

"GRIPS" GALLERY OF NOTABLES.



ROBT. MATHISON.

The newspaper man of Canada, and a good many other citizens outside the fourth estate, will recognize in the above the ever-pleasant features of Mr. Robt. Mathison, Superintendent of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Belleville.

O. I. F. T. D. AND D. A. B.

Mr. GRIP—Sir.—Knowing what an interest you take in the Institutions of the country, I'm sure you will readily grant space for a brief account of one of the finest of them—I mean the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Belleville. In case you should happen to regard what follows from a purely counting room point of view, I should recommend you to send a bill at twenty-five cents per line (reading notice rates), to the department of the Provincial Secretary,



R. Mathison Superintendent.

who, I am sure, will promptly remit the amount—in a horn. Thus is the peculiar way in which the Mowat Government always pays for unsolicited services. How do I happen to be writing about this Institution? Well, it was like this. I happened to have business in Belleville one day last week. If you insist upon knowing what this business was—as I suppose you do—I will caudilly say I had been sent for to do what I could to lift the depression which has fallen upon the beautiful little city on account of



O. R. Coleman from Toronto.

the N. P. and the exodus, and the general fall in real estate values, not to mention the recent decesso of the street railway service. (I suppose you are aware that the enterprising Mr. Potter lately bought the rails for \$100, tore them up and sold them for \$1,000, and then went round chuckling. Everybody has heard of that, and had the laugh on Belleville). All these things, combined with the chilly weather and occasional rainstorms, have resulted in a gloomy atmosphere. Hence the call I received. Things are much better now. But this is a di-

glossion. At the hotel door, when I returned from my public task, I found the rig belonging to the genial Superintendent



Ed. Dwyer Teacher.

dent of the O. I. F. T. D. & D. A. B.—permit me thus to shorten the full official title, "Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Belleville." I also found the genial Superintendent himself, with a portion of his interesting family. "Jump right in," said he, "and come home with us. I want you to see our Academy in full working order." I had been there before, but in vacation times. The invitation was accepted with alacrity, not only because the Institution



Wm. Douglas Superintendent.

is well worth going miles to see, but because I had a lively recollection of many pleasant hours in the beautiful, home-like home of its chief officer. The drive of a mile or so westward from the city is along a good road, fronted by many snug-looking, old-fashioned homesteads on the right, and the picturesque Bay of Quinte on the left. We were soon at the Institution gate, which was promptly opened by a servitor in response to a bell pull reached from the carriage, and then along the curving roadway in the grounds



E. G. Smith from Toronto.

to the door of the residence. The light of the next morning revealed a scene of beauty, as the eye ranged over the spacious lawns of bright green, adorned here and there with flowers, and shaded by innumerable trees. "This is Saturday," said Mr. Mathison, consulting his watch to give confirmation to the statement. (I drop his official title, and substitute his name, which is known in Canadian journalistic circles as that of a former editor of the Brantford Expositor, and in Government circles as a good



Wm. Morris from Toronto.

official at present serving under the Administration). "Yes, this is Saturday," I respond. "I know it, because I remember that yesterday was Friday." "I was going on to say that Saturday is a holiday with us here as in other schools," replied Mr. Mathison. "But I have arranged to have the pupils assemble in the chapel, where you will have an opportunity to address them." "Ah, that's kind and thoughtful of you," I respond. And at the hour mentioned I find myself in the presence of as bright an audience as could be found

in Canada. They can't hear nor speak, but they can see, and as I address them



J. J. Burns from Toronto.

in chalk, the oration seems to prove an entire success. It is on the subject of human nature, and consists mainly of sketches of a personal character like those scattered herein. Then by way of experiment I try a vocal recitation, the point of which is a tolerably subtle joke. The gist of the story is conveyed to the audience by Mr. Coleman, in the sign language, and they see the point as well as an ordinary audience would



Frank Evans from Toronto.

On Monday we have an opportunity of going through the classes and observing the astonishing results of the teaching. It is a marvel to us, from the primary room where little boys and girls are learning the finger language, up through the various grades to the graduating class, where the pupils at a moment's notice are able to solve difficult arithmetical problems. The class in which



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articulation is taught is peculiarly interesting, and the progress made is most encouraging, considering the stupendous difficulty of the undertaking. A child who has never heard a word pronounced, and cannot even hear his or her own voice, is taught to speak, and in many cases wonderfully well! The teachers all seem enthusiastic and do



H. O'Meara from Toronto.

voted, and in fact, the same may be said of all the officers and employees of the Institution, from the Superintendent down. Mr. Mathison, although a strict disciplinarian, is evidently loved by his happy family. As we pass through the corridors under his guidance he is constantly greeted with smiles and respectful salutations. In the case of the very little ones the demonstration often takes



Larry McIlhenny from Toronto.

the form of embraces, which impede his walking powers. Order reigns su-

perme throughout the large building, and everything is clean and bright as a new pin. The pupils (of whom, by the way, there are over 250) are just going to their homes for the summer holidays, and we can well believe that they will gladly return again when September comes around. Any of our readers who can do so should make it a point to visit this remarkable school and examine its noble work.

J. W. BENOORON

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes:—

SCHOOL HOURS—From 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1.30 to 3 p. m.
DRAWING CLASS from 2.30 to 3 p. m. on Monday and Thursday afternoons of each week.
GIRLS' PRACTICE WORK CLASS on Monday and Wednesday afternoons of each week from 3.30 to 5.
SIGN CLASS for Junior Teachers on the afternoons of Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3.10 to 4.
FRANKING STUDY from 7 to 8.30 p. m. for senior pupils and from 7 to 8 for junior pupils.

Articulation Classes:—

From 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1.30 to 3 p. m.

Religious Exercises:—

EVERY SUNDAY—Primary pupils at 9 a. m.; senior pupils at 11 a. m.; General Lecture at 2.30 p. m., immediately after which the Bible Class will assemble.
EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 8.45 a. m., and the Teacher in-charge for the week will open by prayer and afterwards dismiss them so that they may reach their respective school rooms not later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.
REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN—Reverend Burke, Right Rev. Monsignor Farrell, V. G. Rev. J. L. George, (Presbyterian); Rev. K. N. Baker, (Methodist); Rev. (Chaplain) Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Presbyterian); Rev. Father O'Brien.

Industrial Departments:—

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTRY SHOPS from 7.30 to 8.30 a. m., and from 1.30 to 3.30 p. m. for pupils who attend school; for those who do not from 7.30 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1.30 to 3.30 p. m. each working day except Saturday, when the office and shops will be closed at noon.
THE SAWING CLASS HOURS are from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1.30 to 3 p. m. for those who do not attend school, and from 3.30 to 5 p. m. for those who do. No sawing on Saturday afternoons.
THE PRINTING OFFICE, SHOPS and FERRIS ROOM to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.
PUPILS are not to be excused from the various Classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.
Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

Visitors:—

Persons who are interested, desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays, except the regular chapel exercises at 2.30 on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visiting on ordinary school days is as soon after 10 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 1.00 o'clock.

Admission of Children:—

When pupils are admitted and parents are advised to the Institution, they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong waiting with their children. It only makes discomfort for all concerned, particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without delay will be quite happy with the others in a few days, in some cases in a few hours.

Clothing and Management:—

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. Correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission on each occasion.

Sickness and Correspondence:—

In case of the serious illness of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY BE QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL.

All pupils who are capable of doing so will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write, stating, as nearly as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have not been used at home, or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

Parents and friends of Deaf children are warned against Quack Doctors who advertise medicines and appliances for the cure of deafness. In 999 cases out of 1000 they are frauds and only want money for which they can do nothing. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent.