

Ontario Deaf-Mute Association.

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Chantler was universally greeted and a plate of goodies accompanied by a note was sent up. Short notices were made by M. Lynch, G. Rogers, and J. Patrick, to all of which the hostess, Miss Lulu Robinson, replied in a most becoming manner. The party broke up at 10 p. m., after a most enjoyable evening. Letters of thanks were sent Mr. Mathison and Miss Walker. The invited guests were Miss Lulu Robinson, Hayward, Lynch, Ball, Hoggart, Ethel Irene Henry, F. Ball, McPhail, and Messrs. Revs. Chantler, Patrick, J. Henderson, John Chantler, Heathwaite, Eddie Ball and Labelle.

HOME NEWS

Miss Moore has been engaged as typewriter in Mr. Mathison's office. She can finger the keys with dexterity.

The aqueous precipitation has been something immense this spring, and hence outdoor amusements have been interfered with.

Squads of small boys, marshalled by a senior, have been employed for brief periods in gathering sticks, paper, etc. from the grounds. Cleanliness is next to godliness.

On the 5th inst., Mr. Ashley was away for a day. He went on a sad errand. It was to see his late mother's remains removed from the winter vault at Kingston and transferred to the cemetery grounds. Miss Herrington taught his class during his absence.

Every fine day Mr. Douglas and his staff of boys are busy removing the debris from the ruins of the old skating rink. No one misses the old place, all think it an improvement. The place would make a good lumber yard for the carpenter's shop timber if it was fenced in.

The pupils have been too busy with athletic to think of fishing yet. When the League matches are decided, on what wharf will probably be fished every fine Saturday afternoon with little fishers and their lines. The pupils are always very carefully watched at such times.

Miss L. M. Hodgins, who had been acting as clerk in Mr. Mathison's office during Mr. Smith's absence, had us good bye on the 29th ult. She has been a capable and obliging assistant, and has many friends at the Institution who wish her health and prosperity in the future.

Mr. R. O. Meara, who has been acting as assistant supervisor of the boys during Mr. Smith's absence at college, quitted from our community on the 10th ult. He made an efficient officer, and was popular with everybody. We heartily wish him success wherever he may go, or whatever he may engage in.

Spring is late and our tillers of the soil are looking blank over the prospects for a successful year. On our farm and garden very little has been done yet, for no sooner has the ground got a little dry and mellow, and the farmer lays his plans to begin operations, than the clouds open again with copious showers, and another vexatious delay has to be endured.

Mrs. Coleman, wife of our senior teacher, left on the 7th inst. per steamer "North King" for Charlotte, N. Y., en route for Washington, D. C., to visit her aged and infirm mother. Though tinged with sadness, we hope her trip to the picturesque and interesting capital of the great republic will be an enjoyable one, and that she will return to her pleasant Canadian home with improved health and spirits.

The Deseronto Tribune of May 1st has this compliment for us: THE CANADIAN MUTE of this week is an excellent number. It contains a large number of interesting articles and has an illustrated supplement giving a history of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. This interesting journal is one of our most welcome exchanges, and we are glad to see that it is constantly improving under the editorial supervision of Prof. J. B. Ashley.

The Critic favors us with this friendly notice, for which we tender sincere thanks: "The Canadian Mute" published semi-monthly at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, Ont., is in excellent style. We welcome it to our office. The contents are varied, interesting and instructive. The paper is well worth the hearty support of all interested in the welfare of the deaf, and we predict for it plenty of patronage. We quote some of its articles elsewhere found in this issue.

We sometimes hear of our former pupils through visitors to the Institution who come down near their homes or places where they are employed. It pleases us to hear good reports of them and that they are leading steady and industrious lives and are a credit to their friends and an honor to the Institution which trained them.

Mr. R. M. Thomas, who is living in Chicago writes to one of the teachers here that he enjoyed a day of sight seeing on the 1st inst. He witnessed the opening of the great fair and walked fully fifteen miles viewing the wonderful sights. He advises all his friends here to see the big show during the coming vacation, and informed Mr. McKillop that he had reserved a ticket for him to see Prof. Jones' lecture in July. Mr. Thomas is a fortunate man in many respects.

At the Presentation Day exercises of the National College, on 20th ult., the degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon Michael Madden. This young man was formerly a pupil of this school, passing as far as the fourth class, when he went to Texas with his parents. After attending the Texas School for some time he was sent to college, and, as the above announcement shows, has distinguished himself there. We take some interest in his success as a student.

Mr. W. D. Mace of Tawaworth, accompanied by Mr. J. C. Jamieson, of the Intelligencer, visited the Institution on the 1st inst. Mr. Mace was much interested in what he saw in the classes and other departments, as it was his first visit to the school. Mr. Jamieson's genial face is familiar to nearly everybody here. We embrace this opportunity to congratulate him and his amiable consort on having enjoyed twenty-five years of conjugal bliss, their silver wedding being duly celebrated on the 29th ult.

Mr. I. G. Smith, our genial Clerk and Storekeeper, who has been an earnest student of medicine at Toronto University for two sessions, returned to his duties here on the 1st inst. We were all glad to see him again, and to know that he resumes his work among us in excellent health and spirits. He is now half way through his course of study, and will soon add another honorable, though familiar name to the roll of Esculapian disciples. We believe he will make as efficient a physician as he is a clerk and storekeeper.

Miss Gertrude Maxwell, of Detroit, a valued correspondent of THE CANADIAN MUTE, will have the sympathy of many in her great bereavement. Her father, Albert Maxwell, who for many years was proprietor of the Goswold House in that city, died on the 4th inst. of heart trouble. Mr. Maxwell was born near Hamilton, Ont., and was 58 years old. The body was brought to Hamilton for interment on the 6th, the funeral being conducted by the Masons, of which society the deceased was a prominent member.

Never in the history of the Institution has our foot ball field been trampled by so many feet. For weeks past, every Saturday has witnessed some forty expert exponents of the game from the city struggle to the mastery. Our grounds are well measured and the lines clearly marked with saw dust, while the goal posts are made of solid wood. The city teams are becoming as familiar with our grounds as we are ourselves. They cheerfully pay the ten cent bus fare out for the superior advantages that our grounds afford, and our pupils enjoy the pleasure of viewing the games. Nearly every match has so far been played here.

The home going time is coming in apace. Our little ones of the first year, are full of blissful anticipations in being again soon enfolded in mamma's arms, and leaving the rim of the home cupboards. Even the old pupils, who have been back and forth for years, are not indifferent to the change. In youth more than at other times, variety is the spice of life. Those who are this year terminating their course and are about to sever their connection with the Institution will do so with many regrets, for where will they find the same pleasant companionship and congenial spirits. They will also miss the rousing athletic contests on the foot ball field or the diamond. For many of them we fear that the battle for daily bread will be too stern a reality to permit more than an occasional relaxation for such things. They will find that "Life is real, life is earnest," and to succeed will demand all their powers for work and self denial.

PERSONALITIES.

Col. C. P. Wallbridge, the newly elected mayor of St. Louis, is a staunch friend of the deaf.

Allan Wautenberg of New Hamburg, has secured a situation at shoe making in Woodstock, with Mr. Murray.

Supt. Rothert, of the Iowa School, who met with a serious accident some time ago, is progressing steadily towards recovery.

Rev. Dr. Gallaudet has written an interesting article for The Ladies Home Journal, entitled "The Children of Silence."

The late Susan Mason, of Philadelphia, left \$10,000 for the school for the deaf there. That school is fortunate in many respects.

"Prof." Jacob Edam, of Cleveland, Ohio, is happy. He has received four orders for his "mute's alarm clock." One of the orders came from Canada.

Cecil Myers, aged 22 years, a pupil of the Ohio School, died on the 19th ult., of scarlet fever. He was a fine young man, and his death was much regretted.

Bro. J. L. Smith, the versatile and genial editor of the Companion, will be president of the editors' convention at Chicago next July. The right man in the right place.

Mr. Van Allen, editor of the Silent World, has been appointed a lay-reader in the Episcopalian Church. That church is becoming well equipped for missionary work among the deaf.

Miss G. E. Maxwell, of Detroit, so well and favorably known to many of our readers, will spend some time this summer visiting friends in Canada, Buffalo, and other places. We hope she will have a pleasant and profitable vacation.

Extracts from Letters

Our old pupil and good friend, John T. Taylor, Singhampton, Ont., writes the Superintendent that he feels a little ashamed he did not write before, but he was very busily engaged and could not find time, although he often had the inclination. He says: "I am doing well on the farm during the Summer season, and work in a shoe shop during the cold weather. The welcome sound of the roost, gray-owl and black-bird break on our ears now, and every person feels happy to come in after being snowed in for six months. Sugar making is a luxury that nearly every farmer is indulging in around here. The bountiful sap flows from the maple cow. We had 360 trees tapped a few days before April Fool's Day, and we made 50 gallons of syrup. The good weather prevented us making more. There was a heavy snow-storm in this vicinity accompanied with a very high wind, on the 20th April, and a cousin of mine had a new house blown down. His friends rallied around him and in a few days raised it again, and it is now all right. I purpose visiting Thomas Middleton, at Horning's Mills, as I feel lonely without the companionship of those afflicted like myself. Whenever I get word from Belleville my heart recalls the happiest days of my life. I feel I owe a debt of gratitude to all who assisted me in obtaining an education. I would like to go to school again, as I want to study about many things of which I am not well posted, but as I have commenced life's duties, I must make the best use of the opportunities that I have had, and try to improve myself by careful reading and study at home."

The institutions for the deaf in the States of North and South Dakota have superintendents who are deaf mutes. The principal of the Ohio Institution, one of the largest schools of the kind in the country, is a deaf mute.

Arrangements have been made with the city ministers of all denominations to hold a short service once a week for the benefit of the Protestant children at the Deaf and Dumb Institute. As only a short time will elapse before the school closes for the summer holidays, the principal will notify ministers by postcard when their turn comes, but next session a circular will be issued for the term, giving the dates when each minister is expected to visit the institute. Mr. J. A. Brindamour still continues giving religious instruction to the Catholic children. The various religious denominations are represented as follows: Episcopalians 10, Presbyterians 9, Methodists 7, Roman Catholics 3, Lutherans 3, Jews 2, Congregationalists 1, Salvationists 1. Emptying Dry Pans

THE CANADIAN MUTE.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1893.

Do not a lender be, Lend thyself and friend, This the edge of humanity.

A Good Suggestion.

... of opening our school.

The Superintendent, in his annual report, Inspector, refers to the ground conditions and actual danger, the ground water at the Union School, Toronto, when gathering the pipes for the opening of the school in September. Those who assist Mr. Mathison in his arduous work know what ground conditions exist for asking that the opening date be deferred until the ground water subsides. Children are now at a critical point from nearly all directions of the province, north, west, and south of the metropolis. They are in the city with a crowd, and meet at the great Fair, and thousands of people are daily rushing to and fro. It is a great responsibility to have the arrival of these generally helpless children, and properly provide for them, and they can be forwarded to their destination. Baggage, too, must be gathered from mountainous piles, and the risk of incurring the displeasure of over-worked railway officials. The presence of so many children in the hands in charge somewhat increases the station agents and conductors responsible for the accommodation of the travelling community. We trust Mr. Mathison's very reasonable proposals will receive prompt attention and careful consideration.

A Surprise Party.

The 1st inst., being Mabel's birthday, the girls thought they would surprise her. Lulu Robinson, to whom the day is largely due, received a party which was a surprise party in the parlour next to the chapel. The girls went on all the afternoon. Various dishes were smuggled in, and the girls being the wiser. The girls had a club and pay for the party. But our kind Matron and Superintendent put their heads together and there was a goodly array of refreshments and oranges. These were served to the girls, and seven o'clock found the girls in the parlour, which had been decorated for the occasion. Miss Walker's party had been robbed of its contents, and the girls shrubs and flowers. The girls were lovely. When all was over, Miss Lulu Robinson, who had been the party of hostess, ushered the girls to the parlour, who was much surprised to see a little speech being read to her in the parlour, which was read by Messrs. Gallagher and Douglas. Mr. Mathison was present and received a share of the party. The girls were all sorry that the party could not be prevented upon the 1st inst. The absence of Jas.