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Second—To furnish interesting matter for and encourage a habit of reading among our pupils and deaf-mute subscribers.

Third—To be a medium of communication between the school and parents, and friends of pupils, now in the Institution, the hundreds who were pupils at one time or other in the past, and all who are interested in the education and instruction of the deaf of our land.

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The New Session.

THE CANADIAN MUTE greets its readers at the commencement of the thirty-first session of the Institution for the Deaf, and it hopes that both they and we will have abundant success during the coming nine months. We open with an attendance about the same as usual, every member of our old staff is in his or her place, all connected with the Institution seem to be endowed with the needed energy and zeal; and, while no one can confidently predict the future, yet every indication points to a very prosperous and satisfactory term. We hope that this session will be marked by, if possible, even more than the usual amount of faithful, earnest, persistent effort on the part of both teachers and pupils. We are sure that every one of them realizes more fully every passing year that there is not a moment to lose, not an hour to use otherwise than to the best possible advantage. The days and the weeks slip past with such rapidity that the end comes almost before we realize that we have well begun; and there is not one of us who, at the close, does not have to lament that he has accomplished so much less than he had hoped and planned to do. Hence the importance of utilizing every valuable moment and devoting every energy of mind and heart and body to our noble work. The school has done splendid work in the past but we believe that by the devoted application of all our recuperated energies and the utilization of all our accumulated wisdom, judgment and experience, we are capable of doing at least a little better this year than ever before.

We are indebted to Christianity for gentleness, especially toward women.—
C. SIMMONS.

The Winnipeg Institution

For some time past Principal Mc Dermid, of the Winnipeg Institution for the Deaf, has been agitating for an extension to the old school buildings, which for some years have been quite inadequate to accommodate all the pupils who desired to attend, and at last his efforts are being crowned with success. The new building, which is now in course of construction, will be known as McFadden Hall, and will be a handsome and commodious structure, and well adapted to the purpose for which it is intended. The structure will be about 70 feet square and about four stories in height. It will be constructed with native limestone and local brick and will be of mixed architecture. A prominent feature will be a round tower on the southeast corner. The main entrance and steps will be entirely carried out with cut stone. On the south side there will be a veranda and conservatory, and this side will be reserved for the principal's private entrance to his apartments which will be entirely separate from any other portion of the building as regards communication.

In the front of the building on the west pediment the provincial arms will be carved and over the main entrance there will be a stone panel bearing the name of the building—"McFadden Hall." A central tower will also be situated over the main entrance and this will support an ornamental flag-staff. An ornamental iron cresting will adorn the main roof.

The interior of the building is commodious with airy, spacious classrooms, assembly halls, dormitories and reading rooms and appears to be well designed for the purposes required. The basement will contain the general kitchen of the Institution, the pupils' dining room and boys' lavatory. On the ground floor the class rooms will be situated, together with the principal's apartments, which will be exclusive and independent, a reception hall and a library and reading rooms. The second floor will comprise a large assembly hall, class rooms and the principal's and teachers' bedrooms. The third and fourth floors will contain dormitories for the boys, a portion of the third floor being not aside as a hospital.

It is intended that the present building will be occupied entirely by the girls. The new addition will be connected by a passage on the east side of the present structure.

The system of ventilation and sanitary arrangements in the new buildings have been well studied and admirably carried out. In addition to other conveniences a dumb waiter will run the entire height of the building and a clothes chute will run from the dormitories to the basement.

The total cost of the structure will be about \$30,000, and both the former government, which originated the project, and the present government, which is so liberally carrying it out, deserve the thanks of the deaf for so generously providing for their educational requirements. We heartily congratulate Mr. McDermid on the consummation of his persistent efforts and the fruition of his hope on behalf of the deaf of the Northwest as well as those of his own Province. He has devoted all his physical energies and all of his fine abilities to the noble work in which he is engaged, making the best use of the limited facilities at his command, but working persistently towards his ideal which was that ample provision should be made for the education of every deaf child in Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia.

The doing right alone touches the value of meaning right.—*Proverb.*

Another Session Begun.

Once more our vacation has glided swiftly by, bringing needed and well-earned rest and recuperation to officers, teachers and pupils, and now the work of the new session is well under way with every prospect that it will be a pleasant and prosperous one. September 10th was the day appointed for the opening and on that day the pupils from all parts of the Province were gathered in under the charge of the appointed officers and teachers, all arriving at the Institution before seven o'clock, where a cordial welcome and a bountiful repast was prepared for them by Miss Walker, our good matron.

On Thursday morning all assembled in the chapel, together with several of the parents of pupils who had accompanied their children to the Institution. Superintendent Mathison expressed his pleasure at seeing so many of the old pupils back again and he welcomed them and the new pupils and also all the officers and teachers to the Institution. He was glad, also, to see a number of parents present. They were always pleased to have the parents visit the Institution to see for themselves what kind of a place it was now their children are being taken care of and what manner of people the officers and teachers are. They would notice that all the old pupils are happy and are glad to be back again. None were reluctant to return and no tears were shed on the train, which showed that the pupils were well-treated. It would no doubt be just the same with the new pupils. They would naturally be a little homesick at first and the parents would feel a great blank in their hearts. But it was for the children's good to be there, as otherwise they could not get an education. This Institution is supplied and maintained by the Government, not to make money, but in order to fit the deaf children of the province to become intelligent, self-supporting citizens, and every deaf child in the Province should take advantage of the privileges here provided for his education. They could rest assured that the very best of care would be taken of them. If they become ill there was a good physician and a trained nurse in attendance and they would get better attention here than most of them could get in their own homes; and parents were at once notified and kept fully informed as to the condition of any who were sick. Every pupil was required to write home every three weeks, and those able to do so could write as often as they wished. If parents desired to hear about their children they could write to the Superintendent as often as they chose and they would get an answer by return mail. THE CANADIAN MUTE published here gave all news about the Institution and the standing of every pupil and every parent should subscribe for it.

The pupils were then dismissed to the classes and the rooms were got into working order and the teachers utilized that and the next day in reviewing as much of last session's work as possible.

On Monday morning the formal opening proceedings took place. After all had assembled in the chapel Mr. Mathison made a short address. He hoped that this would be the most prosperous and the happiest session in the history of the Institution. It was a great gratification to know that there were no changes in the staff but that all the officers and teachers were on hand and ready for work. They were all glad to know that Dr. Eakins, who had been very ill for many months, was able to resume his duties again and they hoped he would soon be fully recovered and continue to serve them for many years to come. The report of the official examiner was a very good one and he seemed to be well satisfied with the work of the officers and teachers and with the progress made by the pupils. This, of course, was very gratifying to them all. He could truthfully say that as good work was done last year as in any past year. Officers and teachers had tried to do their best, and the same was true of the Industrial departments. They had added a new industry—Sloyd—which they expected would be a good thing for many of the boys. They hoped thus year by year to increase the efficiency and usefulness of the Institution. They had a number of new pupils with them and these would naturally feel homesick at first and he hoped the old pupils would do all they could to make it pleasant for them and to make

them feel at home. Some of the old pupils had left the Institution upon life's duties and he was glad they were able to do so. Our good wishes followed them. They had also lost several pupils removed from the Province. In the summer a Convention of the deaf had been held at the Institution and it was a grand sight to see so many of the pupils again, all giving in their own way interest upon life's duties. They were as fine a lot of men as could be found in any place. He believed conducted themselves better than a like number of hearing men would have done. He was glad to hear from many parents that their children's conduct at home during the vacation had been most exemplary. And he hoped again for a very successful term. Their success in the past had been largely due to the loyal cooperation of the officers and teachers and he had no doubt a similar state of affairs would continue in the future. He hoped that one and all would always be united and always be animated by the spirit of the Institution. "The greatest news is found in making other people better."

Each of the officers and teachers then called upon and spoke a few words of welcome and good wishes to the Dr. Crothers, pastor of the Methodist Church, who was present on his first visit to the Institution and who responded in a few appropriate remarks in which he expressed his great pleasure at being present and at seeing so many bright happy-looking boys and girls. He hoped they would have a very happy and prosperous session.

The usual assignments to boys and reading of rules and regulations were then made after which the classification of pupils took place and before noon every class had earnestly begun the work of the new session.

H. M. Thomas and Miss Florence DeLong Married at Mayfair, Ill.

A very impressive wedding was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Peters, Mayfair, when Miss Mary Florence De Long and Robert Murray Thomas, both deaf-mutes, were married in the presence of about thirty-five relatives and intimate friends. Rev. Mr. Hastonstab, pastor of the Methodist deaf-mute church in Chicago, officiated. Miss Florence De Long, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor and Wm. Wayman was best man.

The beautiful ring service was the ceremony and responses all were made in the sign language. A marriage is an interesting event in any case, but under such circumstances an unusual solemnity and importance is attached to it.

The elegant large rooms were decorated with golden rods, the flowers of the oasis, the emblem of Canada, the color of the groom, expressing a very good sentiment of union. The brides gown was pink silk mink.

The bride was educated at Kansas City. What nature has withheld from her in the sense of hearing and the gift of audible speech, have been recompensed to her with lavish hand in personal charm and loveliness of character.

The groom possesses a kindly gentle nature, and his cheerful smile and genial manner might well be envied by every one who knows him. He is a brother of the late Mr. C. Thomas and an uncle of Mrs. H. V. Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will remain here for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Peters and will then leave for Oakville, Ontario, where they will make their home. *Chicago Jeffersonian.*

No woman can get up cooked dinner and look like they do in pictures.

A homely man always consoling himself with the belief that he is smart.—
—Mr. Charlie Elliott, of Toronto, whose amateur photos at the Convention last June that do him high credit, are fully equal to professional work. The photo of the interior of the room with matron, baker and attorney in the back ground, and the photo of the entire convention, taken on the lawn, are especially nice. He is selling them at the low price of 15 cents. He has filled a large number of orders.