

MY MOTHER'S GRAVE.

The trembling dew-drops fall
On the withering flower like souls at rest.
The shadows of the ghastly, and all
Are mine in this bleak
Mother, I love thy grave,
The spot where with its blossoms blue and mild
Was laid my dear child, when will it were
To see thee here?

-ORA D. PARSONS.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MRS. ZENAS F. WESTERVELT.

The Rochester, N.Y., Democrat of 7th
inst. announces the death of Mrs. Zenas
F. Westervelt, wife of the Superintendent
of the Western New York Institution,
which occurred at the Institution on the
6th. She was an estimable woman,
whose life had been long associated with
charitable and religious work. She
started the first kindergarten for the
deaf in her country and has been a
teacher in the Maryland School. Born
in New York city in 1820, she was married
to Mr. Westervelt in 1874. Their work
began in Rochester in 1876, when they
started a school for the deaf, and with
which both have been so connected.
The beloved husband and son, the latter
9 years of age will have the sympathy
of many.

One who knew Mrs. Westervelt well
thus writes of her:—"Her's was a most
sympathetic character, in which strength
and sweetness were blended. Her intel-
lectual gifts were united with deep re-
ligious experience and skill in practical
affairs. Self forgetful, and of heroic cour-
age, her heart was open to the sorrows
and sufferings of others, her sympathy
was true and tender. From the organiza-
tion of the Western Deaf Mute Insti-
tute, Mrs. Westervelt gave to it her dis-
tinguished services and it is not an exagger-
ation to say that to many of its pupils
their infancy has proved a blessing,
since it brought them under her sweet
influence."

MERIVALE MUTES.

From our own Correspondent.
On the evening of the 28th of
December the mutos of Ottawa and
vicinity met in the Y. M. C. A. building,
when the following programme was
given: Introductory remarks by the
chairman, Rev. J. H. McFarlane; Speech
by Jas. McLellan; Story by E.
Sexton; Story by Mr. Sutton; an inci-
dent in an Indian officer's life, by James
Dunlop. At the close of the programme
one hour was spent in social conversation.
The meeting was closed by the
chairman and all separated well pleased
with the evening entertainment.
On the morning of Christmas Day D.
Baine, brother in law, Mr. J. L. Culbert,
received a Christmas box in the shape
of a point of view.
T. Thomas, of Montreal, a deaf mute
of independent means, died on the 8th
inst.
Miss Chartrand, of Montreal, spent
the day with her friends in Ottawa,
and returned to Montreal on the 27th.
Mr. J. McLellan spent New Year's
day with his parents in Cantley, Que.
The deaf mutos met with an ad-
venturous skating rink, which
resulted in two horse whips being broken
and a back. Some involuntary in-
fractures of the tibiae was the cause of it,
which, owing to his being dumb, he was
unable to complain. It speaks well for his
bravery that he stood in his tracks until
his assistance was exhausted.
Miss McFarlane spent her Xmas
holiday in Montreal.
The engagement of Mr.
P. S. ... of Milwaukee, Wis.,
and Miss ... of the same State, is
announced and we may look for a wed-
ding in the Spring that shall reason
when the young man's fancy lightly turns
to thoughts of love.

HALIFAX NOTES.

From our own Correspondent
Christmas with all its festivities has
come and gone, and now as we enter on
the New Year, we look back with feel-
ings of pleasure to the happy times we
had, and feel thankful to those around
us for providing such good things for our
benefit. We are all of one mind that
Christmas, 1892, was the best we have
ever had. The boys, who become ex-
ceedingly energetic just before the Christ-
mas season, went off to the woods and
returned with their sleds loaded with
spruce, for decoration purposes. With
the aid of the wretched fingers of the girls,
who at all times are desirous to do their
share of any extra work that is going
on, this spruce was soon converted into
beautiful festoons, which hung round
the walls, and at once told that Christmas
was drawing near. A few others of the
boys exercised their ingenuity in making
a skating rink, for which purpose they
utilized their play-ground. It is un-
necessary to say that their efforts have
been duly appreciated on both sides of
the house.
On Xmas Eve we had a pantomime,
which met with great favor amongst
us. The nine characters of the piece
performed were taken by five boys and
four girls, and all did their parts well.
Acting on the old saying "that it takes
a clever man to be a fool," we selected
as clowns two of our smartest boys—
Johnny Tupper and our old friend Clario
Smith, who always has a fund of humour
in store. They succeeded in keeping
their audience in roars of laughter by
their grotesque motions, which were
heartily applauded. As they were rather
hurried in their preparations for this
pantomime, they intend to take time by
the forelock another year, and promise
us something even better.
On Monday, which we considered
Christmas Day, we feasted on the good
things usually provided for us at this
time, the evening being spent in games,
charades, etc. One doing this Christmas
is still fresh in our minds, and will serve
as food for conversation for a long time
to come.
A joke at the expense of our witty
friend, Johnny, has been going round
lately. His teacher had been explaining
the idiom "to put an end to," and Master
Jack, who is ever ready to put into prac-
tical use any newly acquired phrase, was
not long in securing what he considered a
favourable opportunity. A few of the
little ones who had been bullied by one
of the big boys appealed to John for
defence, and John, who is very tender-
hearted, at once drew up a petition on
their behalf, which he presented to the
teacher, explaining the cowardly action
of his colleague and requesting that he
"be immediately put an end to."

MANITOWA.

The Winnipeg Free Press says:—On
Christmas evening (Monday) last the
usual Christmas entertainment of the
deaf and dumb children took place at
the Institute on Portage avenue west.
Those who have watched the progress
of this most interesting and useful in-
stitution since its establishment in the
city and province, will be pleased to
learn that the Christmas entertainment
of 1892 was an exceedingly enjoyable
affair, not only to the children who there
receive their training and education,
which it would be impossible to obtain
in the best appointed homes, but also to
those whose thoughts turned towards
the institute to spend a pleasant two
hours and make merry with the forty or
fifty inmates of that institution on Christ-
mas evening. Principal McDermaid and
his spouse, assisted by Misses Foster
and Spright and the staff generally, did
all in their power to make it a thorough-
ly enjoyable evening for the children as
well as the visitors. Rev. H. Pellay
was present and opened the exercises
with prayer, which was interpreted to
the children in the sign language by
Principal McDermaid. After the distri-
bution of a large number of valuable
presents to the children a pleasant and
entertaining programme of sports was
indulged in by old and young, while the
wants of nature were fully restored by
delightfully prepared and served light
supper in the dining room, of which all
partook most heartily. A very pleasing
part of the evening's entertainment was
an exhibition of the modes of training and
developing the minds of the children, con-
cluding with the rendering of the familiar
hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," by
Mrs. McDermid in the sign language.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From an Occasional Correspondent
The mutos rejoice that they cast their
votes for R. J. Fleming, Mayor. They
want to be sure to keep on the right
side.
On Christmas eve Mr. and Mrs. Slater
were presented with a pretty lemonade
set and a toilet set, by their mute friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Slater are widely known
for their courtesy and kindly manner,
which have endeared them to many.
May their memory long be cherished.
Mr. Arthur Bowen spent Xmas Day
with his sister, Mrs. H. Mason. Arthur
has been keeping bachelor's hall for some
time, as his mother has been visiting
here with her daughter.
Mr. F. Bridgen presented us all with
New Year's cards. Some of us called on
him at his pretty residence on New Year's
Day. He is getting a little gray, but
still wears the same pleasant, smiling
face.
The mutos are looking forward with
pleasure for a visit from their old friends,
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Beale, at their next
Convention. Mr. and Mrs. Beale moved
to England about five years ago. They
have six fine children.
Toronto had a big snow storm on the
5th inst.
From our own Correspondent.
The chief event that interested a
large number of deaf mutos here during
the last week in December, was the
Mayorality election held on the 2nd Jan-
uary. As far as our correspondents
can learn, all the mutos who voted cast
their ballots for the victorious candidate,
Mr. Fleming, who was elected by over 3000
of a majority. The actual number of
our class who vote is not known, but it
is safe to say is not below the mark.
Mr. Chas. Wilson is evidently a genius.
He has manufactured one of the finest
parlor tables we have ever seen, though
he is not a cabinet-maker. Whatever
he undertakes to do he does it to per-
fection.
There were three deaf mutos in the
General Hospital at the same time, dur-
ing a part of last month. One of them
met with an accident from the trolley
car, one from an attack of typhoid fever,
and another from a diseased arm. The
two first ones are out now, while the
last one is still there, where he will
probably be confined for some time yet.
At the Sunday meeting, on the 19th
ult., we were pleased to see our friend,
H. Grant of Hamilton, present. He
was looking well.
Mrs. Wilson spent a few days in
Oakville lately, with Miss Cunningham.
Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have returned
from Woodstock. Mr. Fraser's father
was elected a school trustee for that
town.
Master Hewison, a pupil of the Mac-
Kay Institution, Montreal, was spending
a few weeks in Toronto during the
holidays. Everybody said he was a fine
fellow. He is a credit to the institution
he belongs to.
Christmas and New Year's festivities
passed off quietly with the deaf mutos
here, very few went out of the city, a
great many of them invited friends to a
dinner party.
Mr. and Mrs. Slater were presented
just before Christmas, by the deaf mutos,
with a handsome pitcher, tumblers and
silver spoons, as a token of their appre-
ciation of his services on Sundays in
the West-End Y. M. C. A. They were
highly appreciated by the recipients.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore have re-
turned from Belleville.

BRANTFORD BUDGET.

From our own Correspondent.
William Stenebaugh recently received
a copy of the Dominion Illustrated from
Mr. Mathison, who does not forget the
old pupils.
A. V. Smith had the misfortune to fall
one dark morning, while on his way to
work. He got up thinking it only a
scratch, and continued on his way to
the shop. When he got in he lighted
the gas, and examined the wound, and
found it was a deep gash across the knee
cap. He has been laid off for a couple of
weeks.
Robert McKenzie, Geo. Kelly, and M.
Simmons drove up to Brantford, and
spent Christmas in town, so did Mr. and
Mrs. Pettiford, of Guelph. There was a
large gathering at Mr. Lloyd's residence,
and an enjoyable time spent.—A.V.S.
Foot-ball has been prohibited by the
University of Heidelberg, Germany, but
dancing is allowed. They probably know
which is the more dangerous.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Boys' Side of the Institution.
[BY WILLIE MCKAY.]
The pond is nicely frozen over now,
and we expect to have plenty of skating
through the winter.
John Shilton's mother came to see
him on New Year's Day. He was very
glad to see his mamma again.
Herbert Roberts left the printing office
on account of his eyes being sore. Alex-
ander Swanson is the printer's devil
now.
On the morning of the 6th inst., all
the boys were engaged to take down the
evergreens. The whole was done be-
fore time for morning chapel.
Our attendants had a party on the
4th inst. Quite a number of strangers
came from the city to attend it. They
all seemed to enjoy themselves.
There was too much snow on the day
on New Year's Day for skating. A num-
ber of the boys went to the hill and en-
joyed the time coasting down it on their
hand sleds.
Mr. Douys, one of our teachers, went
to Montreal for the New Year to see his
parents. He returned to his duties on
the 4th inst. He was very glad to see
them and they welcomed him heartily.
One of the boys received a letter from
George Kelly, of Glen Meyer, saying
that his father had been Deputy Reeve
for eight years, and Reeve for three
years. He was elected Reeve by a
majority of 111 for the year 1893. He is
also Magistrate and Justice of the Peace.
He said that he paid Robert McKenzie
a visit and stayed with him for five days,
and enjoyed it exceedingly. He then
went to Brantford where he met about
twenty deaf mutos.

Extracts from Letters.

Thomas Bradshaw was in Guelph
lately.
Joseph White, of Bowdley, is a very
steady young man. He works hard and
saves his money. Every year for four
years past he has put \$100. in the bank,
so he has now a tidy little sum to com-
mence house-keeping with, when he feels
inclined that way.
A mother:—"Allow me to tender to all
at the Institution my warmest thanks
for the kind attention and care shown to
my daughter Emily during her late ill-
ness. I can assure you that I shall
never forget the many favors which have
been shown to my afflicted child. Emily
is gradually regaining her old-time ener-
gy, and I hope to see her quite recovered
in a few months."
Miss Kate White, of Bowdley, and
Mr. George Young, of Madoc, were mar-
ried at the home of the bride, by the
Rev. Mr. Drummond, of Centerville, on
Tuesday, the 20th of December. The
bride received handsome presents from
her friends, and a happy, jolly time was
spent at the house, prior to the depar-
ture of the young people for Port Hope,
en route to Madoc, their future home.
Many good wishes were expressed for
their prosperity.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoy, Avonlea,
had a merry-making on the 20th of
December last. Among those present
were John Schweitzer, Maggie Smith,
William Quinlan, Claudia Moore and
Edward Barthel. They had a splendid
supper, after which they amused them-
selves by playing various kinds of games.
Mr. and Mrs. Hoy did everything in
their power to contribute to the enjoy-
ment of the occasion and they succeeded
in making their guests perfectly happy.

STRATFORD STROKES.

From our own Correspondent
Plenty of snow for good sleighing.
Mrs. William Kiddo, nee Miss Hannah
Hoffman, is home from Toronto.
Edward Barthel is going to see his
parents in Kansas shortly, where his
father has 405 acres of land.
Miss Eliza McNay, who taught the
S. S. No 6 North Easthope, during 1892,
has resigned to take the course in the
Normal School in Toronto. She is a
great favorite with some deaf mutos, as
she talks well by means of the deaf and
dumb alphabet.
Mr. Richard Quinlan is getting out the
number for a fine new barn, (50x70) which
he intends to build during the coming
summer.