

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

OFFICERS
 A. E. SMITH, Brantford
 P. FRASER, Toronto
 H. C. MATHISON, Toronto
 D. HAYES, Merivale
 D. J. McALLISTER, Belleville
 D. R. COLLEMAN, Belleville

BOYS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
 President: H. Mathison
 Vice-President: Wm. Nurse
 Secretary: Wm. Douglas
 Treasurer: D. J. McAllister

BALL AND HOCKEY CLUBS.
 President: J. Chambers
 Vice-President: D. Laidlaw
 Secretary: J. Dubois
 Treasurer: J. Dubois

WOMEN'S LITERARY SOCIETY
 President: H. Mathison
 Vice-President: Wm. Nurse
 Secretary: D. J. McAllister
 Treasurer: Ada James

The CANADIAN MUTE.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1896.

They say that man is mighty,
 He covers land and sea,
 He wields a mighty scepter,
 His lesser power than he
 Is a mightier power, stronger,
 Man from his throne has hurled—
 In the hand that rocks the cradle
 Is the hand that rules the world



HOME, SWEET HOME.

Not houses and palaces, though we may roam,
 Not a four square, there's no place like home!

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
 Belleville, May 15th, 1896.

To Parents and Friends:

The present term will close on Wednesday, June 17th, 1896, and our pupils go to their homes on that day. An officer of the Institution will accompany those who are to travel on the Main Lines of Railway, taking care of them and their baggage, to the points agreed upon.

At the close of this session a number of pupils will have completed their term, but those who can be benefited by one or two extra years will be allowed to come back. If you know of any deaf and dumb children of school age in your neighborhood, kindly send the names of the parents, with their post office addresses, to me.

The Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific and Central Ontario Railway Companies have liberally arranged to issue return tickets for one first-class fare good until September 16th, 1896.

The pupils will leave Belleville for home on Wednesday, June 17th, by early train, under the charge of Officers of the Institution, arriving at the various stations at the times specified in timetables by Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and Central Ontario Railways and parents and friends must meet them, and be standing on the platform of the station when the train arrives. This is important.

Money for fares must be remitted to Mr. Alex. Mathison, Bursar, by P. O. order or registered letter, before the 1st of June in order that final arrangements may be made for Railway Tickets.

The next term will commence on Wednesday, the 16th September, and I shall be glad to see the pupils will be sent promptly.

With kind regards,
 Yours faithfully,

R. Mathison
 SUPERINTENDENT.

Sporting Notes.

This season our pupils have been playing more for amusement than the winning of laurels and it certainly is better for them. Athletic sports are all very well in their place but the pupils' education must be paramount. This spring foot-ball has been having a rest and the pupils have taken up the quieter game of base ball but they have not lacked sport.

On the 16th ult., the Albert College team came out for a practice match with us. Our boys were very rusty and the new members on the team sadly in need of training but they managed to save the game and avert defeat. During the first half hour the Alberts had the best of it but did not score. When ends were changed our boys had it much their own way and broke through for four goals, our opponents going home without scoring.

On the 19th the Albert College and City teams met on our grounds in their first contest for the Corby Cup and our pupils had the pleasure of witnessing the match. The Alberts turned out unexpectedly strong. The members on the City team were nearly the same that had given us such hard struggles to defend the cup in the past, but they were evidently sadly out of practice. The game ended in a tie, neither side scoring, although the Alberts had the best of it all through and lost several good chances to score.

The 22nd was Field Day at Albert College, and they invited our team to go out and play them a game at the conclusion of their own sports. Our boys left after school in the afternoon, feeling confident of victory, although they had made no preparations for the match. The result was they came home a very humbled lot of boys, sadder and a heap wiser. The Alberts were in fine form and rushed the game from start to finish having the best of it all through. In the first half they scored twice, and twice again in the last half of the time. Our boys' lack of training was quite plain, they were easily tired out and winded and there was a total absence of the neat combination which in the past has brought them victory after victory. The long walk to the College and strange grounds perhaps helped to contribute to their defeat. The boys are now putting in some practice and we hope Albert will try to give them another game before school closes.

Our Annual Games.

Our Annual Field Day will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, after the examinations are over. At first it was intended to hold them on the anniversary of the Queen's birthday, but it was thought best to put them off and it was better so, for the weather was not favorable for such an occasion. A deputation of four of the pupils interviewed all the teachers, officers and employes and invited them to subscribe towards a prize list, which nearly all did handsomely and quite a sum was contributed, enough to stimulate the pupils to their best efforts to excel. The following will be the programme of events:—

- 1 Half mile Run (Large Boys)
- 2 100 Yards Run (Large Girls)
- 3 100 Yards Run (Small Boys)
- 4 70 Yards Run (Small Girls)
- 5 Running Hop, Step and Jump
- 6 Standing Wide Jump
- 7 Relay Race
- 8 Running High Jump
- 9 Indian Club Swinging (Girls)
- 10 Skipping Contest (Girls)
- 11 Three Leaved Race
- 12 Sack Race
- 13 Pole Vaulting
- 14 Kettle Contest
- 15 Wheelbarrow Race
- 16 Boat Race
- 17 Egg Race (for Girls)
- 18 Orange and Spoon Race
- 19 Tug of War (Large Boys)
- 20 Tug of War (Large Girls)
- 21 Obstacle Race
- 22 Small Girls Race (under 10 years)
- 23 Small Boys Race (under 10 years)



The yearly examinations will commence to-morrow.

Little John Mapes was delighted to welcome his grandfather, Mr. Brooks, of Lindsay, at the Institution on Tuesday last.

As the next issue of the CANADIAN MUTE is likely to be the last one for this term, correspondents will please forward items as early as possible; not later than the 6th.

Miss Gibson's wheel came to grief and she had to walk around for a few days without it. She never knew how much she prized it till the tire got punctured and the wind gave out.

The examinations will begin on the 2nd of June and continue during the following week, and when they are over the end of nine months close application will be a relief to teachers and pupils.

On the 18th ult. the Superintendent called a meeting of the teachers and made the preliminary arrangements for the final examinations, and for the past two weeks, the teachers have been preparing for the same on the lines laid down.

Fire swept away a large portion of Deseronto on the evening of the 25th ult. Mr. Cunningham went down there the next day, a married daughter of his being among the sufferers, their home being burned down and much of their property destroyed.

Rain and plenty of it, came on Monday last, was what we had been needing for a long time and had we not got it the outlook for good products on our farm would have been very poor. In the garden, Mr. Moore has utilized the waterworks and by irrigating a considerable area, has got the vegetables well forward.

Miss Maybee is now the happy owner of a bicycle, and is putting in her spare time in learning to ride it. At first it proved a rather obstreperous steed to manage, but Miss Maybee persevered and is now able to spin along nicely. We have now three lady bicyclists and next session the number will probably be doubled.

Three of our boys, Chambers, Noonan and Dubois went to Madoc on the 25th and assisted the Albert College foot-ball team to score a brilliant victory over a picked team at the celebration there. Chambers made himself famous and each came home proudly decorated with a champion's medal. The Alberts treated them handsomely.

We are pleased to note that a number of our pupils have been prepared to join the churches of their denomination during the session and others are about to do so. This is the result of the ministrations of visiting clergymen supplemented by the regular chapel instruction given by our teachers. May the good work go on and be yet more abundantly blessed.

Mr. and Mrs. Balis entertained the girls in the three highest classes at their home on the evening of the 25th ult. There were 35 in the party and we need not remark that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, for a party of young people that Mr. and Mrs. Balis cannot pleasantly entertain must indeed be hard to please. In the midst of the merry-making the storm broke and they had to remain much later than they intended. During an ease in the storm and with the aid of plenty of wraps they brought with them they all arrived safely at the Institute without mishap at 10.30 p. m. Misses James and Halo accompanied the party.

Queen's Birthday was celebrated rather more quietly than usual. In the morning, the Maple Leaf base-ball club came out to have a match with our boys, expecting them to put up one of their old time games but they were disappointed for it turned out too one-sided to be interesting. This season our boys have been playing in the most desultory style and have made no effort to practice systematically to excel, so they have only themselves to blame for being soundly beaten. Owing to two of our best players being absent our opponents let us down easy and called the score 12 to 4. During the rest of the day the pupils played games among themselves and in the evening were amused with fireworks, but the wind was too strong for that kind of sport.

PERSONALITIES.

J. S. Gould is now in Deseronto. Miss Ida Middlemass is one of the most graceful bicyclists in Belleville and vicinity.

John A. Ishister has moved to Peterboro and is working for Mr. Carey, a shoemaker of that place.

Mr. Wm. Brown, of Lindsay, father of Mrs. John Flynn, left on the 21st ult. for a visit to his old home in Ireland.

Mr. Amos Parkin, of Toronto, gave us a call a few days ago. He was busy and only able to remain a short time.

Mrs. Terrill celebrated the holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Forster, at the Rockwood Asylum, Kingston.

Miss Belle Mathison, who was visiting in the West for some months, returned home last week. We are all glad to see her looking so well.

The Right Reverend Monsignor Farrelloy, and the Reverend Father Carson were up again to see the Roman Catholic children on Thursday of last week.

Inspector Chamberlain dropped in on us unexpectedly a Saturday or two ago, and spent a few hours in going over the Institution, which he found in good order generally.

Mr. John Gorman, an uncle of John Flynn of Toronto, was accidentally killed in a foundry at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 11th ult. His body was brought to Toronto for burial.

Wm. Baprie, of Laketfield, regrets that he cannot attend the Convention in Brantford, as he has engaged for the summer to work on a government dredge on the T. V. Canal at Rosedale, Victoria Co.

Miss Sarah Christie and Miss Marion Christie, of Hamilton, nieces of Mr. and Mrs. Mathison, are visiting the Superintendent's family. They are delighted with this part of the country and are having a good time.

Our old pupil and friend, A. P. Van Luvan, has moved to Neillsville, Wis., where he will be glad to hear from his friends in Ontario. We wish him and his family every prosperity and happiness in their new home.

Miss Aggie McFarland spent her Easter holidays at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gustin, of Forest, and enjoyed her visit very much. She is sorry to let her friends and schoolmates know that she will not be able to meet them at Brantford.

The Reverend Canon Burke's birthday occurred on the 24th ultimo, the same as her Majesty's, Queen Victoria. He was the recipient of a congratulatory address from the children belonging to his class. They expressed a hope that he might live long to visit the children belonging to his church attending the Institution.

Mr. I. G. Smith, formerly storekeeper at the Institution, has completed his course at the Toronto Medical College and is now entitled to write "M. D." after his name. He has also passed his final examination before the Council and received his license to practice in any place in Ontario. Dr. Smith's many friends here congratulate him on his success, and predict—as they heartily wish—for him a very successful professional career.

Dr. O. O. Baines, of Chicago, died a few days ago, after a short illness. He was universally esteemed and although comparatively a young man was one of the best known physicians in that city. In 1887, Dr. Baines was married to Miss Ida Christie, daughter of Mr. A. Christie, formerly Bursar of this Institution, and who will be pleasantly remembered by many of the old pupils. His widow and two children survive him and they have the sincere sympathy of a large number of friends.

Mrs. C. A. W. Gustin hopes to be present at the Brantford convention if nothing happens to prevent. It may be the last she will have the opportunity of attending for a long time, as her husband, herself and family propose removing to the United States in the autumn to reside there. A number of friends from London spent Queen's Birthday with them, and now the summer is here they expect to have a lively time, as they live near a famous summer resort and are always crowded with visitors during the warm weather. Miss Alice has charge of a refreshment booth at the resort and expects to be busy for the next few months.