

REGENERATION.

BY HATTIE HORNAM.

Deep in the water, o'er the slime unsightly
A germ was lodged, unwarlike pale over there
It reached the tiny rootlets, daily, nightly
It ran the stems toward the moonlike glare
It lay until upon the surface lightly
It waterily floated, spotless fair

So deep in human life, all dark with passion,
And truth may lodge its tender leaves unroll,
And so at last will bear in its own fashion,
The business blossom of a Christ-like soul

Extracts From Letters.

SOME KIND WORDS.

Allow me to thank you for your kindness to our little girl. We all think she is making good progress, and hope she will be a good child. When I went to the Institution with her I was much pleased to see so many happy faces. The pupils all seemed glad to get back there again. Cora has learned a lot since she went to the Institution. There is a big change in her, and we were all well pleased to find her so much improved.

We were glad to hear a good report of Thomas. We were well pleased to see him so fat and healthy looking when he came home in June, and also with the progress he had made in school. We were not so homesick this time when he went away. We miss him, but it is for his good, and we are thankful for the care which has been taken of him. I cannot express my feelings of gratitude for the good that is being done in the Institution, and hope God will be with all these who are engaged in such a grand work.

"We were not surprised that our little boy cried when we left him, but we are glad to know that he is now more reconciled. We often felt sorry, but we never know the depth of sorrow till we left our poor little deaf and dumb boy in Belleville, our hearts were well nigh broken. We liked the appearance of all that we saw in connection with the Institution, and feel thankful that there is such a place provided for deaf and dumb children. Home is very quiet and lonely without our darling, but the parting is for his good, and we will try and be contented."

I feel I would like to send you a line to tell you how very pleased we were with Katie when she came home for the holidays. She bore the unmistakable marks of having been well cared for, both as regards her health, her clothing and her education. She surprised us much to see how quickly she could understand anything we wrote for her, and she was so sharp to write a reply. She was so delighted to be home to love us all, and what speaks more than anything for the kindness she gets at school was her readiness to return. We thank you very much for your untiring kindness.

A young man living in Lucan, Ont., a deaf-mute, about twenty-five years of age is quite a genius in his way. He is a musician of fair ability, and can play three musical instruments at one time, and bring forth such music that it charms all hearers. He purposes making a musical tour of Canada and we have no doubt he will be well received wherever he goes. He has a method of teaching music to deaf-mutes, but we have not seen any of those whom he has taught. He is a philanthropist, and as he is only desirous of making life easy to those who are afflicted. He will be heard from later on.

It is with pleasure that I write you these few lines, hoping that your efforts and those of others in connection with the Institution regarding the instruction of the children whom the Almighty hath sent to this world deaf and dumb, may be highly blessed, and that each child under your care may receive an education and have a Christian training, which will not only fit them for business in this life but prepare them for a life hereafter where their tongues shall be hushed to praise their Saviour through all eternity. I am, thankful to you and to others in connection with the Institution who so kindly entertained us when we were down with our child, and I feel proud that my little son, Isaiah, is continuing himself so well and apparently taking such an interest in his studies.

Lisowyl, Sept 2nd., 1892.

R. Mathison, Esq.,

Dear Sir, It is with profound joy and gratitude of heart I convey to you and through you to your splendid staff of professors and teachers, inox-

possible delight with the work you are doing for the dear deaf and dumb boys and girls of our land. What a joy you must have, by the power of sign and symbol, to resurrect thought and formulate ideas in the silent sanctuary of the souls of those whose ears are stopped to the loudest thunder's crash, and whose tongues have forgotten how to articulate the music that constantly leaps from the deep emotions of the heart. I often think of the saying of the mother who had a mute boy in her home. "It may be sinful, but I love thee most, and God seems nearer when I pray for thee." I write the above because of having met one of your pupils, Mr. E. A. Leslie, whose father and mother are members of my congregation. He is a bright boy and his parents are delighted with the progress he is making in his studies. He is anxiously waiting for the days to be born and die that intervene between now and the time to arrive that he may go back to the bosom of his alma mater.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES LIVINGSTONE,
Meth. Minister

MANITOBA.

From our own Correspondent

A meeting of the members of the Association P. I. S. assembled in the chapel of the Institution for the deaf at Winnipeg on the 8th ult. All with two exceptions were present, and much interest was taken in the business to be brought before the meeting. The President delivered a lengthy and instructive address, dwelling on the history of the society since its inception after which the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

President—Mr J. R. Byrne
Vice-President—Mr Wm Luddy
Secretary—T. Surer—Mrs W Luddy
Sergeant-At-Arms—Master T Wilkie.

The best of feeling was exhibited through, and it was a very hard matter to make a choice of officers, as all the candidates were very popular. The subject for debate at the next meeting is: *Resolved*,—That War causes more misery in the world than Intemperance.

Harry R. Ince, a former pupil, lives at Melita, Man., on a farm of his own. He keeps "Bachelor's Hall," and enjoys cooking his own meals and washing his own clothes. He hopes for good times in the future when he gets his farm in shape, and says he likes to live in Manitoba very much better than Ontario. He will be glad to hear from old friends.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Miss Sarah Fletcher, an old Hamilton Institution pupil, is working for Mrs. Riddell.

Chas. Elliot has been enjoying himself in the country for a couple of weeks.

It is proposed to remove the Sunday meeting place on Yonge St. to Y. M. C. A. Branch on Spadina Avenue, as it is a more central place for the deaf-mutes generally.

Wm Riddell has opened out a tailoring establishment on his own account on Collego Street.

Mrs. Buchan has been on the sick list lately, but has quite recovered, and her cheeks are as rosy as ever again.

One of our members nearly fell into the clutches of the law for walking on the railway track lately.

Mr J. L. Smith's name was on the program for a lecture on the 12th ult., and on that evening he was on hand, and took for his subject the "Battle of Boyne" and "Londonderry." The lecture deserved a better attendance.

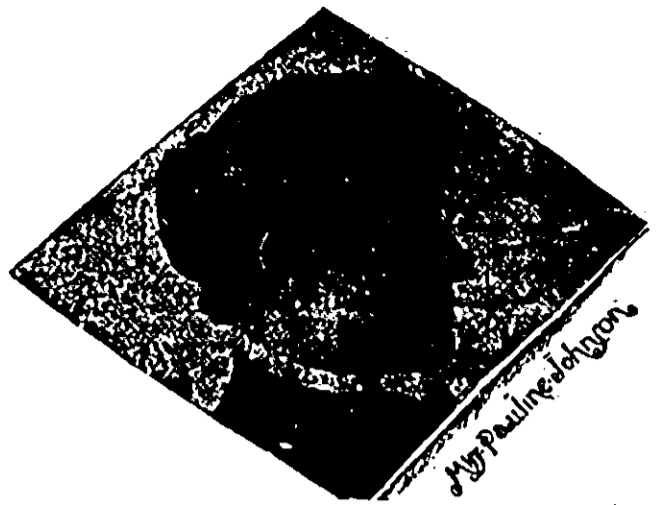
R. R. Riddell, who has been laid off work for a couple of weeks, has returned to his old job. He will have some exercise now for his stiff limbs.

J. J. Ellis has removed to 115 Sully Street, which is a more suitable house for a little family. It is small and cosy. John is learning to nurse the baby.

Some of the married deaf-mutes are smiling. Why? Because they got their coal in before the rise.

Miss Anne Riddell, sister of R. R. Riddell, is teaching school at West Toronto Junction.

Robt. H. McEachlan, of Flint, Mich., was married to Daisy Powell on the 14th Sept., and they spent their honeymoon at Forest. Their friends remembered them with many valuable presents.



MISS PAULINE JOHNSON.

The talented and handsome Indian poetess, Miss PAULINE JOHNSON, visited the Institution on Friday and Saturday last. She made a round of the classes and expressed herself as very much pleased with her visit. She was a guest of Mr. Mathison's family while here, and we all hope she will come again, as she has made many friends by her bright and charming manners.

A Souvenir Group.

Mr. Bala, one of our teachers, has shown us a photographic group of more than usual interest. It consists of fifteen photographs the subjects being correspondents of the *Wisconsin Times*, and all now, or formerly, connected with the school for the deaf at Delavan in that state. The Superintendent, Mr. Swiler, occupies the central position, and he must feel somewhat flattered with such a good looking and intelligent company of assistants about him. Only one of the group has passed beyond this mortal life and left a vacancy to be filled by other friends of the school. Miss Maggie Hutton, whose recent death was so generally regretted, was a young lady of frail physical powers, but mental a peer of the ablest. The *Times* is fortunate in having so many willing helpers, all of whom "wield the pen of a ready writer."

Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

SOUND WANDERING IN ROSELDALE WITH A LOAF OF BREAD UNDER HER ARM.

A woman apparently about 60 years of age was found by the police recently wandering in Rosedale with a fresh loaf of bread under her arm. She could hardly see and was deaf and dumb. She could use the dumb alphabet some, but her vocabulary was very limited, and she had many signs not used by the light-fingered talkers. Sergeant Meade of Yorkville Police station was in a quandary. He asked the old lady by means of the slate if she was willing to stay and she nodded her head "yes." With his fingers he asked her name and she replied "Mary Ca." and then went off into a maze of mysterious signs. He was unable to find out where she lived and she is still at No. 5.

Rendered Deaf in an Instant.

Sunday evening while Mrs. Gudcon Whipple, of the village, was sitting at the supper table she felt a sharp twinge of pain in her head and was instantly deprived of the sense of hearing. Dr. R. A. McKay, was at once sent for and upon making an examination decided that the auditory nerve had been paralyzed.

Mrs. Whipple was in perfect health when she sat down to supper and could hear as well as anyone in the house. The shock came without a woman's warning and left her almost prostrated upon realizing her condition. It is thought by the physicians that it is barely possible that she may in time recover her hearing to a limited degree. Mr. Whipple is a turner in the Livingston Manor Mfg. Co. works in the village. *The Enquirer*, Livingston Manor, N. Y., Sept. 29.

Mr. W. B. Larkins, Harrison Ave., Detroit, one of our old pupils, writes that he is making \$1.50 per day running a vertical engine, and he thinks of learning the machinist trade, by which to make more money. He got a job in a shoemaker's shop when he first went there, but after sewing some ladies boots on a machine that he was not accustomed to, he was excused from further efforts in that line.

Dr. Chamberlain, Inspector, paid the Institution a short visit on Sunday afternoon last.

Robert Robinson, a deaf-mute living in the township of Kincardine, Bruce, took 1st Prize at the late county show, for a span of horses.

Miss Jessie Duncan, sister of James Duncan, of Winnip., left her home in Stratford on Oct. 4th to go as a missionary to "far off India."

Miss Claudia Moore, Charlotte Rice, Maggie Fuller and Maggie Kennedy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hoy recently, at their pleasant home near Stratford.

Mrs. Darow and child spent a pleasant holiday at the home of Mrs. Morrison, in Collingwood, lately. Mrs. Darow's brother was the first pupil of this Institution when it opened, more than 21 years ago.

Edward Merchand is at the college of Christian Brothers, St. Louis, Mo. He is going to try and get a place as teacher of mutes in some institution. At present he is doing night work at the College mentioned above.

Matthew Murray is working on his father's farm, and likes his present employment. He writes that he is a temperance man through and through, and will never drink liquors of any kind. Good for Matthew.

During Mr. James Duncan's visit to Brantford, he had a number of games of checkers with Mr. Robt. Sutton, and each claim the championship of Canada. James was too much for Robert, as he beat him 6 games to 2.

Whitelaw Reid, editor of the *New York Tribune* and Republican candidate for Vice-president, has a deaf-mute brother who is engaged in farming near Council Bluffs, Ia., and who was formerly a teacher in the Nebraska school.

The Indiana Institution now employs a special policeman to preserve order on its extensive grounds, the board of public safety of Indianapolis having recently conferred special police powers on a watchman selected by the Institution.

The *Silent World* of September 22nd had the following:—"Wells Fisk, a deaf man, 35 years old and unmarried, was struck and killed by a locomotive near Hamilton, O., last week. He was walking on the railroad track." Another warning. Deaf-mutes should not walk on the railroad track.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet has resigned the rectorship of St. Ann's Protosant Episcopal Church, New York, after forty years faithful and continuous labor. This is the only church in that great city exclusively devoted to the spiritual care of deaf-mutes. Rev. Dr. Edward H. Kraus succeeds Dr. Gallaudet as rector.

SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF.—There are in the United States and Canada at the present time eighty-four schools for the deaf, in which 9,032 pupils are receiving instruction. Of these schools thirteen, having 402 pupils, are conducted on the manual method, nineteen, containing 1,104 follow the oral method, while fifty-two, containing 8,140 pupils, are conducted under the combined system. Considering that this system prevails in 62 per cent. of the schools containing 85 per cent. of the pupils now under instruction, it may be justly called, as it often is in Europe, the American system.