

LITTLE THINGS.

Little drops of water, Little grains of sand, Make the mighty ocean And the pleasant land. So the little moments, Humble though they be, Make the mighty ages Of eternity. And our little errors Lead the soul away, From the path of virtue, Far in sin to stray. Little deeds of kindness, Little words of love, Make our pleasant earth below Like the heaven above. Julia A. Fletcher-Gurney

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

The social season for the deaf mutes of this city may be said to have at length arrived as one of the above events has already come and gone. We refer to the one held at the residence of Mr. Chas. J. Howe and his mother, at 178 Dovercourt Road, on the evening of the 2nd of December. There were some 25 or 30 guests present. The first part of the evening was spent in inspecting the curiosities collected by Mr. Howe and his mother during their life-time. The collections are very extensive and varied, coming from almost all parts of the world and make the whole of the parlor a veritable museum. Some of the articles are of great value, and cannot be purchased for love or money. The visitors seemed to be so interested, or their minds were so absorbed in the objects before them that when they were ordered to sit down to a bounteous luncheon it was found to be about 10.30 o'clock. The table was presided over by Mrs. Howe, in her usual courteous manner. The remainder of the evening was spent in games, stories and jokes, which caused mirth and laughter. The presence of a few hearing ladies lent a charm to the evening. At length the time for departure arrived, when we left to wander diverse ways to our various homes in the dark, cold night. But not however, before tendering Mr. and Mrs. Howe our heartfelt thanks for their hospitality. One of the guests present congratulated Mr. Howe on having everything complete and in its place, except one thing, viz: "a better hall." In a week or two we expect to have a more central place to meet on Sundays at 3 o'clock than the Y. M. C. A. on Yonge street, the meetings of which are conducted by Messrs. Nasmith and Bridgen. About three-fourths of the mutes live near or in Parkdale. The distance to Yonge street is nearly four miles and it is not often many take the trouble to walk so far, but the change proposed will overcome this difficulty. The respective places where a large number of deaf-mutes work are unusually busy and the mutes referred to are on overtime work most of the week. The old friend Mr. Close, accompanied by Mrs. Close, is sojourning in the city at present. We do not know their intentions, so far, but hope their stay in the city may be a prolonged one. Misses Annie Riddell and Mary Moore have gone to Annapolis to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Mr. Holland has secured a room near corner of Spadina and College Avenues, for his revival meetings, which are held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. These meetings will not make any change in the other meetings held as formerly. It is a matter of regret that Mr. Holland does not sympathize with the other Sunday meetings. A. N. Mason was engaged to take part in the opening ceremonies of a new Methodist church on the 12th ult., at Meadowdale, Ont. Mr. A. S. B. Lewis, brother of Mrs. A. N. Mason was recently married to Mrs. Bala Adams, in Frankford, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Boughton's little twins are the youngest little things found in the deaf-mutes' families in the city. They were received too late for publication in the previous issue of THE CANADIAN MUTE. Some time past we missed from Jonathan Gates. Sunday before last he was among us again, and on learning he had been to the north with a great many others, and came back with the news that there was no place for him at a business meeting of the Society last Wednesday even-

ing. In the absence of the President, Mr. A. W. Mason was called to the chair. The first matter brought up was whether it was advisable to continue the West End Sunday meetings hereafter, since the other place of meeting on Yonge Street had been removed to corner of Spadina Avenue and College Street, which was considered pretty central for all the mutes in Toronto. After some discussion it was decided almost unanimously to continue the meetings as before, as they were always well attended and there being plenty of time for both, they did not think there was sufficient reason for closing them, so the meetings will be continued as heretofore. During the winter there will only be meetings on the first and second Wednesday evenings in each month. Before the meeting closed the deaf-mutes took Mr. Fraser by surprise, as they had prepared an address, accompanied by a presentation of a set of china dishes, in recognition of his faithful services in the Bible class during the last two or three years. Mr. Boughton read the address and made a few suitable remarks on Mr. Fraser's untiring zeal in furthering the spiritual welfare of the class he so dearly loves. Mr. Fraser was much affected but thanked all for their kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have gone to Woodstock, to spend the holidays with relatives there.

Mr. Nasmith has gone to England on business in connection with the China Inland Mission. He bade us all farewell last Sunday and expects to be away two or three months. He intends to give our old friends Mr. and Mrs. Beale a call while there. We wish him a bon voyage and safe return.

Last Sunday Mr. Nasmith distributed Christmas and New Year's cards among the classes. The cards were sent by Mr. and Mrs. Beale, who wished all their old friends here a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It was evident that Mr. and Mrs. Beale have a warm place in the deaf-mutes' hearts here, by the kindly way they received the cards.

Mrs. Kiddie has gone to Stratford on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchan invited several of their friends to a Christmas dinner, which was heartily enjoyed. Much praise was given the host and hostess for the manner they entertained their guests. The turkey was heartily relished.

Congratulations are in order. We have pleasure in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason upon the birth of their infant daughter, which interesting event occurred on the 10th Dec.

There was an attendance of about 40 at the first meeting on Sunday, before last at our new place, corner of Spadina Avenue and College Street. The mutes seemed well pleased with the change.

Chas. Smith, who has worked in Mr. Nasmith's bakery for a number of years, was nearly killed by a trolley car the other evening. He was knocked down and rendered unconscious. He received a very bad shaking up, and was removed to the hospital where he remains at present.

DETROIT DOINGS.

In a recent issue of the Rome, N. Y., Register, "Duke" had these items in his Detroit news:-

As the busy season comes, Miss Bessie Ball is to help Miss St. J. retouch photograph negatives. Miss B was a pupil in the Belleville School for the Deaf and is well known all over Ontario. Her friends will be glad to know that she is doing well in Detroit.

Andrew S. Waggoner, the godfather of "the Duke, Jr." was in town to see the wee small bit of human flesh a few weeks ago. He came to play foot ball the other day, and, on account of the nearness of Essex Center to this city, he took this advantage. The club of which he is a member won the championship of Western Ontario on that day, and he is the only member of that club who played in two champion teams in two successive seasons,—the first one being with the M. A. A., of Detroit.

The name of the paper published at the Iowa school has been changed. It used to be the Deaf Mate Hawkeye. Now it is the Deaf Hawkeye.

Miss Mary H. Trio has resigned her position as agent of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. It will be hard to fill her place.—Companion.

BRANTFORD BUDGET.

From our own Correspondent

In the last issue of the CANADIAN MUTE, I noticed that the Brantford mutes were wondering if their old correspondent was dead; and that they were afraid to go and see, on account of a bull dog. Their old correspondent is very much alive yet, but having to work three or four nights every week is unable to run around looking up items, although the mutes are well aware that he is willing to write for them. There is no bull dog on the premises, but as "Branteo" is short sighted, he has probably mistook Mr. Smith's light Braluna rooster for a bull dog. They need have no fear of his little terrier or rooster, as long as they keep away from the hen-house.

To an item referring to prominent deaf-mute photographers in the last issue of the MUTE, might be added the name of W. J. Bateman, formerly of Halifax, N. S., but now of this city. Mr. Bateman is an assistant operator and retoucher in Cochran's Studio, which is considered one of the best in Canada, or in America, for that matter. He has one of the best photo outfits on the continent, and proof of this is shown by his employer using his art instead of his own.

Owing to the pressure of work in the shoe trade, which always occurs in the fall, I have not been able to send any news to the CANADIAN MUTE.

Lately we have had quite a number of visitors, and not a few have been here in search of employment.

Robert Satten was away on a visit to Buffalo for two or three weeks.

Wm. Stonebaugh, who met with a terrible accident by being run over on the railway, has recovered sufficiently to be discharged from the hospital.

It might also be mentioned that A. E. Smith got first prize at the Southern Fair for having the finest Braluna rooster on exhibition. He has also three other fowls of different breed that got first prize at several shows.

Owing to the smallness of his yard Mr. Lloyd was compelled to sell all his fine hens.

We were surprised a few weeks ago, to see W. J. Bateman among us. We were pleased to hear he was to stay, having been sent here by Mr. Cochran, of Hamilton, to work in his branch studio in this city.

Between myself and "Branteo" I hope we may keep the doings of our mutes before the readers of the CANADIAN MUTE hereafter. A. E. S.

Bois-evalin, Man.

The Superintendent recently received the following letter:-

It seems to me a long time since I was at school with you. I hope you have not forgotten me. I will remember the good times I had at school with dear friends, and where I received a good education. I am grateful to the Superintendent, teachers and others for their kindness and trouble, in my instruction.

I am glad to say that my education has been a great benefit to me. I must prepare for the future, and must earn my own living. I am now doing my best.

Since I came to Bois-evalin I have earned a good deal of money. Nearly all of it was given to my parents. I am young, you know,—only 20, so I must help my parents, and will do so as long as I live under their roof.

About three months ago I was fortunate enough to get employment as an apprentice at the printing trade. I am working in the office of the Bois-evalin Globe, which is owned by Mr. W. Ashley, a cousin of Mr. J. B. Ashley, of the Institution. I am doing well, and like the work exceedingly.

How many of my old schoolmates are still at the Institution? I suppose many of them are there. I would be much pleased to get a letter from some of them. There were two favorite companions whom I keep in my heart.

Well, it will soon be Christmas—joyous time for the little ones, who look forward to it with fond anticipations of what it will bring them. I hope all at the Institution will have a very nice time. I will close wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Yours faithfully, EDMUND SPEER.

Bois-evalin, Man Dec 18th., 1892.

Boys in the West Virginia Institution have rabbit traps but they do not catch many rabbits.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution.

[BY MARY LYNCH.]

Maggie Borthwick, Annie Butler, and Eva Jamieson got the largest boxes.

Mabel and Fannie Ball received lovely gold brooches from their brother, Stearn, for Christmas. They are very pretty.

Some of the pupils received the same sort of books they had last Christmas. Mr. Mathison solved the difficulty by telling them to change with one another.

Maggie Hutchinson's father came to see her on Christmas Day, and stayed till Tuesday. Maggie was so happy she didn't know what to do. Willie Lightfoot's mother and sister came to see him, too.

Mary and Ida Justus' aunt paid them a visit on the 23rd ult. They were very glad to see her, especially Mary, who has lived with her ever since she was a baby. Their father paid them a short visit lately, too.

Miss Mary Burns sent Lou Robinson and Mary Lynch each a beautiful little birth day book. They were delighted with them and are profuse in their thanks. Everybody that goes into the printing office is begged to write in them.

Our Supt. and Matron had hard work, hiding the Xmas boxes. It was no easy matter to prevent the sharp eyes of the pupils from discovering their own boxes. The new pupils did not seem to think much of the ugly, bulky parcels and boxes.

Thursday, the 22nd ult., was our foreman's birthday. If we had only known then, his back would have been pretty sore with hearty thumps. He was rather old-fashioned about disclosing his age, but by dint of coaxing, we managed to find out.

Mary Lynch, Eva Jamieson and Bella Herrington received presents of lovely white silk handkerchiefs with their initials embroidered in the corner, from Miss Annie Borthwick. All return sincere thanks to Miss Borthwick for the pretty gifts.

Every one of the pupils enjoyed themselves on Christmas Day. After a good dinner, the pupils went to their respective dormitories, where they spent the afternoon in peeping into their new books. In the evening they had a party. Alas, time passed all too quickly, and the signal for retiring was given, amidst many expressions of regret. Mr. Mathison's idea is that it would never do to let us sit up till the "wee sma' hours."

On a late Saturday, Mr. Burns, our foreman invited the members of the printing staff up to his place to spend the evening. Of course they all accepted with alacrity, and five o'clock found them at his residence. They amused themselves with books, etc., till they were summoned to a bounteous repast, to which they did full justice. After supper they betook themselves to the parlor, where the evening was spent in various games. Mr. Beaton was there, too, and enjoyed it as much as any. Ten o'clock came too soon, and all bade good night to their kind host and hostess, not, however before thanking them heartily for their kindness.

The pupils enjoyed the pantomime performance on Friday evening last. Particulars in our next issue.

Police Magistrate J. J. B. Flint favored the Institution with a visit on Friday last. He was in nearly all the classrooms and the other departments of the school. We were pleased to have him with us and hope he will come again.

Miss L. Gass, of Dundas, formerly of Montreal, spent last week with her friend, Miss Haines, of West Flamboro. Miss Haines, of Flamboro had a very pleasant time with Mrs. C. Pettiford in Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. C. Pettiford of Guelph, were in Brantford during the Christmas holidays.

TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held as follows: Every Sunday morning at 11. a. in the Y. M. C. A. Building at corner Queen Street West and Dovercourt Road. Leaders Messrs. Fraser, Boughton and Slater. In the afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at corner of College Street and Spadina Avenue. Leaders Messrs. Nasmith and Bridgen. The Literary Society meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month, in the Y. M. C. A. Building, corner of Queen St. West and Dovercourt Road, at 8 p.m. in President, C. J. Howe Vice-Pres., A. W. Mason, Secretary, H. C. Slater, Treas., W. J. Terrell. The above officers, with J. Fraser, form the Executive Committee. All resident and visiting deaf mutes are cordially invited to attend the meetings.