

THE EARLY OWL.

An owl once lived in a hollow tree
And he was wise as wise could be
The branch of learning he didn't know
Could stand on the tree of knowledge grow
He knew the tree from branch to root
And an owl like that can afford to hoot

Pennsylvan education is now thorough
than that of any other country. Every
child is in school from five to fourteen
years of age. Parents must obey the
law or pay a fine or go to prison.
It is estimated that the photographers
of this country consume annually in the
making of the millions of photographs,
compounds of silver and gold to the value
of nearly \$100,000,000.
The largest book ever known is owned
by Queen Victoria. It is eighteen inches
thick and weighs sixty three pounds,
and contains the address of congratula-
tions on the occasion of her jubilee.
M. Eiffel, who is in such sore trouble
about his share in the Panama swindle,
has designed the new bridge over the
Neva at St. Petersburg, upon the con-
struction of which \$14,000,000 will be
expended.
A bell that could be heard a distance
of 15,000 feet in water could be heard at
a distance of only 650 feet in the open
air. Dogs barking on the earth can be
heard by balloonists sailing at a height
of four miles.

Pennsylvania's Pride.

It is interesting to look back over the
past ten years and mark the growth of
what was once the "Pittsburg Day
School," now the "Western Pennsylvania
Institution for the Deaf." From a ward
school room, in the city, to an old hotel
and a cottage at Turtle Creek, 13 miles
from town, then six miles nearer into
one of the handsomest buildings of the
kind in the United States, in 1883.
It possesses carpenter, cabinet and
shoemaking shops under practical, educa-
ted masters, turning out work at the
value of over \$500 a year in 1891-92; an
enlarged printing office, also in skillful
hands, where the school lesson-leaves,
office blanks, etc., and job work are turn-
ed out in first-class style, and a large
newspaper published by a dozen or more
bright boys and girls. And lastly, a
recently erected industrial building
wherein all the mysteries of housekeep-
ing and future home making are to be
unfurled.
All this is subordinate to the intellect-
ual department, the mind-garden, which,
though the smallest space upon the ten-
toen broad acres the Institution owns,
is by all means the most highly cultivat-
ed and profitable. The two bright young
people about to graduate at Washington
this summer attest its efficiency, and
two others there would have been, had
not circumstances—not lack of brains—
prevented their continuance at school.
Pennsylvania may take pride in her
two institutions for the education of the
deaf; and Canada may share with her,
since over the proudest, one of her sons
presides, and with whose accession began
an era of advancement. J. C. B.

Deaf Statesmen.

A gentleman with whom Mr. Gladstone
has frequent intercourse, assures us that
though the right-honourable gentleman's
spirits are vigorous and his temper most
hopeful, it is a fact that his deafness is
increasing, and that this is remarkably
noticeable when the Prime Minister is
suffering from cold.
It is also stated on the highest author-
ity that Lord Roseberry only hesitated
to accept office in Mr. Gladstone's Minis-
try on account of the deafness with which
he has for some time past been troubled,
and which his physicians have failed to
remove.
All parties will sympathize with the
right-honourable gentlemen, and we
sincerely hope the cares of the State
may not be the means of increasing this
trouble.—Our Deaf and Dumb.

Do They Pray for Us?

Some time ago, a deaf-mute asked a
friend with whom he was conversing,
"Do people talk about us?" The friend
replied that sometimes they did, but not
often. Then he asked, "Do the persons
pray for us?" He was told that they
prayed for the world and mankind
generally. "My cousin tells me," the
deaf man said, "that they pray for
soldiers, sailors, the heathen, and rulers
or governors, but she never heard them
pray for the deaf." His friend said they
were included in—"all sorts and con-
ditions of men," but at the same time
admitted that there was some point in
the deaf man's remarks worthy of the
hood of Christian teachers.

Items of General Interest.

- Brandy was first used medicinally.
Icebergs sometimes last for 200 years.
Six inch heels were once the fashion.
Vanderbilts have lace worth \$500,000.
Silence is the gratitude of true affec-
tion.
Cannon balls in flight are photograph-
ed.
The King of Greece speaks twelve
languages.
It is said that character is betrayed in
the walk.
Mirth bars a thousand harms and
lengthens life.
The first and worst of all faults is to
cheat one's self.
The heart of a Greenland whale is a
yard in diameter.
The China-St. Petersburg Canal is
1,472 miles long.
Extreme heat is more fatal to human
life than extreme cold.
It's the fad now to have baby's picture
taken while it sleeps.
Yawning is caused by a deficiency in
the air supply to the lungs.
Prejudice against green as a fashion-
able color is disappearing.
A revolver has been invented that
shoots seven times a second.
Some insects are in a state of maturity
thirty minutes after birth.
A dealer has invented a shirt that
does not need a collar button.
A man's accusations of himself are
always believed, his praise never.
Expensive earrings for small pot dogs
are a novel and outrageous fashionable
fad.
The five largest cities in the world are
London, Paris, New York, Chicago, Ber-
lin.
A good Egyptian mummy, warranted
6,000 years old, can be bought any day
in Egypt, for \$100.
The condor is the highest flying bird
known. It spends most of its time float-
ing three miles above sea-level.
Every time a bank in China fails they
cut off the bank officers' heads, and no
bank has failed there for over 600 years.
According to life-insurance statistics,
the average of man's life has increased
6 per cent during the past twenty-five
years.
Electricity is used for making forgings,
augers, railroad spikes, ball bearings and
other articles hitherto made by hand.
Horns are so plentiful in Buenos
Ayres that everybody has at least one.
It is said that even the beggars beg on
horseback.
The largest and oldest chestnut tree
in the world stands at the foot of Mount
Etna. It is 218 feet in circumference
and is known to be at least two thousand
years old.
There is a tribe in Central Africa
among whom speakers in public debates
are required to stand on one leg while
speaking, and to speak only as long as
they can so stand.
As the oyster grows older its propor-
tion of flesh and juices increase more
rapidly than its shell, as well as the
relative amount of the natural nutri-
ments in its edible portions.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

CLASSES

Senior Class. From 10 to 11 a.m. and
from 1 to 2 p.m.
Junior Class. From 10 to 11 a.m. on Tues-
day and Thursdays afternoons of each week.
Senior Class. From 1 to 2 p.m. on Monday and
Wednesdays afternoons of each week from
10 to 11 a.m.
Senior Class for Junior Teachers on the after-
noons of Monday and Wednesday of each
week from 10 to 11 a.m.
Evening Study from 7 to 8 1/2 p.m. for senior
pupils, and from 6 to 7 p.m. for junior pupils.

Articulation Classes

From 10 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m.

Religious Exercises

EVERY SUNDAY. Primary pupils 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 a.m., and the Teacher
in charge for the week will open by prayer
and afterwards discuss them so that they
may reach their respective school rooms not
later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at
1 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and
after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and
orderly manner.
REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN—Rev. Canon
Burke, Right Rev. Monsignor Farrelle,
V. G., Rev. J. L. George, (Presbyterian),
Rev. F. N. Baker, (Methodist), Rev. R. Mar-
shall, (Baptist), Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Pres-
byterian), Rev. Father O'Brien.

Clergymen of all Denominations are
cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOE AND CARPENTER
SHOPS from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and from 3:30 to
4:30 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 Saturdays, when the office and shops
will be closed at noon.
THE SEWING 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 sewing
on Saturdays afternoons.
The Printing Office, shops and Sewing
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 per-
mission 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 visit-
ing the Institution, will be made welcome on
any school day. No visitors are allowed on
Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays, except to
the regular chapel exercises at 2:30 on Sun-
day afternoons. The best time for visitors
on ordinary school days is as soon after 1:30
in the afternoon as possible, as the classes
are dismissed at 1:30 o'clock.

Admission of Children

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

Visitation

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to
visit them frequently. If parents must
come, however, they will be made welcome
to the class-rooms and allowed every oppor-
tunity of seeing the general work of the
school. We cannot furnish lodging or meals,
or entertain guests at the Institution. Good
accommodation can be had in the city at
the Hoffman House, Queen's, Anglo-American
and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

Clothing and Management

Parents will be good enough to give all direc-
tions concerning clothing and management
of their children to the Superintendent. No
correspondence will be allowed between
parents and employees under any circum-
stances without special permission upon
each occasion.

Sickness and Correspondence

In case of the sickness 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 been
used at home, or prescribed by family phys-
icians 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 medi-
cines and appliances for the cure of deaf-
ness. In 999 cases out of 1000 they are frauds
and only want money for which they give
no return. Consult well known medical
practitioners in cases of adventitious deaf-
ness and be guided by their counsel and
advice.

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The Literary Society meets on the first
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Mr. H. W. Mason. Secretary: Mr.
Slater. Treas.: W. J. Terrell. The above
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