

A Flower Acquaintance.

A little lady
A stranger here, was by
Wore a crown of green,
She wore a scarlet cap.

Her feet was her figure,
Her manners very fine,
A very airy creature,
Her name was Columbine.

Her pasture was her parlor,
Very sweet the views,
Which from every corner,
Brought the latest news.

Mon. E. Burns, in *The Ottawa*

Where they Spent the Holidays.

Mr. Keith spent all his spare time with his family.

Mr. Downer remained in Belleville all summer looking after repairs to the lumber mill.

Mr. Metcalfe visited friends in Brantford and at Chimoing Park during the holidays.

Mr. Moore remained home all summer in daily attendance at his post of duty in the garden.

Miss Linn spent her holidays quietly but very pleasantly in Belleville and at Brantford, in North Hastings.

Mr. Campbell and his good wife spent a couple of months in visiting friends in Lakeside, Onemee and Peterborough.

Mr. Stewart and family visited friends in Brantford, Palmerston, George town and Toronto during most of the vacation.

Miss Dempsey attended the Convention at Brantford, and spent the remainder of her vacation with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Middlemass enjoyed a few days fishing and hunting in North Hastings. A fine fox was the best trophy he obtained with the gun.

Mr. O'Meara spent a week in London at the beginning of the vacation. The remainder of the time he was in attendance at his duties here.

Mr. Cunningham, our baker, spent his holidays around home taking in some excursions on the bay and making repairs for home comforts.

Miss Hale enjoyed a very pleasant visit with friends in Kingston and Toronto returning to the latter place a second time before school began.

Bursar Matheon attended faithfully to his duties here during the whole summer, his only respite being the half day he devoted to the Caledonian games.

Dr. Eakins remained in Belleville all summer attending to his professional duties, the only variation being a trip to the Thousand Islands and sundry excursions on the bay.

Miss Walker spent her vacation with friends in Hamilton, Berlin, De Grass Point (Lake Simcoe), and Napance. She also enjoyed a trip to the Thousand Islands.

Mr. Burns and Mrs. Burns made short visit to friends in Norwich and Port Hope and took a run down to the Thousand Islands. The remainder of the holiday was spent in Belleville.

Miss James first visited the Brantford Convention with her mother and brother. She then spent some six weeks at her home in St. Thomas. She also visited friends in Detroit, Toronto and Orillia.

Miss Maybes spent the larger part of the vacation at Warkworth with her mother. She also visited Peterborough and Bobaygeon and spent a delightful week at Guelph Agricultural College.

Mrs. Willis spent a few days in Toronto, and afterwards sojourned for a time at the Sandbanks, enjoying thoroughly the beautiful scenery and delightful bathing to be found there.

Miss Gibson attended the Convention of oral teachers at Philadelphia where she had a most pleasant time. She afterwards visited friends in Burlington and Toronto. The remainder of the vacation she spent at home.

Mr. Nurse, of course, was present at the Brantford Convention. He afterwards stayed a week with the deaf in Toronto and spent the rest of the vacation with friends in Newmarket. He also was in Ottawa for a few days before the opening.

Mr. Douglas remained at home all summer with that precious baby. However, he made good use of his handsome skill and spent many a pleasant day on the bay. He also indulged in some fishing excursions and has now ready an ample repertoire of first class fish joints.

—Prof. Coleman spent the whole summer in Belleville enjoying the salubrious atmosphere and the beautiful scenery of our own city and bay. During Supt. Mathison's various absences Prof. Coleman was acting Superintendent.

—Prof. DeBys never deserts his mountain home. Happy in the possession of his octogenarian parents, whom he reports still hale and hearty, he only emerges from his sylvan retreat to resume his post, always looking the better for his chosen rest and uneventful seclusion.

—Mrs. Terrill first attended the Convention at Brantford, where she spent a delightful time renewing acquaintance with a large number of her former pupils. During the remainder of the vacation she visited friends in Hamilton, Toronto, Peterboro and Kingston. She also made a short stay at the Thousand Islands.

Miss Bull spent the first few days of her vacation at the Convention in Brantford, and nearly two months following at her sister's home in the country near Waterloo. The remainder of the holidays were spent in Parkdale and Toronto, alternately, at the homes of her sister and brother, including numerous outings to various summer resorts and other places of interest in and near Toronto. On one Sunday she attended service for the deaf in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, where she met a number of her deaf friends.

—Miss Ostrom and her mother enjoyed a very pleasant trip to New York, Ocean Grove, Washington, Saratoga, the Thousand Islands and other places. They were accompanied by Miss Ostrom's brother Rev. H. Ostrom and party from Milwaukee. Mrs. and Miss Ostrom returned home about the middle of August in excellent health and spirits, but a few days after Mrs. Ostrom met with her sad accident, and Miss Ostrom spent the rest of her vacation attending to the arduous duties of the sick room.

—Miss Templeton spent the larger part of the vacation in a very pleasant manner in Belleville and at Massawaga, entertaining her sister in law—Mrs. W. Templeton, of Vancouver—and her children. The whole party then went to Toronto for a time where they renewed many old acquaintances and visited various places of interest in the city and vicinity, including a trip to Niagara Falls and a ride down the Gorge railway. After Mrs. Templeton's departure for home, Miss Templeton spent the remainder of the vacation as the guest of friends in Toronto.

—Mr. McKillop had projected a trip to Philadelphia to attend the Convention there, so after his return from the Brantford Convention he mounted his bicycle and pedaled away on Uncle Sam's dominions crossing at Kingston. He unfortunately a few days after he met with the accident alluded to elsewhere, which put a sudden check on all his plans. After the doctor had patched him up he enjoyed a delightful trip to Albany on the Hudson River and then went to his paternal home where he stayed most of the summer. He also made short visits with friends in Walkerville and London.

—Superintendent Mathison enjoyed several pleasant outings. He first attended the Convention at Brantford, and then the oral Convention at Philadelphia. He spent several days at Ottawa as delegate to the High Court I. O. F. While there he witnessed the opening of the Parliament and had the pleasure of attending Lord Aberdeen's reception, the first reception of Speaker Edgar, and several other very pleasant functions. He also took trips to Muskoka, Hamilton, Dundas and other places to see pupils of the Institution. The rest of the time he spent at home enjoying the salubrious air and beautiful scenery of our own and only Bay of Quinte.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bais struck a bee line for Uncle Sam's territory as soon as school closed. They first attended the meeting of the Alumni Association of Gallaudet College at Washington, and afterwards the Convention of the National Association and the meeting of the Association for the Promotion of Speech for the Deaf, both of which were held at Philadelphia. They remained for some time after in Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Mr. Bais was then taken sick and both he and Mrs. Bais were compelled to return to Belleville. After his recovery they visited Utica, Rome, Syracuse, Rochester, and other places in the States. Mrs. Bais also spent a couple of days in Toronto before school opened.

Ventilation Notes.

Mr. A. Parkin, of Toronto, gave us a call as he passed through Belleville during the vacation.

Our Union Jack floated at half mast from the 20th to 22nd Aug. out of respect for the Hon. W. D. Balfour, Provincial Secretary, whose regrettable demise took place at that time.

In August, Mr. Mathison attended the Convention of the Independent Order of Foresters held at Ottawa, and was elected Past High Chief Ranger for the Eastern division of the Order in Ontario.

About 2000 copies of the Convention number of the *Canadian Mute* were distributed. Apart from the proceedings, the engravings of the class-rooms, workshops, etc., made it a very interesting number and we hope all our friends received one.

—During the holidays Mr. H. O. Mearns paid a short visit to his father at the Institution. He was on his way from Berlin to Ottawa where he has now entered the University. His old friends wish him a brilliant career, and look to see him do as good service on the University foot ball team as he did on ours.

Of all who belong to the Institution we should think that our cool-headed Superintendent would be about the last to get the bicycle craze, but it struck him, and not the wheel only, but the side walk also had an innings. Dr. George Mathison lately took a trip to the "Queen City" and three high grade wheels were sent down for Mr. Mathison and family. George is, of course, an old hand, but the others have had to get accustomed to the eccentricities of the thing and can now ride pretty well.

Fishing in the bay has been very poor this season and those who wished for really good sport had to go out to some of the country lakes. Mr. Mathison, with his son George and Mr. Douglas, have on two occasions during the vacation made trips to Concession Lake and each time returned heavy laden with trophies of their sport. All were fine black bass and pike, some of the latter being taken with rod and line, which can only be done in places where they are very much in evidence. A long drive of thirteen miles has to be taken to the fishing grounds or they would be more frequently visited, but those who go are amply repaid.

—Messrs. Isbister, Reeves and Hanson made brief calls on us during the holidays. Mr. Isbister spent Dominion Day here and his old friends were very glad to see him. He is employed in one of the best shoe shops in Peterborough and by keeping steady has good future prospects. Mr. Reeves has a steady place on the *Lindsay Herald*, he having learned the printer's trade in our office. Mr. Hanson is a tailor at Kingston and gets steady employment during most of the year. In the middle of the summer, trade being dull, he got a healthful change on the farm assisting Mr. Van Luyen, of Morven, with the harvest, and drove over for a few hours to see us.

Gilbert Leguille, who was struck by a train while walking on the railway track near his home during the vacation, has returned to school apparently little worse for his fool-hardy venturing. It is fortunate for him that the engineer of the train had sufficient space to slow up considerably, or the boy would probably now be, if not in his grave, a mangled piece of humanity. It will be a life lesson to him, but it is doubtful if it will be more than a passing reminiscence to others, as experience has proved that the warnings of teachers and friends are of little avail in stopping the practice. Of all classes, the deaf should avoid the railway track.

The family of the late Mr. Willis moved from their old home at the gate lodge on Sept. 1st. It was naturally a very painful move to give up old associations, as they have lived in the house for about eighteen years and seem a part of the Institution itself. The family of our new gardener, Mr. Moore are now settled in the house and in charge of the gate. The pupils missed the kindly welcome of their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Willis, and were quick to note the new faces at the gate as they drove through from the station on the 16th. We feel sure they will soon come to like Mr. and Mrs. Moore and family on better acquaintance.

Mr. McKillop, has had a rather disappointing vacation. His cherished plans were sadly upset and all through the prevalent bicycle craze. At the close of school in June, he had planned

a trip on his new wheel to take in New York, the Convention at Philadelphia, a visit to Washington, Hartford and other places. An unfortunate tumble near New York, in which he was severely cut on the face and hands, for the time being spoiled his beauty and quite precluded his joining the elite of deaf-mute society at the Philadelphia Convention. After a brief stay at New York to repair damages, he returned again to Canadian soil, vowing that next time he proposes a trip of that kind he will go by steam or not at all. We are glad to report for the information of our fair readers that he is none the worse for his mishap and is still as bland and nice looking as ever and that his heart is still doing business at the old stand.

—Dr. George Mathison was the only person around the Institution who came into violent contact with Neptune during the summer, and the doctor gave the god several good pointers about managing his own element. George is as much at home on the water as on the land. He can swim with quite as much ease with his clothes on as he can walk, and can manage a boat much better than he can manage—well, say a bicycle. One day he was returning from his camp at Brighton in his skiff when he was overtaken by a violent gale. He saw it coming and as he was alone had not time to reef his sail, and as he knew he would be upset he tied his valise and other loose property to the boat and calmly awaited events. In a few moments the tempest struck the boat, instantly capsizing it. The doctor accepted his inevitable and despite the violence of the storm, and the weight of his clothes, he kept swimming round and round the boat, herding all the floating flotsam as a shepherd would his sheep, keeping it all well together. After a while the storm abated and a boat from the shore came to his assistance. With most people this accident would have meant inevitable death, but to him it was only an unpleasant episode, plus the loss of a \$5 bill.

WALKERTON TIDINGS.

From our own Correspondent.

This is the first time you have had a correspondent from this part of the province. I will do my best to gather news around here that I think will be of interest to insert in the *Mute*, as long as I remain in this section.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Mr. George A. Lobsinger, of Carrick township, last August, who is a cousin to Miss Jacobina Lobsinger, one of your brightest reporters of the girls' local last session. He has had the honor of being a member of the Bruce County Council and is now a councillor of Carrick township. He is a director of the Carrick fall show, which is held in Midway. It took place this year the day before school opened at Belleville. While there he introduced little Alex. Lobsinger to me, who went to your school this fall for the first time.

I was very much pleased to hear of the success of my old comrade on the foot-ball field, Willie Watt, in securing employment in the shoe factory, Milton. I know something about Willie last June, but won't say anything about it in the *Mute*. If you want to know what it is, ask Mr. Campbell.

Roy, J. W. Shilton, father of Johnny at your school, after being pastor of the Walkerton Methodist Church for a term of three years, was appointed by the Methodist Conference held at Galt last summer to take the pastorate of the Methodist Church at Niagara Falls. He and his family left for their new home on the first of July. Before coming to Walkerton he was pastor of the Methodist Church at Clinton. Johnny spent nearly a day at David Luddy's home a few days before he left.

When the proposed Huron and Ontario Electric Railway is built it will be a great convenience to the deaf-mutes whose sections it passes through, in meeting each other often. The cars will pass David Luddy's home on Silver Creek Farm near the G. T. R. station. A main branch will be constructed from Port Perry in Ontario County to Walkerton. A branch will be erected from Walkerton to Goderich and another from Walkerton to Kincardine and Tiverton. Several other branches will also be built.

School is opened once more and the officers, teachers and pupils are preparing for another hard work's session. I wish them all every success. - O. S. J. September 10th, 1890.