

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

Table with columns for OFFICERS, ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, and LITERARY SOCIETY. Lists names and locations like Belleville, Toronto, and Hamilton.

THE CANADIAN MUTE.

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It is a moment of a time. It is a day when we have nothing to do but trust. Ours Editor

Send us the News.

We constantly receive letters and cards from our pupils of this school of course, but they do not see the names of persons mentioned in THE CANADIAN MUTE. We cannot give news that we do not receive. It is impossible for us to know where everybody is, and what he is doing. If our friends want their names published, they must send us a publication. Each subscriber should be a correspondent. Send a brief account of matters concerning the deaf and it will be published, if deemed of sufficient interest. A postcard will answer the purpose of communication.

Institution Reports.

We have received a deluge of reports from the different schools of the continent. Our limited space precludes the possibility of doing more than giving a brief notice of each. From the very antipodes we get a highly interesting report. It is the 31st annual report of the New South Wales Institution for the deaf and blind, and in addition to much valuable information contains a description of the buildings, classrooms, etc. Good work is being done here.

The North Dakota School sends us their annual report of the trustees and principal with Mr. Spear's comments. There was an attendance of 41 pupils. This is a comparatively new school, but is advancing rapidly under the able management.

The biennial report of the Kansas School is full of interesting matter. We have had space in future issues for extracts from Supt Walker's remarks. The attendance during the two years ending June 30, 1892, was 285. The Kansas School ranks among the best.

The progressive school sends us their 15th annual report, which shows an attendance of 220 pupils; a year's income of \$57,000.51; and an expenditure of \$200.32.

The Indiana school sends us their 4th annual report. There were 98 deaf and dumb pupils in attendance during the year, and the expenses were \$1,500.

The New York Institution is under the supervision of Z. F. Westerkelt. The report shows an attendance of 100 pupils and the total cost of the year was \$100,000.

Miss Terrill, who has devoted her whole life for five years to the education of the deaf, is an excellent piece of work. Her skill and patience are well known. Many of the children are now with artistic taste. Mrs. Terrill is a good school.

HOME NEWS

How happy the wee lads and lassies are to see the snow begin to disappear.

Mr. Beaton, teacher of one of the fifth classes, has been quite ill, and unable to attend to his work.

Miss Curlette continues to encourage a taste for reading by distributing interesting papers among the pupils.

Milder weather brings an increased number of visitors to our school. Scarcely a day passes without one or more persons making a round of the classes.

The circulation of the CANADIAN MUTE averaged during the last year over 1200 copies each issue. During the last three weeks we have added over 100 new names to our list.

During the noon recess we usually find the persons we are looking for, in Mr. Ashley's class room. Not only is Mr. A. himself there, but as many of the boys as can crowd in.

Willie Gould, a pupil of the first class, was considerably surprised a few days ago to see in the London Advertiser a statement that his uncle had been injured on the G. T. R., at that city.

Mr. Coleman, teacher of the senior class, met with an accident one evening lately. He slipped on the icy walk, and falling dislocated his left thumb. He soon discovered that the left hand is of some use occasionally.

There is a project on foot to construct an electric railway in Belleville. If the scheme is accomplished, there may be a branch line from the city to the cemetery. If so, it would be a great convenience for teachers residing in the city, and others here.

The boys have noticed several signs of coming spring, but when one of them appeared with an old straw hat on his head, they were sure that Jack Frost would soon resign his sceptre. It was the best sign they had yet seen and it made them jolly.

The boys who are accustomed to assemble in a certain class-room for conversation at noon time, must have some regard for the eternal fitness of things, and not make so much noise with feet, hands, and voice. Those who can hear are much confused.

The shore brigade did a good job in opening a path from the skating rink to the Trenton road, through a continuous snow drift from four to five feet deep. It was an excellent exercise for those not connected with the shops, and a good cure for biliousness.

The Government Inspector, Dr. Chamberlain, was here on an official visit on the 2nd inst. He made a thorough inspection of every part of the Institution. We hope he found everything satisfactory. No preparation was made for his visit, he found us as we always are.

This is applicable here and every where. "Order in school, in the halls, in the dining-room, in the playing room, in the art room. Order every place - all day and all night is the order of our house, and unless you are in order, you are out of order, and should be ordered out."

While we write, the snow around the side fences is piled high above the fence tops. In a week or two when "old Sol" gets warm and transforms the whole into liquid, what a time the small boys will have building dams and sailing their miniature boats down the stream, as they flow to the bay.

Many cheery notes have been sent us from subscribers in renewing their subscriptions to our little paper. There are so many that we cannot find room for them in our columns, but we thank all those friends who have sent us words of appreciation, and will endeavor to meet their combined approval.

Several of our friends living in the eastern part of the province are very desirous of having each issue of THE CANADIAN MUTE printed in French. We had not thought of printing the paper in the French language, until the receipt of letters asking us to do so. We have the matter under consideration.

The exodus continues. News reaches us that Jacob Hesser's parents are about to move to Michigan. It is therefore probable that Jacob will be found enrolled as a pupil at the Flint School next term. He has been in our shoe shop for a few months, so Mr. Lynch the foreman at Flint, must keep a seat for him.

We are glad that our hospital is empty, and the pupils enjoying good health. A few suffer from slight indispositions, such as colds, etc.; but we must not complain. Where so many children are gathered together the surprise is, not that a few are sick, but that the general health is so good at this season.

One of the "new pupils," a little girl thirteen years of age, but dwarfish in size, evidently believes in early rising. On several occasions lately she has been up at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, and has gone around the room trying to arouse the other sleeping inmates. Perhaps the moonlight made her think it was daylight.

Our coal shed is now showing an empty space. Over 600 tons were put in it last summer, and it has since dwindled down to a small pile, just enough left to take us to the warm weather. Shovel-full by shovel-full, it has been pitched into the maws of our three furnaces, giving us warmth and comfort during the cold weather.

Capt. J. Porto, so well and favorably known to residents of the Bay section, and many others, as commander of the fleet little steamer Varuna, died at his home in Trenton on the morning of the 1st inst. He will be greatly missed, as he had been a familiar figure on the Bay for more than thirty years, and was an obliging and popular officer.

We are pleased to record an increased interest in reading by the pupils. Recently two of the boys, not finding sufficient literature at their disposal in the reading room subscribed for the London Ont Daily Advertiser. They now devote nearly all their leisure time reading the well filled columns of this interesting paper. It will do them good.

Mr. Burns, our instructor of printing, has hanging in the office twelve large chromo pictures known as the "Berean Leaf Cluster" representing prominent events in the life of Christ. They are well adapted for Sunday School work, as illustrations of lessons and aids for young scholars. Mr. Burns takes a deep interest in such work, and has been a teacher in Sunday Schools for many years.

We are indebted to the Wisconsin Times for this complimentary notice, which is the more highly prized because the Times is not disposed to talk soft velvet promiscuously. The CANADIAN MUTE has just entered its second volume. The MUTE has since the very first been one of the brightest of the little family. If it keeps on improving in the second as in the first year of its life, we'll either have to annoy Canada or else allow her to carry off the journalistic honors.

Mr. Hyatt of the famous Sand Bank's summer resort near Picton, accompanied by Mr. Jamieson of Belleville, visited the Institution on the 7th. Mr. Hyatt was a former pupil of our Mr. Ashley in times long gone by, when Mr. A. taught in the public schools. They were very glad indeed to meet Mr. Hyatt who was highly pleased with his visit here, and was very much interested. He is popular with the public, as he is the soul of good nature and gentleness.

A very amusing entertainment was given to the pupils on the evening of Saturday 11th. Robt. Hanson was the master of ceremonies, and he had prepared a most ludicrous exhibition of various characters, which kept the pupils shaking with laughter for an hour. To attempt to describe it all would take too much space, suffice to say that the pupils heartily enjoyed it. One part however was specially deserving of mention and that was Jean Bazana's exhibition of his strength of arms. He performed feats which would test the powers of the strongest men, and we have never seen any pupil here who could equal it.

One of our lady teachers had a rather amusing but disagreeable experience in the large dry goods store of the Ritchie & Co. recently. She was standing by the counter examining some articles, and drew a seat near her to sit on. Not being ready to use it just then, she did not notice that some one had removed it. When she did sit down she went further than she expected, and struck the floor with a thud that made the building shake and produced a scintillation of bright stars on the ceiling. The clerk who was waiting on her, jumped over the counter to discover where she had gone so suddenly. A number of customers joined her in the laugh that followed.

PERSONALITIES.

Robert Bell, a semi-mute, is a reporter on the Baltimore News.

Miss Grace Emery, daughter of Prof. Emery of Chicago Day School, will be married on Feb. 21st.

In answer to several inquiries, we may say that Richard Willis lives at 2509 5th St., N. E. Minneapolis, U. S.

Supt. Watson, of the Washington School, has charge of the high class until a successor to Mr. J. C. Watson is appointed.

A load of Miss Bella McKillop's friends, from Rodney and Bismarck, drove to her home last week, and spent a very pleasant evening.

Con. Staley, a native of Canada, and a fine looking fellow, who has friends in Buffalo, Cleveland and other places, has a job in Bay City, Mich., as a painter.

Bamber Brown, of Ancaster, had a narrow escape from being hurt by the upsetting of a load of hay into a deep ditch on the side of the road near his home.

Mr. Smith, the versatile editor of the Companion, owns twelve hens and one rooster, and gets one egg a day. He is not sure whether the investment is "panning out" well.

"Patsy" expects to leave Detroit about 1st of May, and she does not tell us where she is going. Hopesho will locate somewhere near enough to be heard from occasionally.

Mr. Gorman, a Canadian mute, is now employed in a planing-mill at Detroit. He is loud in his praise for the Detroit Deaf-Mute Association and also is to become a full member before long.

William A. Thackaberry writes that he is working on his brother's farm which is nicely situated by a lake. He wishes to be remembered to all of those who were at the Institution when he was.

Archie McLaren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., expects to visit his old home in Canada next July. Archie would be a welcome visitor here, if he could come during school time. Has he forgotten how to play foot-ball?

When in Chicago recently Dr. E. M. Gallaudet was besieged by his deaf-mute friends, who were anxious to do whatever was possible to testify their honor and respect for one who has done so much for their class of people.

Dr. Peet was entertained at an elaborate dinner given by Mr. H. G. Haight of New York, on the evening of Feb. 11th. A number of prominent persons connected with the education of the deaf were present. Mr. Haight was one of Dr. Peet's first pupils.

Mr. George McDonald, of Uptergrove, Ont., promises to write us a letter for publication after a little while. He says he is waiting for Spring to come, and intimates that something will happen about that time which will be interesting to a great many of his friends and bring happiness to himself.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.

Annie Lancaster, Port Granby, writes. "I always have a warm spot in my heart for the Belleville Institution. There are no deaf mutes living near my home and sometimes I feel it a little lonely, but the receipt of the CANADIAN MUTE cheers me up, as I learn from its columns where some of my former schoolmates are and how they are succeeding. I do not wish to miss any of the papers."

The Watertown correspondent of the Advertiser thus refers to persons known to some of our readers:—"Mr. Jardine, who has been here the last two years, has gone to Canada to spend a few weeks among friends. Mr. Charles Cooper is spending the winter at home, which is lonely without his estimable wife. He occasionally takes short trips for a day or two among his mute friends."

Wm. Wilson, of Harkaway, P. O., County Grey, Ontario, writes us that he wants to marry a good girl who can cook and keep house generally. This is a chance for some good, hard-working, deaf-mute young woman. Mr. Wilson is a steady man of middle age, was educated at a New York Institution in the fifties, has a farm well stocked with horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, hens, etc. He wants a young woman who can read and write well. Triller need not apply.

Skating and ice-boating seem to be on the wane. Though the rink is kept clear, yet it is seldom used now. The pupils' thoughts are turning to summer sports. "All things have their day."