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Quite a number of our contemporaries are discussing the question as to whether or not deaf people should be allowed to enlist as soldiers, as a number of them evidently wish to do. Passing by the original question, one cannot help wondering what the real motive is of those people who seem so desirous of donning the uniform and shouldering the musket. Patriotism is a noble attribute of citizenship and that man is worthy of all honor who risks his life in defence of his country. We fear, however, that many of those who are so eager to fight the Spaniards are not actuated by disinterested patriotism, but rather by the desire to share in the excitement, and possible glory, of the contest, and to kill some of the hated Don's. And such a sentiment is by no means commendable. There is no question of patriotism so far as these deaf aspirants for glory are concerned, because, in the first place, their country is not in the least danger, and in the second place because several times as many hearing people have volunteered as are required for the military operations to be carried out.

The closing exercises of the Mackay Institution took place on May 2nd and were of a very interesting character. There were five pupils in the blind department and these, as well as the deaf pupils, showed a gratifying proficiency in the various subjects taught. Very pleasing impressions were made upon the visitors as to the moral and religious atmosphere of the place, the bright and happy appearance of the pupils, and the mutual affection and good-will which evidently prevails between them and the teachers. Mrs. Ashcroft, the able superintendent, is to be congratulated on another successful year's work.

In Great Britain and Ireland there are 65 schools for the deaf. Of these 27 are boarding schools and 28 day schools. The number of pupils in attendance is 1028, of whom 1161 attend day schools and 2861 boarding schools. The total number of teachers employed is 389, of whom only 26 are deaf. This gives an average of 10.5 pupils to each teacher. 2170 of the pupils are taught by the oral method, 1084 by the manual and 171 by the combined. In Scotland the combined system is more in favor, about 55 per cent of the pupils in that country being educated by that system.

In a sermon in Belleville not long ago a minister used the following fine sentence, which we commend to some of our contemporaries across the lines as a representative Canadian sentiment: "If Britain and the United States were firmly united in an offensive and defensive alliance they would hold the switch that would swing the twentieth century on the golden track of the millennium." The sentiment is as true in fact as its expression is beautiful in form, and it is devoutly to be hoped that what so many wish for will soon be consummated.

We welcome to our 'able' non-paper entitled *Citizen and Country*, published in Toronto under the editorial management of Mr. G. Weston Wrigley. This now journalistic aspirant is devoted to moral, social and political reforms, and has met with a hearty reception in all parts of the country. Mr. Wrigley is one of the best known newspaper men in the Province, and is an able writer and a radical propagandist, and we wish for him and his bright paper every success.

The original poetry and witticisms, and especially the home-made puzzles, of the *California News*, have produced their inevitable effect, and the other day outraged and outraged a vigorous protest in the form of an earthquake of considerable violence. We hope our contemporary will heed the warning lest a worse thing befall its native state.

The Ohio School for the Deaf is to be congratulated and envied. It not only received all the money it asked for, for running expenses, but in addition a grant was made of \$75,000 for a new school building and electric light plant. We wonder when we will get our new building!

### A Reverent Listener.

While steaming in the *Arundel Castle* through the Mozambique channel, which separates Madagascar from South Africa, Mark Twain saw an unconscious exhibition of English reverence for the national anthem. He describes the scene, in "Following the Equator," as follows:

Last night the burly chief engineer, middle-aged, was standing telling a spirited sea-faring tale, and had reached the most exciting place, where a man overboard was washing swiftly astern on the great seas and uplifting despairing cries, everybody racing aft in a frenzy of excitement and fading hope, when the band, which had been silent a moment, began impressively its closing piece, the English national anthem.

As simply as if unconscious of what he was doing, he stopped his story, uncovered, laid his head against his breast, and slightly bent his grizzled head. The few bars finished, he put on his cap and took up his tale again as naturally as if that interjection of music had been a part of it.

There was something touching and fine about it, and it was moving to reflect that he was one of a myriad scattered over every part of the globe who by turn was doing as he was doing every hour of the twenty-four,—those awake doing it while the others slept,—those impressive bars forever floating up out of the various climes, never silent and never lacking reverent listeners. *Youth's Companion*.

### OTTAWA DISTRICT.

From our own Correspondent

Friday, the 20th of May, brought to Ottawa the first of the deaf-mutes who came to take part in the celebration of the Queen's birthday, those to arrive on that day were Mr. and Mr. Hodgins, of Diamond, and Miss Culligan, of Ashton. The following Monday and the morning of the 21th brought Messrs. Scissons and Murphy from South March, Messrs. McGillivray and Lett from Carp, and Messrs. Patrick, O'Brien and Luddy from Perth. In the afternoon the first deaf-mute picnic in Ottawa took place, and was a very pleasant affair, although the rain interfered to some extent with the enjoyment of those present. Great praise is due to Mrs. McClelland and the Misses Macfarlane, Jamieson and Borthwick, who had charge of the commissariat department and in spite of the rain gave us a very pleasant tea. Among those who contributed most towards the success of the picnic may be mentioned Mr. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Guignard, Miss Macfarlane and Anne Borthwick. Owing to the shortness of notice given we are sorry most of the visiting deaf-mutes missed being at the place of meeting, but if they give us more notice next time we will endeavor to make up for their loss a year hence. At the close Miss Macfarlane requested Mr. Bayne to make a few remarks to the deaf-mutes, and on complying one of the most successful deaf-mute entertainments in Ottawa came to an end.

Mr. Murphy, of South March, was the Jumbo of the party, weighing over 200 lbs. Say, the best deaf-mute cooks in Ontario live around here. Don't forget it, boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins paid D. Bayne a visit on the afternoon of the 25th.

Messrs. Holland and McClelland spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Bayne, they having come from Ottawa on their wheels.

Mr. Wigget went to Montreal on the 21th.

### LONDON NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

The Queen's birthday is over and it was royally celebrated here on the 21th. The weather was all that could be desired and a large crowd of visitors was in town.

Mr. Morse, of Fingal, a deaf-mute, has moved from Fingal here and he works at George White's engine factory and boards at Hodgins' Hotel.

Mr. Richard Leathorn spent the Queen's birthday visiting his old classmate, Nelson Wood, at Exeter, and he brought home some fine leghorn hens which was given him by Mr. Wood. Richard may be proud of them.

Miss S. Reid visited her friends in the vicinity of Chatham on the 21th, and Mr. J. O. Smith spent that day with his relatives in Chatham.

Miss Maggie Phillimore, of Aylmer, will spend the vacation with her married sister in London East.

Mrs. Gee, of Melrose, Mrs. Pincombe, of Poplar Hill, and Mrs. Noyes, of Denfield, came here on a flying visit lately.

W. H. Gould, Jr. made a bicycle trip to Talbotville to see Mr. Jontie Henderson lately, and had a good chat with him.

Mr. Robert McKenzie, of New Durham, John Chantler, of Paris, Jonathan Henderson, of Talbotville, and W. H. Gould, Jr., of London, spent the Queen's birthday with their old school mates, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Wm. McKay, at Woodstock, and they enjoyed themselves very much.

Mr. Nelson Wood will get a good situation as an engraver, shortly, so we will be pleased to hear of his success.

Mr. John Smallidon, of Brussels, was in town two weeks ago. He went to St. Thomas to visit Miss Eames for some days and he went home on his bike on the 25th of May.

It is an old saying, that charity begins at home, but this is no reason that it should not go abroad. A man should live with the world as a citizen of the world, he may have a preference for the particular quarter or square, or open alley, in which he lives, but he should have a generous feeling for the welfare of the whole.—*Cumberland*.

If the armies of Europe should march at an eight mile gait, five abreast, 15 inches apart, it would require 94 days for them to pass a given point.

### God's Miracle of May

There came a message to the vine,  
A whisper to the tree,  
The blue-bird saw the secret sign  
And merrily sang he,  
And like a silver string the brook  
Trembling with music sang out—  
Enchanting notes in every nook  
For echo to repeat.

A magic touch transformed the fields,  
Greener each hour they grew,  
Till they shone like burnished shields,  
All jeweled o'er with dew  
Scattered upon the forest floor  
A million bits of bloom  
Breathed fragrance forth thro' morning's dawn  
Into the day's bright room.

Then bud by bud the vine confessed  
The secret it had kept,  
And in the leaves the azure-breast  
Sang the delightful word,  
Glad flowers upraised and the grass  
And sung their banners gay,  
And suddenly it came to pass—  
God's miracle of May.

—P. D. Sherman, in *Ladies Home Journal*.

### DETROIT NEWS.

From our own Correspondent

Your issue of April 15th was very timely and to judge by the views of Grimsby Park it must be a beautiful place. I should think all those who are so fortunate as to be able to attend the convention should thoroughly enjoy themselves. At present the writer does not know of any hero who are likely to go. Miss M. Connelly, of Windsor, and Miss Bessie Ball are both undecided about going. Miss Eva Elliott does not expect to go, and as for the writer, she has not decided yet whether she will attend the Convention or go on a trip to the moon.

Miss Bessie Ball is enjoying the best of health and is still very busy retouching in the same gallery where she has been for the past two or three years.

Miss Elliott wishes to be kindly remembered to all old friends. She is getting along nicely and falling more in love with Detroit every day. Bye the bye, in my last letter I mentioned a charming little fellow who had adopted well, I am very sorry to inform you readers that he is no more, as he rather took himself off. It was taken off, but she is not at all broken hearted as she has got a wheel and has some very pleasant rides on it, quite often she goes for an hour or two's spin with Miss Aberton, a former pupil of Flint.

Many hearing people think the deaf very brave to ride a wheel, and I have several times been asked how they dare venture on one and on the streets too. My answer to such questions is, the deaf are more careful than hearing people, that is, most of them are, they use their eyes for seeing and hearing, and so see a good many things that hearing people would never notice. I have not yet heard of a deaf person being hurt or killed while out wheeling, but there is hardly a week that one or more hearing people are not either hurt or killed, and nearly always through their own carelessness.

On Friday evening, May 6th, Rev. A. W. Mann came to Detroit and held service in the chapel of St. John's Episcopal church. The Bishop was present and confirmed two young mute ladies, both former pupils of Flint. Business kept the writer from being present.

Spring has come and every thing looks lovely and everybody would be enjoying themselves if it was not for war. Although the fighting is a long way from here, still there are many sad hearts here, as many have already gone to the front and many more will probably go. It is just two weeks ago to-morrow since the troops started for Island Lake, where they are drilling, being examined and volunteering. A friend of the writer who had some friends going, went to the depot to see them off and was telling her about a very old lady whose only son was going. The streets were crowded with thousands of people who went to see them off, and the old lady walked through the street beside her soldier boy, having hold of his hand nearly all the time. A young man the writer is acquainted with was engaged to be married in June and expected to have quite a fine wedding, but on receiving orders to start, they married at once and after spending a day or two with the bride, started for camp. If he should be so fortunate or so unfortunate as to pass the examination all right, he will probably have to go to the front with hundreds of others in a couple of days. So far there has been no loss of life reported among the Americans, and I am sure they will win the victory, as God always helps those who are on the right side. You all know how wicked and cruel the people of Spain are. Everyone feels will soon be over, but let us all hope and pray that it will.