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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1896.

The Examination.

The first week in this month was a busy one in this Institution, having been selected an examination week. Some time previous both teachers and pupils had been anticipating this time in a practical manner by diligent and careful reviewing, and when the great day arrived each one felt ready and capable of doing the best that in him lay. It had been decided to hold the written examination on paper, and the official examination by the government examiner concurrently. On Monday, the 1st inst., Mr. Ballard arrived and the same day the paper and other needed supplies were all distributed, and on Tuesday morning work was begun in good earnest, being that and the following days all the pupils applied themselves faithfully to their work and when Friday noon came the last line had been written, the last paper examined and the piles of manuscript handed into the Superintendent, and at the same time Mr. Ballard had completed his work. What his report will say is not yet known, but will be eagerly looked for. The results of the paper examinations, were known at once and were highly satisfactory.

On Friday afternoon the teachers and pupils assembled in the chapel, where Superintendent Mathison congratulated them on the fact that the examination was over and elicited a unanimous expression from the pupils that they were much pleased to be now free and to desire whatever to have a reputation of the week's work and anxiety. Mr. Mathison then called on Mr. Ballard for a few remarks. Mr. Ballard expressed the great pleasure it gave him to visit the Institution. He had come here to perform an important duty but the duty had proved to be a great pleasure. He was highly gratified to see the boys and girls all have such happy, smiling faces. It proved that they were well treated and fully contented there, and this pleasing condition of affairs was due to the kindly interest in and oversight of the same exercised by Mr. Mathison and Mr. Walker. He was much pleased to see the energy and devotion displayed by the teachers in their work, to witness the efforts put forth by some not only to make the boys and girls students here, but also to make good men and women and well to discharge creditably and honorably all the duties that may devolve upon them hereafter. He had never in all his experience seen so many pupils so busily hard working and earnest in their efforts to do what their teachers and of them as he had seen in this Institution. In the discharge of his duties in Hamilton he has to attend after the education of about 7000 children, and he would be very glad if all of them worked as hard and as busily as the boys and girls here. If each one sweeps before

his own door and keeps the snow off his own walk, the sidewalk would all be clean, and if each boy and girl did his or her own duty aright the whole world would be good and true. Perhaps he would never see all of them again, though he would very much like to do so, but whether he did or not he was very glad indeed that he had seen them on this occasion. He had enjoyed his visit very much and in saying good bye, he wished all of them prosperity and happiness both now and hereafter. Mr. Mathison said he was very pleased indeed to hear Mr. Ballard say that our pupils compared so favorably with those in Hamilton in respect of earnest endeavor. But it had always been so in the past. Before even the youngest boys and girls had been here many months they became imbued with a great desire to learn. He was satisfied that all the teachers did their work honestly and well. If Mr. Ballard saw fit to point out any deficiencies and to make any recommendations they would try to profit by them. They were not perfect by any means, and there was always room for improvement. They had a high ideal before them and they wanted to make this the best Institution in the world. The fact noted by Mr. Ballard that all the pupils had such happy, smiling faces might be ascribed to the practical working out of the motto of the Institution, "The truest happiness is found in making others happy." The officers, teachers and all connected with the Institution try to make the pupils happy, while at the same time demanding prompt obedience and enforcing strict but kindly discipline. He hoped that Mr. Ballard would come to see them again, a wish that was warmly seconded by every teacher, officer and pupil present. But whether he came again or not they would always remember him and the kindly way in which he had gone in and out of the class rooms, and the genial disposition and gentle manly demeanor he had exhibited in the discharge of his duties.

Confirmation Services.

On Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., Confirmation services were held in St. Thomas Church by Archbishop Lewis, of Kingston. There were about forty confirmed, including the following pupils of this Institution: Mina Hunter, Ethel Thompson, Faune Ball, Mabel Hodgson, Mary Graham, Fanny Chantler, Thos. Chantler, Birtie Lett, Thomas Green and Francis Burch. The service was interpreted by Prof. Coleman, and each one of the above showed a thorough understanding of the required confession of faith, and answered the questions correctly and intelligently.

Rev. Canon Burke merits the warmest commendation for his faithful ministry to the Church of England pupils here, and that they fully appreciate his good services is evidenced by the following address presented to him on May 24th, the anniversary of his birthday:

ONTARIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, BELLEVILLE, May 24 1896

DEAR SIR, We know that this is your birth day and we cannot let the occasion pass without offering you our most sincere congratulations. We remember how kind you have always been, and we can never forget what you have done for us. You are kind to us because you always invite us to Church, and we must always be thankful for your kindness in inviting us and treating us so kindly. We hope you will be pleased to get this address, perhaps more so even than a present. Please accept our warmest regards, with the hope that you may be spared to see many returns of the day. We all trust you may always have a very pleasant time. You certainly will never be forgotten by your English Girls.

- Blanche Maud Thomas, Martha Letch
Fanny Warwick, Emily L. Green
Henrietta Hamnell, Mary O. Graham
Lizzie Muckle, Mabel Hodgson
Grace Muckle, Fannie Ball
Mabel Thompson, Fanny Chantler
Ethel Thompson, Mina Hunter
Ethel Swayne, Mariou Waters
Heatie Woodley

FACTORY, BELLEVILLE, 24th May 1896
To my dear Pupils of my class at the Deaf and Dumb Institute who signed the address for my Birthday, 24th May, 1896

MY DEAR GIRLS, I received with great pleasure the very nice address you sent me for my birth day, and I thank you very much for it, and the kind expression of your feelings towards myself. I assure you I shall never forget you, and the pleasure I have had in instructing you. I trust you have learned something of Religious Truth and that you will never forget it, but also by your lives that it has done you good. We must not forget Mr. Coleman's kindness, and I take this opportunity of very warmly thanking him in your name, and for myself, for his most valuable assistance, without which I could do nothing little or nothing in teaching you. Heartily as I love you, and all the pupils of my class, God's blessing, and hope you will always ask Him to give you His grace to know to love and to serve Him here, that you may be happy with Him hereafter. I pray for you, and believe me Yours affectionately, J. W. HURKE, Canon.

The Games

The annual games, which had been postponed once or twice on account of the rain, and again on account of the visit of the Grand Jury, were held on the afternoon of Friday, the 12th. The various events were well contested and some of them were exceedingly amusing. At the close of the games the prizes were distributed to the happy winners by Superintendent Mathison. Among the contestants were:

Girls: J. Lobsinger, M. Noonan, G. Fairburn, M. Hodgson, M. Veitch, M. Leigh, A. Blackburn, E. Wilby, E. Scott, F. Brazier, M. Elliot, M. Cunningham, Jessie Munro, M. Justice, Eva Brown, H. Sager, H. Hamnell, D. Hartwick, M. Leguille, S. Brown, B. Woodley, J. Dowar, F. Chantler, B. Nicholls, M. Sager, A. Gillelaud, F. Allen, M. Graham, M. Lamadeline, M. McKay, M. Thompson, A. Henderson, M. McKenzie, R. Corrigan, A. McBride, E. Chatton, V. Groy, G. Little, M. Waters, M. Brown, M. Forgette, M. Eason, A. Allendorf, M. James.

Boys: W. Watt, G. Leguille, J. Chambers, B. Bourdeau, C. Dool, R. McDonald, J. Dubois, A. Keiser, N. Wood, E. McCarthy, R. Randall, L. Lyons, W. Lett, A. McKenzie, T. Dool, M. Noonan, T. Lett, L. Charbonneau, E. Corbiere, T. Green, R. King, H. McDonald, G. Henry, G. Wallace, J. Delaney, H. Forgette, W. Loughheed, H. McBrice, J. Ross, R. Todd, H. Carson, F. Burch, C. Laniel, A. McGillivray, A. Lawson, W. Reid, M. McGregor, F. Terrell, A. Quick, I. O'Neil, L. Laporte, J. Hartwick, G. Lowe, E. Scott, J. King, S. Edwards, F. Perry, W. Billing, S. Jones, C. Pinder



A steady stream of boxes and trunks to be repaired flowed to the carpenter-shop last week and kept the staff busy for some days.

The examinations engrossed all minds during the six days they lasted, even the play ground was deserted during the noon recess.

One would think from the way our little boys and girls have been thinking and talking of home that the sun will rise especially for them on Wednesday, the 17th.

The next issue on or about July 1st, will be devoted mainly to the Convention proceedings, with pictures of classrooms, work-shops, etc. We promise that it will be a souvenir number.

When Mr. Ballard, of Hamilton, arrived to examine the classes, Mr. Mathison introduced him to the pupils in the chapel. To the query—Who wants to be examined? a forest of hands went up showing that the pupils were ready for the test. Next came—Who does not want to be examined? to which only three or four timid ones replied.

The annual excursion was held on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst., and was a most enjoyable one. The steamer Merritt was chartered for the occasion, and the trip was up through the Murray Canal. The children were delighted with their outing and much interested in all they saw, and especially with the works of the Canal. Most of the officers and teachers and some of their friends accompanied the children.

Superintendent Mathison has presented to Mrs. Wills one of the rustic vases that have adorned the lawn in front of the Institution. This vase was made by the late Mr. Wills himself and the flowers therein planted and tended by his own hand. The gift was much appreciated by Mrs. Wills, and she is very grateful to Mr. Mathison for his thoughtful kindness. The vase was removed to the cemetery last Wednesday and placed beside Mr. Wills' grave.

We are indebted to the Louisiana Pelican for the following. It just fits in here and we commend it to the parents of our pupils. In a few more days school will be closed and the children will be sent to their homes. It may not be amiss to say a few words to parents, guardians and friends. It is a well known fact that it is our aim to have the boys and girls well trained, mentally and morally. A strong moral character is very much to be desired by the deaf. It takes patience, repetition

and never failing courage to instill a spirit of manliness, honesty, independence, and uprightness in the boys and girls, but such is our aim, our duty. Now all our work may be rendered naught unless we can have the hearty co-operation of the parents and friends. We beg all to take an interest in them. It is too often the case that the deaf are left alone too much, too often are they neglected by those from whom they should have the greatest attention and care. No sooner has vacation commenced than many wish to return to school all because they can find no one willing to play or talk with them. Talk with your deaf children. Take a lively interest in them. We earnestly beg all to help us develop the mental and moral standing of the deaf. By so doing our work may be increased and bettered.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. Brown, of Darlington, brother of Dr. Brown, of Jacksonville, and formerly of this Institution, spent a day with us last week.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 10th inst., the Grand Jury in attendance at the County Court, visited the Institution and expressed themselves as much pleased with all they saw and heard.

Mr. Geo. C. Thomas, brother of R. M. Thomas, of Oakville, died in Chicago on the 20th of May. The funeral, which took place on the 23rd, was a very solemn and impressive occasion. The late Mr. Thomas will be mourned by all who know him, particularly the poor. Of a most generous disposition, he was the benefactor and friend of all who lived in his vicinity.

Arab and his Camel---A Fable.

One cold night, an Arab sat in his tent. His camel pushed the flap of the tent aside and looked in. "Please, master," he said, "be kind enough to let me put my head inside the tent. It is very cold out here." "You may do so, and welcome," said the Arab. The camel put his head inside. In a few moments he said,—"This is very nice. Could you be kind enough to let me put my neck in also?" "You may put your neck in also," replied the Arab. Presently the camel began to move his head from side to side. "I find it very hard to stretch my neck out so far," he said. "It will not take much more room if I bring my fore-legs inside. May I do so?" "Certainly," said the Arab, and he moved so as to make a little more room. "Don't you think that I keep the tent open by standing half in and half out?" asked the camel. "Let me come wholly within." "Why, certainly, certainly," said the Arab. "The tent is rather small, but come wholly within." The camel did so. Then he said—"You speak truly. The tent is small. I think you ought to go outside. If you do not, I will kick you out." Then the Arab went out quickly. Moral:—If you give mean people as much, they take a yard.—Adapted for the Children's Hour in Mirror.

Tardy people are a nuisance. They are out of time, and serve only to rile up one's feelings. They are out of sympathy with the general order and the general public. They appear to have gotten up late and to never have caught up with the procession. The band wagon does not wait for them, and they follow in the rear. The music is too rapid, they lose the step, and come on alone, on foot. They take a cold dinner, and kick at the poor steak and coffee. They poke around with a lamp because the electric light goes out before they are ready. Nothing waits for them, but the grim old wench who should have taken them at birth. Nobody wants them around, the school teacher rejoices when they are at home with their mother. Poor mothers in this life have our sympathy. The idle, tardy, spoiled child comes back to her because they are here. She allowed them to grow up in this way. Somebody must endure them; other people who don't have to, won't, and so the poor mother must. Generally children are counted as blessings. They are, when well trained and obedient, but excuse us from the saucy, idle, careless, tardy child, who has never been taught good manners and obedience.—Neb. Journal.