

## The Corn Cob Club.

The gas was dimly lighted  
In a room across the way  
As the old man back in the lobby  
Announced the time of day

A solemn train of months  
So mystic and still and calm  
Entered that room of darkness  
Take the strains of an evening psalm

And they passed and gave the signal  
To a being inside the door  
Who raised by crossed fingers  
Saying "Sh and Sh" once more

And the ladies all breathless expectant  
Were installed in the 2nd degree  
And became at once so happy  
To be in at the C. C.

Yes the dear old Corn Cob charmed them  
And the sight of the cherry pie  
Made life seem one long poem  
As they sipped and worked their eyes

All at once the low lights fluttered  
When a creature just so big  
Hopped upon the banquet table  
And they called it a "Turkey Pig"

The piggie snorted and grunted  
And looked off his blind left leg  
And insisted that he was nervous  
And would like to be counted and fed

The knights said "Be patient piggie  
We'll take care of you  
For the members of the C. C.  
Are boys of the truest blue

Thus the hours of darkness faded,  
As the night gave way to day  
And the pie eaters task was ended  
The fallow had come to stay

Oh knights of the Corn Cob, ever  
Accept from our inmost hearts  
Our loyal, truest greetings  
We are happy you've done your part

## How they Spent Vacation.

Miss Belle Mathison spent the whole summer in Belleville and vicinity

Mr. A. Matheson was at his post of duty every day during the vacation

Miss Linn visited friends in Bronson and spent the remainder of the vacation at her home

Miss Mathison visited the Toronto Exhibition, but spent the rest of the summer at home

Mrs. Mathison accompanied Mr. Mathison to Hamilton and Grimsby Park at the close of school

Miss Jack was in Belleville most of the summer, but made pleasant visits with friends in Kingston, Galt and Preston Springs

Miss Dempsey spent her leisure time with friends in Toronto. The most of the summer, however, was devoted to her duties at the Institution.

Mr. Stewart spent his holidays at home, except for brief visits with friends in Hamilton and Brantford. He also spent a few pleasant days at Grimsby Park.

Miss Hull was at Grimsby Park Convention, which she greatly enjoyed. She spent the rest of her vacation with friends in Toronto, Parkdale, Tavistock and Bloomingdale

Mr. Campbell attended the Convention at Grimsby Park, also the one at Columbus. He spent several weeks with friends in Peterboro, Lakefield and other places in that district.

Miss Gibson attended the Convention at Columbus, with which she was very greatly delighted. She also enjoyed pleasant visits with friends in Windsor, Toronto and other places.

Mr. Downie was too busy a man to be spared. The necessary repairs required during the vacation took up all his time, but he is looking forward to a pleasant holiday in the near future

Mr. Keith was released from duty immediately at the close of school and at once left for his home in Toronto where he spent a happy month with his family and then returned to vacation duty at the Institution

Our portly baker Mr. Cunningham spent his vacation in Belleville with occasional trips to surrounding pleasure resorts, being in the time angling for the funny inhabitants of the bay with more or less success

Mr. Burns spent a few days in Port Hope and Bowmanville continuing business with pleasure. Afterwards, accompanied by Miss Burns, he took in the delightful trip down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, and thence to Ottawa for a short visit

Miss Trotter enjoyed a few weeks visit with friends in Toronto. The rest of the vacation she spent in Belleville, participating in the many delightful excursions and picnics and other recreations which characterize the summer season here

Prof. Denys seldom alters his vacation programme. Fondly attached to his native hills and the old home, his first thought, at the completion of duty, is for his octogenarian parents for whom his tender care and affection seem to increase with declining years.

Prof. Coleman was at the Grimsby Park Convention. During the rest of the vacation he remained at home, enjoying the salubrious air and beautiful scenery of Belleville and its environs both of which are equal to the best that can be found elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Bais attended the Convention at Grimsby Park, and afterwards the Convention at Columbus, Ohio, which they enjoyed exceedingly. Excepting short sojourns at Niagara Falls and Toronto they spent the remainder of the vacation at home entertaining a number of friends

Mr. McKillop was a delighted participant in the Convention at Grimsby Park and Columbus. He was at his parental home during the rest of the vacation, which he employed in overseeing the erection of a handsome house. What this may portend our readers may surmise for themselves.

Mrs. Terrill spent a large part of her vacation successfully seeking for rest and health in Kingsview, Peterborough, Stony Lake, Toronto and Hamilton. She also visited the great state hospital for the Insane at Aglenburg, a wonderful institution which mirrors admirably the benevolence and public-spiritedness of our friends across the lines

Miss Metcalfe spent a few weeks with her sister at Saul's Ste. Marie. She also visited Blackhawk Island and other famous resorts in that part of the country and was delighted with the charms of the beautiful natural scenery and also with magnificent engineering works at the Soo. Her mother accompanied her on the trip and remained there most of the summer

Mr. Douglas spent most of his holidays camping out, which, however, the lateness of the season before he got away somewhat marred, but he reports having a pleasant time. The rest of the vacation he was right on to business in the store except a day spent with the Superintendent at Concession Lake from which they returned laden with such spoil as our own beautiful bay cannot supply.

Mr. Nurse, of course, took in the Grimsby Convention as he had he not held the honors of office would have spent a very pleasant time in that beautiful spot quite free from care or worry, but the ultimate success of the Convention and the pleasure of meeting old friends was amply recompense for any labor. Later in the summer he visited Newmarket and afterwards enjoyed the open handed hospitality of the Toronto deaf

Superintendent Mathison, during the early part of the vacation, was detained at the Institution by a multiplicity of duties. His first outing was to Columbus Convention, where he was elected to the Vice-Presidency. He afterwards spent some time in Toronto in attendance at the Supreme Court of Foresters, and was also present at the High Court at Pembroke. These, together with a day at Grimsby Park and one or two successful fishing excursions, were all the recreations in which he indulged.

Miss Walker took the most extensive outing of any member of our staff—the delightful trip by boat from Montreal to St. John's, Newfoundland, and back, thus passing through the beautiful scenery of the lower St. Lawrence and of the Gulf. It is needless to say that this trip was doubly charming to one who is so keen an observer and so enthusiastic an admirer of nature in all her varying moods and phases. Miss Walker was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. F. Reubar, of Hamilton, and by Miss Mayhew.

Our staff of attendants were all back from their holidays on the 1st of September and house cleaning was started immediately. To clean down the walls, floors and windows of our large buildings is no light task and our girls were very busy for nearly three weeks, but by the 20th everything was beautifully clean and wholesome. Then came the making up of the dormitories and setting out the tables in the dining room and by the opening day all was ready for the reception of the pupils. The exterior of the buildings was not forgotten, the whole walls were drenched down with the fire hose by the engineer and his staff

## HOME NEWS

Jarvis Jottings came too late for this issue.

—All things come to an end, the long summer vacation too

—For an interesting account of the Columbus Convention see eighth page

This season Mr. McKillop has been relieved of the care of the large boys' dormitories in Wood Hall and again occupies his old room in the main building, Mr. Maitland taking his place

We are indebted to the courtesy of Dr. E. A. Fay, of *The Innals*, for the use of the electro of the Columbus Convention and the Conference of Superintendents and Principals which appear in this issue

Under the care of Mr. Moore, the trees in our orchard never looked healthier, although the crop this year like others around us is not a heavy one, yet the trees promise much better things for the future than in the past

Last year a corn silo was built in our barn yard and the results therefrom were very satisfactory. There was a great saving of hay and besides it furnished a change of food for our cattle during the winter. This summer, on account of the dry weather the corn did not run high, but there was plenty to fill the silo and some over.

During the summer the institution buildings were, as usual, placed in a state of thorough repair. Many of the rooms and corridors were handsomely painted, some of the flooring was renewed, and many other small improvements made wherever needed, the total result being that every part of the Institution presented, on the opening day, a clean, bright and inviting appearance

The only change in our staff of attendants this term is that of Miss M. Richardson, who has been in the service of the Institution for several years. She left during the vacation and is now Mrs. W. Harto, the wife of one of Belleville's steadyest young men. Her many friends at the Institution all wish her joy in her new sphere coupled with the wish for a long and happy wedded life

The Grand Jury visited the Institution on Wednesday last and the members of it were seemingly very much pleased with their visit. They said in their presentment: "We have visited the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and find everything in perfect order. The 260 children appear to be in excellent health, contented and happy, and we feel that the Government is extremely fortunate in having such a competent Superintendent and staff"

It pleases us to know that the graduates of our shops are in demand and that many of them have won the respect of those who employ them. A little while ago we received from a George town firm a request for the addresses of some of the graduates of our shoe-shop as they wished to employ a couple more in their factory. One of our former pupils, Sam Beattie, has been with them several years and is one of their most valued employees. We sent them two of our old boys, F. Hunt and T. Chantler, hoping that they will give as good satisfaction as the others.

As the leading western Fall Fairs were over this year before school opened, Mr. Mathison's arrangements for connections to meet in Toronto in time for the 2 p. m. train for Belleville were fully carried out, and nearly all the pupils from the west were able to leave on the afternoon train arriving at the Institution before dark and in time for tea, enabling all to get settled early for the night, an agreeable change from former years when one or two carloads of belated travelers used to arrive at 2 o'clock next morning. Owing to the Ottawa Fair going on the party from the east were not so lucky and the pupils who should have joined the main party at Carlton Place and Smith's Falls failed to connect and did not arrive until 3 a. m. next morning, twelve hours behind the main party from Ottawa. Mr. Mathison, Mrs. Bais, Mrs. Dempsey and Mr. Nurse received the pupils in Toronto, Mr. Denys took charge of the party from the east, Mr. Coleman from Hamilton, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Stewart each brought a carload from Windsor and Sarata respectively

## PERSONALITIES.

—Mayor Johnson, of Belleville, was an interested visitor at the Institution on Sunday last.

Mr. Joseph Middlemass, after serving the Institution for 25 years, retired during the vacation.

George Henry, who left us in June, is working on the farm of Mr. White, Charing Cross, Ont. We all wish George a bright and prosperous career

John E. Crough, one of last year's pupils in the printing office, is working in the *Examiner* office, Peterboro, and we wish him success in his new position

Thomas Hubbard is employed on the "Steamship Athalasca" running from Owen Sound to Port Arthur, and William Corbet is engaged on the "Alberta" of the same route. Both are doing well

"I. J." Roderick McKenzie is back at his old home in Champlain, where he finds plenty of employment with his father and brothers. His deaf brother, John, is away to Manitoba to try his fortune.

—Mr. John Kane, of Kingston, has been appointed Engineer at the Institution, and will begin his labors on the 1st inst. He comes highly recommended as a practical engineer, etc.—just the man we want.

—During the vacation another death on the rail took place. George Allen, a deaf-mute was walking on the track near Weston and was instantly killed by an express train. He was about 65 years old and lived in Weston.

—C. R. Watson, of the Missouri school, formerly of Belleville and son of Mr. Watson of the Washington School, was married August 30, in Portland, Oregon, to Miss Pearl Gillespie. Mr. Watson's old friends extend congratulations.

—William Emery, of Peterboro, and Miss Mary Callan, of Ononago, were married on the 26th of September. Both are old pupils of the Institution. May happiness attend them through life. They have taken up their residence in Ononago, County Victoria.

—Mrs. McGregor, of Almonte, brings us a little girl this term. Mrs. McGregor and her husband are both deaf-mutes and have a large family, all of whom can hear and speak except this little girl. It was a great pleasure to Mrs. McGregor to visit the Institution and especially so to meet one of her former teachers at the Hamilton School, Mrs. Terrill.

Kenneth McKenzie, a former pupil of the Institution, accompanied his cousins, the Messrs. Showers, to Belleville and remained a day. He was very happy to visit the scenes of several years of his boyhood and meet his former teachers again. The small boys had a picnic with his bicycle which he remained, it was at the service of any of them who could ride.

During his holidays Mr. Burns called at Ottawa and he would have been pleased to meet our former general storekeeper Mr. Smith, who after passing through college, left us to locate at Hintonburg and take up the practice of a physician, where we are glad to hear he is succeeding well. To Mr. Burns regret, Mr. Smith was away for his holidays at the time.

—Mr. James Qungley, who temporarily succeeded Mr. Middlemass, as Engineer, will go back to Kingston on Thursday next. Had his health permitted, he would have received a permanent appointment. During his short stay at the Institution, he made friends of every one with whom he came into contact and carries away with him the respect and esteem of all here.

We are sorry to hear that Thomas Hazelton has opposition in his business at Delta and it seems to cause him a good deal of worry. We would advise Thomas to keep right on his way and do his best. He has an old established business and if he deserves it, we are sure he will keep a share of the people's patronage, and with good work and honest dealing he need fear no rivals.

Mrs. J. Pettiford, of 105 Norfolk street, city, met with an accident while going to Hamilton on her wheel last Saturday. When going down the hill by the mountain she lost control of the pedals, and was going down at fast speed till she struck a wagon, which stopped her, but she fell heavily dislocating her collar bone. Mr. Pettiford brought her home and she is progressing favorably. It would be better if breaks were put on the wheels of inexperienced riders, to stop speed down hills.—*Quelph Mercury*