hurly burly, politely asked one of them to excuse her as he was sitting on her dress. The startled man, struck dumb for a moment, then ejaculated "I won't say a word more." The atmosphere of that car was uncanny for the average person and the faculties of the silent people evidently uncomfortably promiscuous.

On Easter Sunday a majority of the friends joined in an impressive communion service at the Broadway Hall. According to our custom the services had been carefully prepared for. The Rev. Mr. Shortt of St. Thomas gave an admirable address and conducted the service in a firm and spirit which commended itself to all. The table was prepared with chaste taste by Miss Fraser with white flowers, the gift of some friends, and the translation of the service was very happy. Miss Campbell signed a hymn with a spirit better even than the grace and expression with which it was rendered. Mr. Bridgen in the few final words that closed the service dwelt on the changelessness of the love that welcomed us and the changelessness of the claim upon our hearts' best service.

On Good Friday evening a religious service was held by request. It was a happy and serious meeting largely attended. Several prayers, hymns and short passages of scripture were signed by different friends present. The varied character of the service and the address on the last hours of the Divine Master secured unbroken attention for nearly two hours.

Mrs. Robt. Scott, of Chicago, who has been spending a couple of weeks with friends, has returned home.

The many friends of Mrs. Nairn will no doubt be surprised to hear she is now in Atlanta, Georgia, U. S.

Your reporter wishes to thank Mr. J. Braithwaite at Washington College for a copy of Buff and Blue. It was very much appreciated by him.

Miss Fraser, mother and sister have removed to 38 Division Street. Correspondents will please take notice.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore invited a large number of their married silent friends to an At Home on the 24th ult. and a very enjoyable time was spent.

We were pleased to have Miss Ada James with us again for a few days during Easter.

Mr. Duncan Bloom of Thamosville, Ont., paid his Toronto friends a visit on Easter. He was a very welcome visitor and we regret his time was so short. Come again, old boy.