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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

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... again.
 ... which way I turn,
 ... in the book of life,
 ... that I must learn
 ... my turn at the mill,
 ... the golden grain,
 ... at my task with a resolute will
 ... over again.

A Word to Parents.

With the approach of the Xmas season our minds are full of what they will receive from home and anxious expectancy is on every face. Mr. Mathison's reports to parents will we hope be gladly responded to, for if any one in the family should be remembered it is first the son or daughter at school and far away from the home circle. Each will be thinking of home during the coming festive season and although parents may say on the officers here doing all possible to make the season joyous and happy for the children, yet nothing they can do will give the pleasure of a good fat box from home with some useful clothing, a pair of skates, sled or some of the one hundred things they know their children desire or are fond of. On Christmas morning, when the boxes are distributed we do not want to see one disappointed face in the whole crowd who will cluster around the tables piled with boxes. We want to see each one leave the room carrying proudly in their arms some nice love token from home. Superintendents and friends, not at once about your preparations to help us make the holidays bright, and in making others happy may your own joy be full.

FOOT-BALL.

OUR BOYS STILL UNBEATEN.—WE MAKE THE CITY TEAM A PRESENT OF THE CORBY CUP.
 The boys have been playing foot-ball during the past season for amusement among themselves only, and have probably enjoyed the game better through being free from the necessity of keeping up their training to hold the district championship. At the opening of school we gave out that we should join no league this season and would take a well earned rest. We know that this decision would lose us the Cup, but we do not want to be hoggish, we are quite willing to let the other teams have it. They have over proved worthily and have been disappointed enough. For the five weeks Mr. Corby put up the handsome silver cup for competition it has remained in our possession and we will be able to make in our library. Our school boys have defended stubbornly the cup and hung on to it with a tenacity of purpose. Many strong teams have been presented to us during the struggles on Saturdays, which our boys will never forget, but ever look back to with pride. When our boys first entered the

league it was with the determination to be at the top, and by faithful practice and good training they got there and stayed there. They clearly proved their right to the Cup every time, and after holding it so long it seems a part and parcel of the Institution and we miss it very much. Although we do not now hold the cup our boys console themselves with the thought that they are still the champions in reality, for they still feel able to down anything the city can put in the field against them. The City team having defeated the only other team the Centrals, claimed the Cup and we handed it over to them last week. Perhaps a review of our boys' victories in the Belleville League will be interesting. They are as follows:

1st Series	Games		Goals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1st	5	0	15	0
2nd	4	0	10	0
3rd	1	0	4	0
4th	2	1	7	2
5th	1	0	5	1

These are all league games, our team played several others in all of which they were victorious. Of the team that won the Cup in the first series only two members remain at school now, they are Jas. Chambers and M. Noonan.



—The little girls in Miss Ligon's class are the only ones who have to go outside the main building to reach their school room. They always wrap up all to cross the square and seem to enjoy their brief run even when it is very stormy.

A Christmas number of our little paper is in course of preparation and will be issued in time to greet our subscribers on Christmas morning, so our country friends had better make an extra call at their post-offices on or about the 24th.

—Only ten more days till Christmas. The boys and girls are beginning to count the hours now and all are on the *qui vive* of joyous expectancy. There will be the usual festivities, the presentation of gifts at noon and a party in the evening at which good things will be dispensed.

—No steps have been taken yet to make a skating rink. It is sure a cold job, the boys do not seem anxious to tackle it. They should set about it at once if it is to be done, and they will be well rewarded for their trouble as the day is seldom to be depended on long for clear ice for skating.

It is said that the air in the city is thick with measles and the doctors have a large number of patients with the disease. We only hope it will keep away from the Institute for we have lately been having more sickness than is agreeable, entailing a deal of extra work on the resident officers and attendants.

There was a general clearing out of the store-room last week and an immense pile of boxes, barrels and baskets were carted off to make more room. Mr. Douglas has had an extra stove in coal placed close to his desk in the store and expects to keep warm this winter even when old Boreas howls his loudest from the north.

—Last week the shoe shop received an order from the Kingston Asylum for a consignment of men's long boots and women's shoes. As they had the stock on hand, they were able to fill the order at once. Our shop only makes boots and does repairing for those connected with our school, all other spare work is used up in the Government Institutions of the Province.

Broad Street, Philadelphia, is said to resemble the pitch holes in our Canadian roads after a great snow storm. An exchange has it that Mr. Mathison before sailing for Europe last summer, took a party of his friends to ride on the second story of a Broad street bus, so that they might get used to the rolling and pitching motion and escape the *mal de mer* (sea-sickness) at sea.

—Mr. Langmuir has been so busy lately that he and the boys in the carpenter shop are somewhat late in getting up the double windows and storm porches. The work is now being pushed along and we expect to have all snug in a few days. The contractor, Mr. Hauley, is also fitting new storm windows to the "Gibson Hospital" and they will likely be done and set up before Christmas.

—Since the lamented death of Mrs. O'Meara, Mr. O'Meara has been in an unsettled state, as all his large family is scattered and he is left alone. Under the circumstances he thought it best to vacate his house for the present. A spare room was fitted up for his use and he has now moved in. We all sympathize with him in the breaking up of his home. Mr. Shane is occupying the vacant house until again required by the farm foreman.

The late Mr. Howe, of Toronto, left unsold a large number of copies of his History of Deaf Mute Education in Canada. We think that a copy should be in the hands of every deaf person and their friends. The history of the early struggles in the cause of uplifting of the deaf is very interesting and this is just the book for the purpose. One hundred copies are lying at the Institution to be disposed of and will be forwarded to any address on receipt of 10 cents in stamps.

—Our pupils warmly welcomed Mr. Bais on a late Saturday evening. His coming was quite unexpected, but he was at once pressed into service to afford an hour's amusement, which he is always ready to do. Mainly for the amusement of the younger pupils who had never seen the story before, he recited the fable of the forty thieves, and such was his power of mimicry and pantomime that he held the pupils, both little and big, spell bound for nearly an hour. At the close a vote of thanks and an earnest request to come again soon was tendered him.

—We have had to part with two of our pupils under circumstances which we much regret. Both of them are old timers and will probably not return again. Flora McMillan left for home on the 6th, for some time she has suffered from a lame foot and it was thought best that she should be under her parents' care. Lett Lewis also left on the same day. For some time he has been troubled with a weakness of the eyes, he frequently found it difficult to do his lessons and often had to vacate his seat in class for that cause. We shall miss him but more especially the small boys with whom he was a great favorite. We hope that a rest from study and a life in the open air will strengthen his eyes again.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Stocking and Miss Holden, of the Belleville kindergarten school, were critically interested visitors a few days ago.

Mrs. Mathison, wife of the Superintendent, came home on Saturday, 7th, after an absence of six weeks, visiting friends in London, Brantford, Beamsville and Hamilton. The trip did her good.

—Mr. Campbell was absent from his class for a day or two, Mrs. Campbell having succumbed to the prevailing epidemic measles. With good care she is recovering quickly. Mr. Douglas also had a taste of family trouble, his little boy contracted the same disease. How they got it is a mystery as neither were exposed to infection.

Soon after the Institution opened one of the pupils received a letter from a friend who lived near Miss Rachel Leggatt, in which it was stated that Rachel had married Mr. Sunard during the holidays, and on this information we ventured to extend our congratulations. Miss Leggatt now writes to inform us that this was a mistake, for she is not married at all. We regret that the error occurred and gladly make the correction.

Mr. Geo. W. Keith, of Toronto University, in writing to his father, expressed warmly his appreciation of his visit here. He said his year class had a reception a few days ago but though there were perhaps some better dressed and more "tone" on that occasion he did not enjoy it so much as the Thanksgiving party here with the mutes—though doubtless some who were not mutes contributed not a little to his pleasure on that occasion.

Principal McDermond, of the Manitoba School for the Deaf, is president of the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg, and on the evening of the 2nd, the members had a grand banquet at which Lord Aberdeen and Lieutenant Governor Patterson and McIntosh, besides the Premier of Manitoba, the members of the Government, and a few members of the Commons and Legislature, were present. Mr. McDermond presided over the vast assembly of notables with dignity and ease.

Christmas Coming.

It's getting close to Christmas. Across the hills and dells,
 You can almost hear the chiming and the rhyming of the bells.
 But the skies are clear and candid, with no clouds that dream of snow,
 And you hear in dark and daylight all the elfin bugles blow!

It's getting close to Christmas. There's something in the air
 That seems to breathe of Bethlehem and all the glory there,
 And sweet the bells and bugles sound through our dreams of rest—
 Ring bells your sweetest music! And, bugles, blow your best!

It's getting close to Christmas. Oh, time of peace and joy!
 And, oh, to be once more, once more, a watchful, watchful boy,
 With the stocking in the corner for old Santa Claus to fill!
 But we still thank God for Christmas, and we're boys in memory still!

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DETROIT NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

I wish you and all your readers a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and am sure all at the Institution will have one.

Rev. A. W. Mann came to Detroit Saturday and that evening the deaf had their annual social. Business kept the writer from being present, but was informed by those who were fortunate enough to be there that they had a very enjoyable time. There was service twice on Sunday. I went in the afternoon and witnessed a very interesting sermon. Mr. Mann gave us some very good advice, on several subjects.

Miss Bossie Ball is enjoying good health and is very busy.

Your correspondent received a letter from Miss Marion Campbell a couple of weeks ago and at the time of writing she was quite well and very busy.

I wish to say to your readers that working in a factory don't make any one low or disrespectful. You will find as many honest, respectable people in a factory as you will in a bank or government office and sometimes more.

Mrs. Richard Pincombe and family, of Poplar Hill, are in the best of health.

Your writer has been informed that Miss M. Ball, of Windsor, is enjoying the best of health and is working in a seed store.

We have had some pretty cold snaps here lately, but no sleighing until last week and it won't last much longer unless more snow comes.

Again, I will wish you and all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Dec. 9th, 1895.

"The Deaf Mutes of Canada."

A book of 128 pages, profusely illustrated, will be sent to any address, postage paid, on receipt of ten cents, in stamps. Address CANADIAN MUTE, Belleville, Ont.

The Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Belleville, celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday recently. This school was formally opened in October 1870, and since that time the record of the school has been one of continued growth and prosperity, the attendance this year being the largest in the history of the school. Like the Missouri School it has only had two superintendents:—the one who was called to provide over the institution when it was started and the present incumbent; but then ours is the older by nineteen years. We hope the future of the Ontario School will be as smooth and attended with the same degree of success that has marked its first twenty-five years.—*Missouri Record.*

Are you unhappy? There are many others in the world whose lot is less fortunate than yours. Do you have to work hard? Bless you, there are thousands who would like the opportunity you have to work. Was something wrong with your dinner? Think of the men, women and children who had no dinner. Possibly your financial condition is bad. There are many who are penniless and also unable to earn any thing. Are you under restraint, or are companions or surroundings disagreeable in some way? Quite likely, and yet if you will consider a moment, you can think of others near you with whom you would not care to exchange places. There is really a greater approach to equality in the conditions of people than we often imagine. With every privilege or pleasure enjoyed by those whom we commonly think happier than ourselves there is additional responsibility and probably some sting or regret which is concealed from us.—*Ex*