

The Babe.

Who has to hide her tiny toes,
See of a blob on her feet,
Her supple ankles white as snow
Of early blossoms sweet.

My simple dress of sprinkled pink
Her dainty dimpled chin
Her pucker'd lip and bonny mou
With nae ane tooth between.

Oh, see she like her mother's een
Two gentle, liquid things
Her face is like an angel's face,
We're glad she has nae wings.

Hugh Miller

PUPILS' LOCALS.

On the Boys' Side of the Institution.

BY HERBERT ROBERTS.

Congratulations are being poured
on Mr and Mrs. Barlow, on the
arrival of a bouncing baby boy. Both
Barlow and the little one are doing
well.

Dr. George Mathison, who left here
for the Dental College, Toronto, im-
mediately after the Christmas holidays,
is home suddenly, on account of
illness.

The Trenton junior hockey team
is offered to give us a trial. Our
boys are thinking of accepting their
challenge but don't know when they
will play.

Several of our little individuals
have been laid up with chicken pox,
and so a sober character as to make
arranging or to render their removal
the hospital necessary.

Ice from the bay is being hauled
and stored in our ice house for use
next summer by several men and two
teams these days. It is nearly two feet
thick and is of first class quality.

The 30th ult. was the birthday of
our popular teacher, Mr. P. Denys and
the pupils of his class, boys and girls,
joined in sending messages of congratu-
lation, expressive of their good feelings
towards him and wishing him many re-
turns of the day.

Edward Johnson, the messenger of
his Institution, is having his holidays
now. It is likely he will go to Toronto
to see his friends before resuming his
duties again. We wish him a pleasant
one. His place is being filled by Mr.
Barlow, our teamster.

Arthur Cullen, of this school and a
pupil of the high class, received a postal
card from Nelson Wood, of Exeter, an
ex-pupil of this Institution, saying he
was making himself famous in the
artistic line, having achieved great
success in portraying some excellent
pictures. Go ahead, Nelson.

Andrew Alexander, an old pupil
who left here in the early eighties, paid
his old acquaintances here a personal
visit early in February. He hails from
Trenton, where he had been working in
saw mill and receiving good pay, but
the mill is not in operation at present.
He is on a visit to relatives and friends
in Belleville.

On the evening of 30th ult. Mr.
Douglas, our popular store keeper and
social supervisor, treated us to a
magic lantern exhibition. Most of the
pictures were historical illustrations on
the principal and private buildings of
the World's Columbian Exposition, held
in Chicago in 1893. The others were
some pictures as if ready for Valentine
day.

Hugh Carson, a pupil of the high
class, saw a notice in the Shelburne
Chronicle that his uncle of that place
had suffered the loss of his harness
establishment in the recent destructive
fire which completely gutted the struc-
ture as well as all the contents. The
loss is estimated at \$600 with \$650 of
insurance on the premises and \$550 of
contents and other damaged
materials.

On the 4th inst. there was a hockey
match between the Trenton and Belle-
ville teams, so our hockey players who
had to go and witness the struggle,
were granted permission. Immediately
after supper they, about fifteen in num-
ber, marched down and were allowed,
through the kindness of the rink manager, to
play free. The result of the match was
a brilliant victory for the Belleville boys
with a score of 1 to 0. It was almost
one o'clock when our boys got back.

The city juniors had offered to play
a key match with our boys on Satur-
day the 6th inst., so our boys got ready
for the struggle, but were greatly dis-
appointed to find the day very sloppy
and not fit for the favorite winter sport,

and they abandoned the game that day,
but expect it some other day. Although
the day was gloomy keeping the pupils
indoors, we were treated to a magic
lantern exhibition in the evening.
Some of the views were of ancient cities
while others were of modern ones.

As the first of February was a lovely
day and the rink was in a favorable
condition, the pupils were given per-
mission to go skating and had a very
enjoyable time. After an hour of
amusement by both sexes the girls were
given the privilege of the rink for a
little while, so they could have a hockey
match by themselves. Anne Blackburn
and Edith Wylo were the captains, but
the former came out victorious with
three golden eggs to none. During the
proceedings the boys and girls who were
not included in the game sat around the
edges of the rink looking with eager
eyes at the play and there would rise up
a great laughter when one had a fall on
the solid ice. The usual studies in the
evening were abandoned on account of
poor gas.

Important Papers.

Queen Victoria has given so many
proofs of the possession of sterling virtues
that no one ever expects her to swerve
from the path approved by her judgment
and her conscience. When she first be-
came queen, however, the world had yet
to learn how determined the young girl
ruler could be.

Lord Melbourne, her prime minister,
is said to have declared he would rather
have ten kings to manage than one
queen.

On one occasion he arrived at Windsor
late on Saturday night, and informed
his youthful sovereign that he had
brought for her inspection some papers
of importance. "But," said he, "as
they must be gone into at length, I will
not trouble your majesty with them to-
night, but will request your attention to
them to-morrow morning."

"To-morrow morning?" replied the
queen. "To-morrow is Sunday, my
lord."

"But business of state, please your
majesty."

"Must be attended to, I know," replied
the queen, "and as of course you could
not get down earlier to-night, I will, if
these papers are of such vital importance,
attend to them after we come from
church to-morrow."

In the morning the royal party went
to church, and the noble statesman
was not absent. Much to his surprise,
the sermon was on the duties of the
Sabbath.

"How did your lordship like the
sermon?" asked the queen.

"Very much, your majesty," he
replied.

"I will not conceal from you," said
the queen, "that last night I sent the
clergyman the text from which to preach.
I hope we shall all be the better for his
words."

It is presumable that they were better,
for the day passed, and no word was
heard of the papers. At night when
her majesty was about to withdraw, she
said "To-morrow morning, my lord, at
any hour you please, we will go into those
papers—at seven o'clock, if you like."

But the papers had suddenly grown
less pressing, for the prime minister
found that at nine o'clock would be quite
early enough to attend to them.

A Sure Cure.

It is told of Hannah More that she
had a good way of managing talc-
bearers. It is said that whenever she
was told anything derogatory to another,
her invariable reply was, "Come, we
will go and ask if this be true." The
effect was sometimes ludicrously painful.
The tale-bearer was taken aback, stam-
mered out a qualification, or begged
that no notice might be taken of the
statement. But the good lady was
inexorable, off she took the scandal-
monger to the scandalized to make
inquiry and compare accounts. It is
not likely that anybody ever ventured a
second time to repeat a gossip story to
Hannah More. One would think her
method of treatment would be a sure
cure for scandal. *Harper's Bazar*

Are you looking for some opportunity
of doing good? If you are, take to heart
these words of William Burleigh's—
"There never was a day that did not
bring its own opportunity for doing good
that never could have been before, and
never can be again."

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

We were pleased to see Mr. Michael
Noonan a couple of weeks ago. He is
visiting in Berlin at present.

Arthur Bowen of Penville, was chased
by a mad steer the other day but luckily
saved himself by jumping a fence.
Some men were on hand and drove it
away.

There is talk of forming a monthly
debating society among our young men
before long.

Henry Moore has been appointed
treasurer of the Central Deaf Mute
Association funds, with N. McGillivray.
Miss Jessie Munro is now taking
lessons with Mary O'Neil, at Ford's
Gallery, and promises to be a good
artist. Mary and Jessie are good
company.

Miss Lizzie Mason is visiting her
brothers here.

Geo. W. Grant returned from London
last week and is visiting A. W. and H.
Mason for a few days. We understand
that he has captured the heart of one of
our city girls and intends to take her
with him shortly, or his return to Souris,
Manitoba. We wish him good luck.

David Dark, employed in Sterns
bicycle factory here, got dissatisfied
with the place and returned to London.
Percy Allen succeeded him.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

From our own Correspondent

Dr. Smith has been appointed Medical
Health Officer of Hintonburg. On this
his first appointment to a public office
in his professional capacity we offer
him our congratulations.

Miss Borthwick's uncle, the ex Mayor
of Ottawa, was invited to Rideau Hall
by the Governor-General and presented
with a solid silver ink stand, with the
Aberdeen arms engraved on it. In
making the presentation His Excellency
referred in pleasing terms to the manner
in which the ex Mayor discharged the
duties of his office.

D. Bayne is at present suffering from
la grippe.

Richard O'Brien is at present working
for Alfred Gray, previous to that he
paid a visit to Mr. Hodgins, of Diamond,
and reports that there is a young deaf
mute living near Mr. Hodgins also
that R. Scissons, a former pupil of the
Institution has a nephew who is deaf
and dumb.

We have heard that Geo. McLaren
has gone to Raglan, where he intends to
reside in the future.

It is reported that Miss Harrington
intends to spend a couple of weeks in
Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. McClelland are now
comfortably settled down in their new
house, 131 McLaren St., Ottawa.

UTTERGROVE ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent

George McDonald and Richard Wilts
attended a Conference of Christian Bro-
thers held at Hamilton on the 13th of
January. The attendance was large,
numbering about 500 delegates from
different parts of Ontario and the United
States. Mr. Headley Grant preached
on Sunday afternoon to the different
natives who were there and at the differ-
ent meetings held there were two or
three interpreters so that the meetings
were interesting to all.

Mr. Arthur Clarke, of Aurora, visited
at the home of George McDonald, and
they spent the time very pleasantly
chatting over bygone days.

DENFIELD NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

Word has been received here from
the Gustin family, they are nicely
settled in their home in Detroit.

Mr. Jonathan Henderson is at Den-
field, where his affable and genial man-
ner has won him many friends, especially
among the fair sex.

Andrew Noyes has sold all his fat hogs
to a firm in Collingwood for a good sum.
The item in your last issue about the
Bicycle Experiment was well received.
Glad to hear from M. L. again. Give
us more.

He that fortells his own calamity, and
makes ovents before they come, doth
twice endure the pains of evil destiny.
Darviant.

Helpfulness.

Who causes sunny smiles to grow
Where none were known before,
Or makes one's cup of joy overflow,
When sorrow's at his door,
Who kniles in another's breast
A bright and healthful glow—
That generous soul, by heaven blest,
Will rare enjoyment know.

Who meets along life's rugged road,
A traveller, wan and worn,
Bending beneath a heavy load,
Friendless, purchase forlorn,
And offers now a cheering word
And then a helping hand—
Has in two hearts emotions stirred
That will heaven a praise command.
—JAMES J. REEVE.

Queer Facts about a Watch.

Open your watch and look at the little
wheels, springs and screws, each an in-
dispensable part of the whole wonderful
machine. Notice the busy little balance
wheel as it flies to and fro unceasingly,
day and night, year in and year out.

This wonderful little machine is the
result of hundreds of years of study and
experiment.

The watch carried by the average
man is composed of ninety eight pieces
and its manufacture embraces more than
2000 distinct and separate operations.
Some of the smallest screws are so
minute that the unaided eye can not
distinguish them from steel filings or
specks of dirt. Under a powerful
magnifying glass a perfect screw is
revealed. The slit in the head a two
one thousandths of an inch wide. It
takes 308,000 of these screws to weigh
a pound, and a pound is worth \$1685.
The hairspring is a strip of the finest
steel, about nine and one-half inches
long, one one hundredth of an inch
wide and twenty-seven ten thousandths
of an inch thick. It is coiled up in
spiral form and finely tempered. The
process of tempering these springs was
long held as a secret by the few fortunate
ones possessing it and even now is not
generally known. Their manufacture
requires great skill and care. The strip
is gauged to twenty one-thousandths of
an inch, but no measuring instrument
has yet been devised capable of fine
enough gauging to determine beforehand
the size of the strip what the strength of
the finished spring will be. A twenty
one-thousandth part of an inch differ-
ence in the thickness of the strip makes
a difference in the running of a watch
of about six minutes an hour.

The value of these springs when
finished and placed in watches is en-
ormous in proportion to the material
from which they are made. A compari-
son will give a good idea: A ton of steel
made up into hairsprings, when in
watches, is worth more than twelve
and one-half times the value of the same
weight in pure gold. Hairspring wire
weighs one-twentieth of a grain to the
inch. One mile of wire weighs less
than half a pound.

The balance gives 5 vibrations every
second, 300 every minute, 18,000 every
hour, 432,000 every day, 157,680,000
every year. At each vibration it rotates
about one and one fourth times, which
makes 197,100,000 revolutions every
year. In order that we may better
understand the stupendous amount of
labor performed by these works let us
make a few comparisons: Take for
illustration a locomotive with six-foot
driving wheels. Let its wheels be run
until they have given the same number
of revolutions that a watch does in one
year and they will have covered a dis-
tance equal to twenty-eight complete
circuits of the earth. All this a watch
does without other attention than wind-
ing once every twenty-four hours.

A Hearty Greeting.

Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker of Susque-
hanna, Pa., by invitation, on Friday
went to attend a special service in an ad-
joining hamlet. The same evening he
was invited home for tea by elder John-
son. It was nearly dark when the
preacher and the elder reached the house,
and it was raining hard and the min-
ister's clothing was wet. The host at-
tended his guest upstairs and provided
him with a dressing gown to wear to tea.
The minister having donned the garment
went down stairs into the hall, and was
met by the elder's wife, who had a bible
in her hand. Raising it aloft, she lit the
preacher a resounding blow on the head,
exclaiming: "There, take that, you old
idiot, for asking that preacher to stay
here!" When the good wife discovered
who was inside of that dressing gown it
is said that she collapsed. Her husband
is so tickled over the occurrence that
he is actually getting fat.