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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1891.

Unless the vessel be pure, whatever you put in will turn sour.—*Horace.*

Thanksgiving Day at the Institution.

We have again just passed the thankful time of the year when all right minded people pause and consider the blessings and mercies that have been their portion since the last anniversary was celebrated. For our large family gathered at the Institution, the day was of course a holiday; and books and slates were laid aside and apparently forgotten for the time being. During the forenoon the girls amused themselves according to their tastes, while the boys played foot-ball among themselves from breakfast time until 11 a. m. when the assembly for chapel was called. Mr. Campbell, who was on duty for the week, had prepared an excellent Thanksgiving address. He reviewed, one after the other, the many blessings which crown our lives, and pointed out the many causes for thankfulness which should animate every mind and heart to the good Father above, who has so bountifully provided for our needs. Our daily food and raiment, health and life, friends and home, school and an education, and, above all, the gift of Jesus, save us from our sins, should draw out our unceasing gratitude and love. By the time the service was over dinner was steaming on the table, and it made the officers laugh to see the eager anticipation on the faces of the pupils as they filed into their places; there was not a sober face among the whole throng. To cook a Thanksgiving dinner for such a large number is no light task, but it was done and done well, the festive birds were done to a turn and all were heartily satisfied. After vanquishing the turkeys on the dinner table, our fourth foot-ball eleven marched to town to do the same kind office for the city "Beavers" on the foot ball field, and of course they returned with another victory of 2 goals to 1. In the evening, the usual social was held, our large dining-room being quite filled with a happy crowd, all bent on enjoying themselves. Morry games made the time fly all too quickly, and regret was expressed when the hour for retiring came at 10 p. m. During the evening a liberal supply of nuts, candies and fruit was passed around to each. The occasion was graced by the presence of several bearing friends from the city, whom we were pleased to have with us.

The faithful old team of horses, that have done duty on our farm for the last thirteen years, were traded off for a younger span last week. They have been a part of our possessions so long it seemed like parting with old friends as they were hitched up to their new master's wagon and driven away. Lucky, indeed, will they be if they find as good a home and master as they had here.

Visit of the Missionary Alliance.

On Friday, the 24th ult., the officers and teachers of the Institution had the pleasure of welcoming an intelligent genial and sympathetic a lot of visitors as have ever been seen here—the delegates to the Intercollegiate Missionary Alliance, together with a number of the teachers and students of Albert College. They were rather late in arriving, so the classes were not dismissed till some twenty minutes after the usual time, in order that the visitors might see as much as possible of the workings of the Institution, and those who had never before visited such a place were, as is always the case, delighted with all they saw. At half past three the pupils and visitors all assembled in the chapel, where Mr. Mathison had them a hearty welcome. After a short address in which he set forth the object of the Institution and gave an idea of the work accomplished, he signified his willingness to answer any questions that might be asked—a privilege the delegates were not slow to avail themselves of. By request, Miss Curlette explained and illustrated the manner in which pupils were taught how to speak, and Mr. Mathison exemplified the manner in which new pupils got their first lessons in the meaning of words and the use of written language. The class framed by Miss James then recited a couple of hymns, after which Principal Dyer of Albert College, and some of the delegates made short addresses in which they expressed their surprise at and high appreciation of the excellent work that was being done here. Mr. Dyer caused considerable merriment, and won the hearts of the boys by extolling our invincible foot-ball club, and insisted that the Champions should stand up and show themselves, which they were nothing loath to do, and were greeted with a hearty cheer. In order to convince the hearers that the deaf, even if they could not talk, still possessed voices, the boys gave three cheers in a manner so lusty as to rather startle some of the young ladies. The pupils were then dismissed and the visitors departed for the city.

MARRIED.

DOUGLAS MCKILLOP, of Belleville, on Wednesday, November 24th, 1891, by the Rev. P. N. Baker M. A. Mr. Wm. Douglas, Storekeeper for the Institution for the Deaf, to Miss Emma L. Metcalfe, of Belleville.

Mr. Douglas has been the recipient the last few days of many hearty congratulations on the happy event of last week in which he played a leading role. For some years Mr. Douglas was Boys' Supervisor in the Institution, and was recently appointed Storekeeper. By his uniform courtesy and careful attention to his duties and obliging disposition he secured and retained the esteem of the officers, teachers and pupils of the Institution, and he well deserved his good fortune in securing so valuable a matrimonial prize. His bride is a most estimable young lady, and enjoyed the warmest admiration and highest respect of a very large circle of friends. Mr. Douglas has secured a good wife and she an excellent husband, and what more need be said? All the officers, teachers and pupils in the Institution unite in wishing them both a long, happy and prosperous wedded life.

—Wm. Corbett, of Owen Sound, Ont., is the latest deaf mute from across the border. He is canvassing Canadian pens in Detroit, Mich. and says his prospects are nominal. —*Exponent.*

The boys had their first debate this term, in the chapel on the 17th. On account of it being their first debate, none of the participants were very brilliant in eloquence, but for a beginning they did well. The subject was one that has often been thoroughly thrashed out in years gone by—"Country vs. City, for the Deaf." The sturdy farmer, Alex. Swanson, was too much for his city brother, Wm. McKay, and piled up arguments that quite put Willie out of countenance. They will mount the rostrum better prepared next time.

HOME NEWS
 W. M. STEAK. LOCAL REPORTER

Mr. Douglas was greeted with three cheers when he first entered the pupils' dining room after his return from his wedding trip. He has begun to realize what life is now.

Lovers of chrysanthemums can enjoy their beauties without going far away. Mr. Wills has set up a group of them in our library. For the abundance of the flowers and the blending of colours they cannot be excelled.

Mr. Campbell's address on Sunday afternoon, 18th ult., was the curing of Naaman, the Syrian, of his leprosy, by Elisha. On the 25th Mr. Denys was on duty, and drew lessons from the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The Superintendent had a friendly letter last week, from William H. G. Spurling, one of our old pupils, now of the Colorado School. He is always pleased to hear of the success and prosperity of the old boys.

Orders for the photographs of the Convention still keep coming in. We have lately received an order and sent off a copy to far away England. Mr. Walker who ordered it, still takes a deep interest in the deaf of Canada although it is over fifteen years since he left here.

Ever since grandma Eve tempted Adam, the luscious apple has probably caused more boys to break the eighth commandment than any other fruit. An inordinate love for them got some of the boys into trouble the other day, and made Mr. Wills mourn the loss of several fine bulbs which he had stored for Easter blooming. We don't mean to infer that the boys mistook the bulbs for apples.

Since the 22nd ult., many a fine turkey that has strutted around in its pride for many months, has been laid low. The Thanksgiving Day requirements of our Institution made a great incursion into the flocks around here, no less than thirty-five birds, plump and the best of their kind, graced our tables on that day. That they were delicious, we have over three hundred witnesses to prove.

It always gives us great pleasure to chronicle happy events. Quite a large matrimonial wave has lately struck our old pupils, and it has now reached the Institution. One of the last to leave us was Miss B. Cullen, who has been a faithful attendant here for the past nine years. She has served in several capacities, and has been the little girl's attendant for the past four years, and was greatly loved by them. She lately resigned to take charge of a little home of her own and was married on the 26th ult. Her fellow-attendants and the employees showed their esteem for her in a very substantial manner. When she came to bid all good bye, a large table was covered with little tokens of remembrance, and the occasion of their presentation will be long remembered. Among the gifts were a valuable dinner service and hanging lamp. At the presentation a suitable address was read which breathed the spirit of goodwill and esteem that exists between Miss Cullen and those who have been associated with her.

Our second foot-ball team met the Centrals, of the city, on our grounds on the 17th ult. This year the juniors have been very good boys. Captain Laddy cheerfully allowing the seniors to take his best players and either keep or return them as they thought best, so good will has existed between the two teams. The juniors have been spoiling to try their powers, and they would have faced any team to get up a match. We rather predicted defeat for them when we heard that the Centrals were coming, but were agreeably disappointed. The Centrals played two from the Albert College team and Mr. Weller from the City eleven. Our boys opened matters up by putting on King, Dubois and McKay, the three smallest members of the senior team. During the first three quarters of an hour neither side scored, but the Centrals had the best of the game. After ends were changed and our boys had the slope before them, the tally went up in rapid order. Dubois, Watt, King, Laddy and McGillivray scored one each, making a total of five to nothing. Our players were—Leguille, Goal, McKay, Matheson, backs, Dubois, Bordeaux, Dool, half backs, Laddy, Watt, King, McGillivray and Chantler, forwards.

PERSONALITIES.

—Thomas Hazleton, of Delta, sent us a correct solution of the thirty-four puzzle.

—Mrs. Grooms and her sister were at the Institution on Thanksgiving Day to see Herbert and Harry.

—Mrs. Terrill spent Thanksgiving Day with her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Forster, at the Asylum, Kingston.

—John Noyes, of Dentfield, has 1050 bushels turnips in his cellar, which he took off one acre and a half of ground.

—Mr. Samuel Smytho and family have removed from Ancaster to Dundas, where Mr. Smytho has a good situation as an upholsterer.

—James Goodbrand, of Ancaster, had steady work all summer as a mason's assistant and his health is fully restored. He is on the lookout for a bicycle.

—John A. Braithwaite, of Carlisle, purposes attending Gallaudet College, at Washington, just as soon as arrangements can be completed for his admission.

—Mrs. York, Miss Coloman, Misses Greene, Miss Campbell, Miss Mattie Hudson, and Mrs. Pilling and Mrs. Pouton from Peterboro, were visitors at our Thanksgiving party.

—Jonathan Greely, formerly of Picton, Ont., our former pupil, is still twisting wire for the Kansas City Wire and Iron Works. His muscles are getting strong. He is ready to challenge James Corbett. —*Exponent.*

—H. M. Davidson is on a visit to Belleville, and will probably remain for two or three weeks. He is the guest of his aunt, who lives in the city. The boys are always glad to see him when he comes to this Institution.

Mr. R. W. Douglas, of New York city, was in the city attending the wedding of his brother, Mr. W. Douglas. Mr. Douglas was accompanied by Mrs. Douglas and Miss Vera. They formed an escort for the bridal party as far as Kingston.

—Bamber Brown, of Ancaster, was visiting in Brantford lately, and while there attended the funeral of Willie Stenabaugh and was one of the pallbearers. He purposes visiting Bracebridge, where his brother Jim is manager of the Railroad House.

—Mr. R. M. Thomas, of Oakville, Ont., has been visiting old acquaintances among his school-mates of the Hartford School. He has travelled over much of the State of Connecticut, and has had much pleasure in renewing old friendships after the changes of many years. As Robert is a gentleman of leisure, and is besides a bachelor, he likes a roving commission and enjoys life generally.

—William N. Fletcher, of Hovey's Rapids, writes—My father and I were helping in the building of the new Canadian Methodist Church here. We were going to raise the rafters and for that purpose had put some poles across on the plates and had put up the material for the roof. When my father and I went up to raise the rafters the poles gave way and I fell twelve feet and was almost buried in the debris. I was considerably hurt, but had no bones broken.

—Dr. and Mrs. Forster, late of the Asylum at Hamilton, were welcome callers at the Institution on the 16th. As Belleville is Mrs. Forster's old home she never misses a chance to re-visit it and make a call upon her mother, Mrs. Terrill. Dr. Forster has been transferred to the Asylum at Kingston and was on his way to his new appointment. They went eastward on the following day. Prior to leaving Hamilton Dr. Forster was presented by the officers of the Asylum with a gold-headed walking cane.

—On Saturday evening, 24th ult., the night being wild and stormy, Mr. Balis thought that he would find us all at home and in a mood to listen to a little lecture on Natural History. Therefore, donning his mackintosh he hied him hither and found himself, on arrival, more than welcome. Adjourning to the chapel he was soon at work, with crayons and facile signs, holding up to wondering admiration the character and qualifications of "The Elephant." The pupils were greatly pleased, and gave him their closest attention for the next half-hour, when the end was reached to their genuine regret. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. B. with the request that he would soon come again.