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Second. To furnish interesting matter for and encourage a habit of reading among our pupils and deaf mute subscribers.

Third. To be a medium of communication between the school and parents and friends of pupils, now in the Institution the hundreds who were pupils at one time or other in the past, and all who are interested in the education and instruction of the deaf of our land.

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## SOMEWHAT OFFENSIVE.

Mr R P McGregor, of Columbus, Ohio, had a column article in a recent issue of the *Deaf Mutes Register* that impressed us unfavorably in some respects. We will at once formulate our grievance and state our objections to Mr McGregor's assertions and assumptions. His whole article was a vigorous condemnation of begging and peddling of useless articles by the deaf—the general tone of which we heartily endorse. But he overtly wrote with the intention of drawing a line of distinction that would place schools for the deaf in the United States in a very favorable light in comparison with those of other countries. Here is a preliminary plea that Mr McGregor subsequently makes prominent. Speaking of the objections urged against reputable engagements generally by the deaf, he says—"So firmly fixed is this sentiment that it is very rare indeed to find a genuine deaf-mute, educated at any of our schools engaged in that sort of business. Then he proceeds to expose the faults of "the foreign deaf-mute beggar or pedlar" who goes to that land of promise to indulge his indolence and dishonesty. These mendicants, he says, are "brought up in an atmosphere of charity educated by charity, fed while at school by charity, and consider themselves subjects of charity always." After describing their tactics with withering sarcasm Mr McGregor cites a few examples that have come under his own observation, and all of the actors, according to his statement, were Canadians, or came from Canada. Then, we must conclude that we are the foreigners who live in "an atmosphere of charity," and conduct all our educational work on a charitable basis with a humiliating and belittling effect. Against such an assertion, or insinuation we offer an emphatic protest. Our educational system, in all its bearings, is free, efficient, and ennobling. It aims at the elevation of thought, the nobility of character and the worth of honest labor. It makes good citizens of those taught under its influence, and prom-

notly places the precepts and examples of the Christian religion before every child. The deaf pupils, especially, are drilled in the principles of industry, integrity and temperance. They leave school with the conviction that success in any sphere of life must be won by faithful patient labor. And we are proud to declare they show the good results of their training. With very few exceptions the graduates and ex-pupils of this school are prosperous law-abiding and respectable members of society. We are willing to compare them with those similarly circumstanced in Ohio or any other State in the American Union. If deaf mutes educated in Europe come to Canada and, after a short residence here, proceed to that veritable paradise of which the Buckeye State critic speaks with unctious Canadians are not to be held responsible for what is considered objectionable in their habits and doings. Any attempt of that kind will meet with a fearless challenge. We are proud of our school and of its grand work for the education and guidance of the deaf of this province, and we do not intend to allow any one to cast a reflection, however veiled by metaphor, without offering a defence. It would be an easy matter for us to cite cases of peddling mendicants from the United States, who have travelled through Ontario, objects of contempt and ridicule, but it would be an unjust reflection to make them examples of the deaf of that country. Only a short time ago a specimen of this class visited us with a woman whom he represented as his wife, but who was not. His conduct was so objectionable that he was arrested and imprisoned in neighboring city, and after his release disappeared. The deaf of Toronto, an tell how frequently they entertain impetuous visitors from "across the line" and who exhaust the hospitality of the colony before leaving. If they did not peddle useless articles, they did what was even less creditable—they sponged a living as long as they could without an insult. These shiftless, worthless creatures are not representatives of the deaf-mutes of the United States. Next time Mr. McGregor employs his facile pen in a good cause, we hope he will cast no offensive reflections.

The *Dakota Advocate* applauds the manifest intention of those who control schools for the deaf on this continent to discard the absurd titles that have been favored for so long a time. The most objectionable terms—Asylum, Deaf and Dumb Institution, &c. are now relegated to that oblivion they have long deserved. The *Advocate* remarks—"The schools for the deaf are as much schools as are the schools for the hearing. Then why make any discrimination between the two, simply because in one deaf children are educated and in the other hearing children."

An English paper informs us that the Duke of Norfolk, premier peer of the realm, is about to make another pilgrimage to Lourdes, in the hope of mitigating the condition of his son and heir, the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, who is blind, deaf and dumb. We are at a loss to conceive in what agency his hopes are centred for mitigation of such an affliction, outside of a suitable education.

Principal Gillospie of the Nebraska School, has published in the *Annals* his paper on "The Presentation of Language," read before the Conference of Superintendents and Principals at Colorado Springs. It is a practical and reasonable presentation of a very important subject, and the author's conclusions are endorsed and practised by teachers in this school.

There died in New York City a few weeks ago the Baron de Seilhers a French nobleman of great wealth and much personal charm. He was deaf from his youth but was carefully and thoroughly educated by the best teachers of the popular system in France. When reaching manhood the Baron developed a restlessness and desire for change of scenes and associations that made him a wanderer over the face of the world. He could not apparently find congenial society or finding such, could not find enjoyment. He was not dissipated, nor was he disposed to be unsocial. The *Deaf Mutes Journal* makes the life and death of this man the subject of a well-written article that assays to point a moral worthy of deep and careful study. The object is to enforce the point that however well educated orators may be, and even when surrounded by such advantageous aids as wealth can furnish they are practically excluded from promiscuous society. They are unable to associate conveniently with other hearing or deaf people.

President Giraudet at the Mount Airy festivities recently congratulated the institution on having such a young and progressive principal. He thought "the directors were most fortunate in having as their executive officer a man of Mr. Crozier's learning, energy and ability under whose careful and intelligent management the institution was sure to achieve the greatest possible amount of good. We have much pleasure in publishing such words of commendation from such a source, and concerning a Sidney boy. Mr. Crozier spent the early years of his life not far from our school. He is a good example of the average Canadian."

The genial and versatile editor of the *Optic* returned from his summer vacation fully convinced that the "City of Roses" could hold up its head and give points to any place he had seen. We need only add that Little Rock down in Arkansas, where the editor resides, is the "City of Roses," and that an honest man makes this declaration after his visit to Denver, Colorado Springs, and the "Garden of the Gods." We would like to see Little Rock and also friend Clarke in his popular school where he is doing work that will make the "City of Roses" more famous in the annals of his country.

President Elliot of Harvard College is the recognized leader of an agitation in favor of the abolition of examinations in colleges and schools. Instead of having examination papers decide whether a student is entitled to pass to a higher grade or not, the teacher is to decide the question from a recitation standard. This movement is gaining adherents from the best and most experienced teachers.

## The Presidential Election.

Everybody here old enough to know what was transpiring in the United States on the 8th inst. felt considerable interest in the result of the Presidential election. The boys were all Democrats in their sympathies and when the election of Cleveland was announced there was quite a manifestation of pleasure and satisfaction. With few exceptions the officers and teachers approved of the boys' choice as the Democratic platform was more popular in Canada than the Republican. The McKinley Bill, Alien Labor Law and anti-Canadian sentiment generally have made the Republican party unpopular in this country, although President Harrison is regarded as an able and upright man.

Supr. Rev. of the Colorado School has been elected vice-president of the State Baptist Association.

## THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

We have seen but one copy of the *Atlantic Deaf Mute* since school closed last September, and not half a dozen copies of that paper have reached us in a year. This is not the first time the blue grass contemporary has been neglected of its courteous treatment. It is desired by its absence to intimate that the *CANADIAN MUTE* is an unwelcome change. We will attend to our mail, but it is the only Institution paper published in the United States that fails to reach us, so the fault cannot be in the mail service.

The Leeds (England) *Deaf Mute* has completed its first volume, and will hereafter be known as the *British Deaf Mute*. The prospectus, which accompanied the last issue, promises material improvements and additions to the paper which will present a high literary character. The paper has been well conducted, and we hope the enterprise and ability shown in its management will be appreciated by the deaf of Great Britain. It will be a welcome visitor to our table.

It is announced that the publication of the *School Educator* will not be affected by the death of Mr. Munroe. Mr. Cook, the surviving editor, will continue it as heretofore. He is abundantly able to keep up the high standard of excellence the paper has won.

## That Boy.

His name is not Solomon. There are many things he does not know. Remember that he is only a boy, you are one year older. Call to mind what you thought, and how you felt. Give that boy a chance. Keep near to him in sympathy. Be his chin. Do not make too many cast iron laws. Rule with a velvet hand. Help him have a "good time." Answer his foolish questions. Be patient with his pranks. Laugh at his jokes. Sweat over his contumacious. Lumber up your dignity with a game of ball or a holiday fishing. You can win his heart utterly and hold him steady in the path which leads higher up. That boy has a soul and a destiny reaching high above the mountain peak. He is worth a million times his weight in gold. Set.

## Missouri Women.

We find this in *Deaf Mutes Journal* and would respectfully direct the attention of our Kentucky friends to the fact. It is pretty tall talk.—"One Missouri product that alone resplendent and unrivalled at the fair was the prettiest woman. There is nothing finer on earth than the Missouri woman, as the St. Joseph Gazette says. She is the loveliest sweetest ripest most blooming, most luscious peach upon the feminine tree. To know her is to love her, and to love her is to worship. We stand committed to back the Missouri home grown woman against the world, against all comers, at any cost or go as you please. She is the cream of the milk of all the ages. To see her in all her glory is to be happy."

## A Sad Accident.

We clip the following from the *Missouri Deaf Mute Record*. "Prof. George McCarthy, State Botanist of North Carolina, was struck by the cars on the 11th inst. while walking on the track at Raleigh and had one leg broken in two places and injured on the head. He is a deaf mute and was for years in the Government service as a botanist. He was placed in the hospital at Raleigh. Prof. McCarthy was a class-mate of Mr. Halls, one of our teachers, in the Illinois School and is a botanist of distinction. The railway track does seem to have a strange attraction for the deaf even for those well educated and of much experience."

## A Deaf-Mute Politician.

One of the curious things in the Presidential campaign, recently ended in the United States, was the part taken by a deaf mute stump speaker in behalf of Cleveland. He addressed assemblies of deaf mutes in several states, and never failed to work up a good deal of enthusiasm. He was not only well posted on the leading questions of the campaign, but was also witty and entertaining, and a graceful sign maker. He is Mr. Albert Ballin, a well known deaf-mute artist of New York.