

CLOSE TO SPRINGTIME.

FRANK L. STANTON

Close to springtime—know it by the way
 the "breasin' "gleamin' in the middle o'
 the river that is layin' along,
 the birds a' singin' o' their feathers
 the daisies that are dreamin' at my feet!

Close to springtime—know it by the signs,
 the whippin' o' the maple on the pine;
 the breath o' the breeze, singin' sweet
 the daisies that are dreamin' at my feet!

Close to springtime—hope she'll come to
 the door for the red lips o' the May!
 the sweet her, bringin' all the time
 the footstep, her roses an' her
 smile!

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Thomas Bradshaw is not working at the Massey Foundry just now, as business is dull at present.

Mrs. Cottrell, with her father and sister, moved last week from Ossington Ave. to Clinton St.

Amos Parkins, an economical bachelor, is thinking of furnishing his room again.

Mrs. Slater, who was ill for a few days, is well again.

Mr. Nasmith received a letter from his old friend, Mr. Beale, in England, and was glad to hear he was getting better and that he would, if possible, attend the Convention in June.

The Bible Class is still holding successful meetings every Wednesday evening. Mr. S. Bridgen and Slater conducting them.

Mr. Call, a well known pedler, from Brantford was in the city at Easter and although he has been unfortunate in losing one of his legs we are glad to know that he can be assisted by a wooden one.

Mr. and Mrs. Nasmith spent Good Friday afternoon at Mr. Fraser's home in Parkdale and enjoyed themselves very much.

On Sunday, the 18th inst. Mr. Nasmith addressed the mutes and took as his subject "The True Shepherd and Sheep." It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

At present there are a number of unemployed mutes in this city on account of the dull times, but we trust before long all will be enabled to find employment.

The High Parkians had their youngest daughter christened and named "Grace Annie," on Friday the 16th. We think there are more who should follow their example.

Mr. Clark, of Aurora, was in town at Easter. He is looking well and intends to be at the Convention.

H. Mason, the famous gardener, is ahead of all the other gardeners in preparing his garden for the seed. We hope he may have every success.

Mr. Bridgen gave an eloquent lecture on the "Risen Christ," on Sunday the 20th. He is a good man and advises from experience.

HAMILTON HINTS

From our own Correspondent

Mr. Chas. Golds, of Milton, was in town recently purchasing supplies for his tobacco and cigar store at Milton.

Misses Fletcher and McCannell are about the only deaf-mute ladies in this county, and they attend Mr. Grant's Bible Class almost regularly.

Mr. Jas. Reid, an ancient graduate of Belleville, now of Dundas, was in the city last week and returned home next day. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Featherston were also visitors here at the same time. They are looking happy and doing well at Watertown.

According to agreement, Syrian Pettit and F. R. Byrne met and settled the dispute existing between them as to men's superiority at chess. Mr. Pettit was the victor, coming off with one game ahead. He is a good player now, being very much improved at the craft since leaving school, and a certain individual who has challenged him, will make a long race when he tests the metal of Syrian.

A regular meeting of the Literary Society was held last week. The subject discussed was, which is the most dangerous element, water or fire? Mr. Smith led the former and Mr. Thompson the latter. The judges awarded the decision to Mr. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Brantford, were in the city on the 15th. Mr. Smith is an expert poultry breeder of Brant-

ford, and is a member of the Ontario Poultrymen's Association. He takes a keen interest in superior grades and says there's money in it.

Mr. Goodbrand has returned to Ancaster from Brantford and was down here this week. He will work with stone masons in the country all summer.

DETROIT NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

Have just finished reading your last issue and it put me in mind that I have not written you for a long time and that it will soon be time for your vacation to begin again. I am always a very busy girl, and so your readers can guess how busy I am nearly all the time. If there were more of your friends and Belleville people in Detroit I would try and write often.

Miss Bessie Ball is quite well and if nothing unforeseen occurs it will not be long before you will see her. She had tea with me sometime ago and we had a good time talking about old school days and old school mates.

Mr. J. T. Holland called on me a few days ago. He seems to be an earnest Christian man and is trying to help his deaf friends to know and come to Christ.

The deaf in Detroit have a Bible Class now. It meets at 2.30 p. m. every Sunday and your writer has the charge of it. It was started several weeks ago and appears to be getting along nicely. Quite a number are members and quite a number of others come as visitors. All are welcome. The class meets in one of the Episcopal churches, which church many of the deaf belong to. The Rev. Mr. Mann is their missionary, as he can only come once in a while, the Bible class will be a help to the work. We may after a while form a society. It is nice for the deaf to have Bible classes and church societies of their own like the hearing people.

Mr. Sepner was a visitor to my class yesterday. He is looking forward to meeting his old chums in June. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland are quite well, too, but I am not aware whether they will attend the Convention or not. As for the writer, I don't think she will go. June is one of her busiest months, the month before her vacation begins, and it may be impossible to get away, but if not with you in person will be in thoughts.

A letter was received from Mrs. H. Pincombe sometime ago; they were all well and Mr. Pincombe was busy having a gravel bed, he being pathmaster for that part of the township of Lobo. He is always a very busy man, and Mrs. Pincombe is always busy too and a good housekeeper.

Miss Marion Campbell, when last heard from, was quite well.

In your last issue, I read with interest a piece about Alice Logan. I remember her quite well as she was my classmate the first year at the Institution, it being Miss Logan's last, but we remained friends and correspondents up to the time of her death.

Miss Clara P. Smith, the artist whom many of your readers are well acquainted with, will leave Detroit, and go to reside in New York shortly. She will be missed sadly by her many friends in Detroit.

This letter is like all my former ones, rather long and not interesting. So I will stop writing for the present.

L. M. M.

MANITOBA NOTES

From the Silent Echo

The Grand Jury reported on the Institution at Winnipeg as follows: "Our visit to the Deaf and Dumb Institution afforded us great pleasure. We were much pleased to see that technical instruction in printing, engraving and other useful arts is given to the pupils. In this way they will be given an opportunity to become useful and self-supporting citizens. It appeared very clear to us that the building should be enlarged, as at present the accommodations for pupils is too limited in many respects. Additional dormitories, a laundry and a hospital are immediate necessities. We understand the Legislature at its last session provided the Government with an appropriation for the extension of this building and we trust the Government will make use of it as soon as possible. Mr. McDermid's management of this institution struck us as being most efficient." *The Nor-*

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution

BY DELLA HERRINGTON

It will soon be time to gather dandelions.

Mabel Ball received a lovely Easter present from a friend in Toronto.

Annie Butler was summoned home on account of her father's illness.

Miss Annie Mathison has not returned yet. We hope she is enjoying her visit.

On the 25th ult., we had a nice tea of maple syrup for the first time. It was palatable.

Miss Templeton spent her holidays in Toronto, we feel sure she had a most enjoyable time.

On Good Friday it was a cloudy day, but in the afternoon it cleared up. The day passed quietly.

The new swing for the girls is put up. They are pleased to be out for swinging every day.

Boiled eggs were given for breakfast on Easter Sunday and most of us ate only two. How many did you eat?

The girls have better amusements this spring than they had last winter. They play at baseball, skipping, etc.

Miss Walker is very thoughtful, as she gave us all a treat of refreshments at the party. She never forgets her duty.

The robins are seen hopping and running about. It cannot be realized that it is a sure sign that spring has come again.

Miss Gallagher presented each of her five girl-pupils with one of her nice photos. They appreciate her kindness most highly.

It is rumored that "Carlo" was shot seven or eight times recently. It must have been a mistake as he is running around as usual.

It is reported that we will be allowed to go out shopping some day by and by. We hope that the Superintendent will let us go before long.

The Bay of Quinte commences to run. Rowing will soon be all the go instead of skating, which we will have no more this term. How patient we have to be till next winter.

It is stated that Miss Lou Robinson proposes coming here for the Convention. She is a highly accomplished young lady. We shall be glad to welcome her into our midst again.

Rev. Mr. Baker came here lately to lecture to the members of the Methodist church about God. He spoke to Mr. McAloney who interpreted his speech in signs to us. We hope he will come here oftener.

Louisa Smith is often called Grand-ma by the girls, just for fun, which she does not like at all. They call her so because she spends most of her time in knitting stockings and being kind to the little ones.

A great many of the girls were very happy and bright to get boxes or parcels from home for Easter. They felt as if Christmas had come again. They should thank those who sent boxes to them for their thoughtfulness.

D. Morrison received a nice photograph of her baby sister, Clark, aged seven months. We think she is a sweet little thing. Her pa has been married twice. She informs us that she likes her step-ma very much.

On the 20th ult., the party was held, it began at 7.30 and broke up at 10 o'clock. We had a glorious time and each of us got a bag of refreshments. We think we will not have another party again before school closes.

On the 25th ult., some Anglian pupils went to church and they were very grateful to Rev. Canon Burko for his thoughtfulness in giving them a drive, which they enjoyed very much. Some of them are going to be confirmed soon.

Mr. McAloney always tries to entertain the pupils. Not long ago the history of G. O. Washington was given to us by him. We have often heard about his hatchet. He is improved in talking in the sign language a great deal.

We remember that the late Mr. Greene used to tell us about a well-dressed gentleman with a pug-nose, sitting on the seat beside him in the cars, reading a newspaper upside down to make believe he was wise, which he noticed, so he wrote some questions to him which he

read but did not answer, showing that he was uneducated.

Eva Jamieson was delighted and surprised on receiving a box of goodies from home. She cannot realize even yet that her ma has gone to the happy land. You know it is hard to see a kind providence in such a case, but the Lord saw fit to take her to himself and we must all submit to his will. She is happier than those she has left behind.

A Letter from the West.

While I was spending my present term in this beautiful city, I thought I would write a few lines for next issue of THE CANADIAN MUTE, as I understand it is very extensively circulated among the mutes here, which shows they know how to appreciate a good paper. The average number of mutes I have come in contact with during my short stay here is 50, although I am told there are nearly 100 in the city. Nearly all have been pupils of your institution and the majority are fairly well educated, at least they would come up to a par with the deaf-mutes in any other city in the States which I have visited. The male portion seem to be good workmen, and nearly all of them have steady work and are very industrious, some of the older ones have accumulated enough money to buy handsome residences, while the younger ones are fairly well on the road to prosperity. I have never met so many married deaf mutes in a single city as here. There are fully fifteen married couples, many of them having as fine children as can be seen anywhere even among the hearing people. Nearly all of them seem to be on most friendly terms with one another, which is no doubt largely owing to the ministrations of Messrs. Nasmith and Bridgen, who hold religious services every Sunday, exclusively for them.

Some of the married mutes are very fond of social parties, to some of which I have had the honor of being present, and I must say I had real good times. I sometimes feel that I wish I could move here for good, at least when I am here now I feel it hard to leave the city. Going away from here is like going out of a warm and cozy home into the cold outside. There are three charming young ladies, respectively about 16, 16 and 20, whose parents are deaf. They are as handsome and intelligent young ladies as could be met with anywhere.

On my coming here I was sadly disappointed to find that the Ontario Institution was at Belleville instead of in this city. The government which was responsible for this state of affairs must have been out of their senses when they decided to have the Institution located where it is, over 100 miles away from the Provincial capital, while there are many other places far more suitable, not half the distance of Belleville.

I would like to speak of a few deaf-mutes whom I have become acquainted with since coming here, but space forbids in this letter. More anon.

MAJORIE.

Toronto, March 20, 1891.

A Peculiar Case.

Dr. Livingston, of Bennettville, whose remarkable recovery of speech and hearing was the marvel of this locality about two years ago, has been sent to the State Hospital for the Insane at Binghamton. The circumstances connected with the life of this man have been most remarkable. At the age of six years he lost all sense of hearing from the effects of a fever. He became a skillful and trusted physician, using a slate as means of communication. He had a good many patients in and about Sidney. After six years he recovered suddenly both senses of speech and hearing. His health then failed, and now he has been declared insane, at the age of seventy-four years. *Sidney Record.*

The pupils should try this, and see if it is true. How to tell a person's age, and the month in which he was born: Give the number of the month; multiply by two, add five, multiply by 60; add the person's age, subtract 365, add 115. The figure or two figures on the left will represent the number of the month, and figure or figures on the right the person's age. Supposing a person was born in June, and is 18 years old. Example: June is 6th month. $6 \times 2 = 12$, $12 + 5 = 17$; $17 \times 60 = 1020$, $1020 + 18 = 1038$, $1038 - 365 = 673$, $673 + 115 = 788$. The figure six represents the month of birth—June, and the other figures the age—18.