

Contentment.

BY M. F. L.

That I am deaf, I can not hear
I shall whisper sweet nothings in my ear
That it is so, and pity me,
That Oh!

Not loud, for when my love is near,
My heart beats high with happiness, I do not fear
I know that you dread, so profound,
I love him so!

Not to his heart in passionate embrace,
From lips seeking ever brow and face,
I know that he will love me less—
Oh! Faith! sublime!

That I cannot hear, but I have sight,
In his dear eyes the soft love-light,
I feel the quick warm beating of his heart
Dear heart of mine!

That I am deaf, I cannot hear—
But of mine shall prattle in mine ear,
I want to know that it is so, but then
My God and thine—

As best, I feel that it is so, and yet
A short time ago, when first I met
The lover of mine and loved him from my soul,
I longed to be otherwise—

As dear sake, not mine, I am content
In silence till my life is spent
I shall hear in other lands, but this—
Beyond the skies!

Now that I am deaf, but I can hear
God's voice piercing my dull ear,
Soft and low "Fear not, for I am near,"
And am content.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Boys' Side of the Institution.

[BY GEORGE MURKO]

During these wet and rainy days,
skipping is the favorite amusement of
the boys indoors.

The 23rd inst. was the anniversary
of the birth of Mrs. S. C. Ballis, and was
remembered by her class.

Wednesday, the 17th, will be St.
Patrick's day. The boys will wear
green badges, sprigs or flowers.

Mr. W. J. Campbell's birthday was
on the 3rd. All the pupils wished him
many happy returns of the day.

The boys say they are glad Jack
Frost is not here to bite their ears and
nose, but they think he may soon come
again.

Alloy and Fred Sedoro were pleased
by a visit from their parents on the
8th inst. Alloy says his father is going
to Manitoba.

One of our boys, Harmidas For-
tie, had the misfortune to sprain his
knee and it confined him to bed, but we
hope to see him around again soon.

Early in the morning of the 10th,
the boys heard of Halton & Lockett's
shoe-store in the city being destroyed
by fire. This is the second time in three
years.

Herbert W. Roberts, one of the
pupils of the high class, has a few week's
holidays from the printing-office on ac-
count of sore eyes, but he hopes to
resume work soon.

Mr. J. C. Ballis, one of our teachers,
gave us another interesting story on the
6th inst. about the slave-trade in Africa.
This story was continued from about
four or five weeks ago. He promised to
lecture to us again.

On the 8th, we asked the Superin-
tendent's permission to go skating on
the bay to which we got the reply "yes."
We went to the bay, but found the ice
in a poor condition, nevertheless we
skated on it, but soon came back. This
was our last skating, but we all prefer
summer sports to those of winter.

One evening, after the waiters had
supper, Hononi Bordou was coming
out and saw something on the floor that
looked like an apple, so he picked it up
and put it into his pocket and when he
came into the sitting-room he thought
he would eat an apple, and took it out
of his pocket and was about to eat it
when he found it was not an apple.
What do you think it was? A potato.

The boys are thinking of the coming
spring when they will form a base-ball
club. The third club, who will make a
strong team, are getting ready to have a
number of games with the city team.
The seniors think they will not join the
league as they cannot put up a strong
team. The boys think foot-ball would
be of no use this spring, as they know
it would be better for the foot-ball team
to put up games in the fall.

On the evening of the 18th, there
was a hockey match on the Oldfellow's
rink in Belleville for the Corby Cup.
The teams were Belleville and Napanee.
Some of the boys, at the Superin-
tendent's permission to go to witness it
and they started off full of joy expect-

ing to see a great game. The puck was
faced at 8 p.m. The Napanee for-
wards put up a fast game and scored
first and second, but the third was
scored by Lang for Belleville, then
sides were changed and after six minutes
play, Kelso passed the cover point and
scored for Belleville; then in two minutes,
Lang again scored for Belleville. This
was the last and winning goal. Play
was again resumed, but no further goals
were scored. After the game, the
spectators rushed on the ice to con-
gratulate the Belleville players, who
were:—Goal, Jamieson, point, Hulme,
cover point, Phippen, forwards, Lang,
Kelso, Weller and McHure.

—Mr. Denys gave us a lecture in the
chapel on the 27th ult. We think it
was a nice story. The other things he
told was about some big salaries, the
population of some large cities, the
various languages spoken by the people
and the rival suitors. These things
were much enjoyed by all and we thank-
ed him for his kindness. Following is
the story:—Once upon a time there
lived in England a poor widow with her
daughter. There was a soldier in Lon-
don, where she lived. He was a brave
General and wanted to marry her
daughter. Near her home lived a young
man, but not very rich. The General
was a rich man and often went to the
widow's house to talk to her daughter.
Soon after the young man came in and
her mother told her daughter better to
love the General, but the girl loved the
young man the best. In a few days,
the General came in boldly and told the
girl that he wanted to marry her and
went out. As the young man was com-
ing the mother told her daughter not to
talk to him but go into another room.
The girl went in sad and crying. Then
the young man went out looking sad.
Some days afterwards the General and
the young lady were married. The
lady was one day sitting near the table
reading and the General was sitting in a
chair reading the newspaper, when
a message came calling him to join
the regiment to fight in India. He
left the house without saying a word
to his wife, and in a few days afterwards
a message came to the lady telling her
of her husband's death in battle. In a
few months the lady thought she would
become a nun. So she went to the
nunnery to live. The young man
received a newspaper and read a notice
in it telling of the General's death. He
thought he would have her for his wife.
So he wrote a letter to her, but her
mother received it, and wouldn't give it
to her, as she thought the young man
had written it, so she hid it in a bureau
drawer. The young man soon came by
rail and asked some one if he knew
where the young lady lived. "She lives
in the nunnery," was the answer. He
went there and asked for her, when she
came, she recognized him and shook
hands, but he could not get her to
leave the nunnery and get married.
So he went away and cut off his mous-
tache and became a member of the
church.

WINDSOR NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. Edward Ball spent two months
with his grandparents at Newbury and
returned home in excellent health.

Miss Sophia Lafferty has been spend-
ing a few weeks with her sister at
Tecumseh.

The girls that work in the seed store
had a surprise party on Miss Matilda
Lafferty last week. Cards and other
games were the amusement of the
evening. It broke up at 8 a.m. They
all had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Edward Ball is out of employ-
ment, but he expects to start again in
the spring.

A little bird gently whispered in my
ear that one of our Windsor girls (mute)
is to be married in the near future. If
this report is true she will have our best
congratulations and hope that she may
have a long, happy and prosperous life.

Miss Mabel Ball is enjoying herself
very much, skating out every afternoon,
and she is looking forward to her dear
sister Fannie's coming home.

Miss Sophia Lafferty expects to go to
Berlin, where Miss Campbell and Miss
Henry are employed. We wish her
success.

—Mr. Coleman was the one to say
the first robin last Friday on a tree top.
It was not piping forth but looked
shivering, cold and wet and had on "a
red chest protector."

Stories by Mr. Campbell and
Mr. Nurse.

BY HERBERT W. ROBERTS.

On the evening of the 20th ult. Mr.
W. J. Campbell gave us an interesting
lecture in the chapel. He said that he
took Mr. Ballis' place that evening as
the latter was not very well. He took
for his subjects, "Measuring Time,"
"The Value of Little Things," and
several short stories. In the course of
first subject he told us how people used
to tell the time long ago, before watches
or clocks were known. He said that
they used glasses, candles, &c., but to-
day we find how men have invented
wonderful things. Next came the value
of little things. Once a doctor was
called to attend a sick person some
distance off, and when he was hitching
up his horse he found that it had lost
one of its shoes, so he hurried to a near-
by blacksmith shop to have it shod, but
the blacksmith was very careless in
shoeing it, and had to pull off the shoe
again for it had been put on wrong.
The horse became lame, so the physician
was obliged to go home without getting
his horse shod or attending the sick
person. A short time afterwards the
sickness of the same person became
alarming and the doctor was advised to
make haste. He hurriedly hitched the
same animal to a rig and drove off; soon
the horse began to show signs of lame-
ness, but the doctor thought it would do
no harm, but it grew worse until at last
it became unmanageable and smashed
the rig to pieces and the doctor had to
go home again, so was too late to attend
the dying person. This lost a valuable
rig and probably the life of a person,
which would all have been saved had
the blacksmith been careful. Here is
another: A long time ago several men
began to build an ocean going steamer,
one of them got a plank, but found a
worm hole in it. He went and told the
foreman, but the latter said it would do
no harm, so the ship was built and
painted and went on for the first few
years very well, but once while it was
in mid ocean it began to leak and soon
foundered with all on board. This shows
how destructive a little worm is. Final-
ly came his stories of the three boys,
which we have all heard of, but the last
one was very amusing. There lived in
Scotland a very rich man who had
many servants to wait on him. One
evening one of his servants went to a
tavern and purchased some intoxicating
liquors and when he was going home, he
was very drunk, and was carried home
on horseback, but as he came to a river
where the water was shallow the animal
went in for a drink and when it lowered
its head the drunkard accidentally fell
off into the water, and had to be put up
on the animal's back with difficulty and
when he reached home his master, on
finding him drunk, pounded him with a
broom-handle until he was quite sore.
This made him quit drinking. At the
conclusion of his lecture a vote of thanks
was tendered him by all headed by Miss
Edith Wythe, who bade the lecturer to
come again. Then Mr. Nurse gave us
a short story for a few minutes. This
is what he said. Once a young man
left his parents and started out to earn
a fortune. He soon found employment
on a farm some way off. After working
hard for a couple of months he wished
to see his parents, and asked his em-
ployer for his wages who gave him a
horse instead of cash. The boy took it
and left on his homeward journey.
After travelling for several miles the
horse showed signs of weakness, and
the boy thought he could not get along
fairly with such an animal. Suddenly
he met a farmer driving a milch cow.
The boy asked the farmer if he would
change animals. The farmer agreed
so the animals were changed. Off went
the lad with the cow, but after plodding
along for some distance the boy became
thirsty and thought he would try to get
some milk from the cow, but the cow
kicked the pail over and the poor boy
had none. Soon he saw a man driving
a pig and the boy thought he would
change the cow for the pig. When
they met the boy asked the man if he
would change animals. The man said
he would so they were changed. The
boy tied a rope around the pig's nose
and began to lead it along, but the pig
was so stubborn that it would not go.
He pulled it on but the pig squealed, for
the harder he pulled the rope the louder
did it squeal. Again he kicked the
brute but could not get it move and felt
unbearable. Happily he met a man
with a pet goose under his arm. The
boy asked the man the same question

as formerly and the man consented.
On went the boy with the goose until
he came to a man who was grinding a
knife on a grindstone. The boy asked
the grinder if he would like the goose
better than the grindstone. "Yes,"
said he, so they were changed. The
youth took the heavy burden on his
back but soon began to feel tired, and
thought he would rest his burden on
the bars of a bridge that spanned a
deep flowing river, but as he was turn-
ing it off his shoulder it fell into the
water and was lost. Now the boy was
destitute and had to travel on penitence;
when he reached his home his father
asked him if he had any money, but
when he told the story his father took
the broom and drove him out of the
house, warning him not to return unless
he had money. This shows how igno-
rant the lad was.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

Miss Annie S. Lancaster is in the city,
the guest of her brother. She went to
Oakville with Mrs. Moore and visited
Nellie Cunningham lately.

J. L. Ellis was surprised after he got
home from the Sunday afternoon ser-
vices to see the back part of his
house in flames. Little damage was
done to the house, but J. L. lost a
quantity of clothing.

Miss Fraser has returned from her
visit to Woodstock, looking more robust
in health.

We regret to say that the little son of
Mr. and Mrs. P. Fraser has been very ill
with Pneumonia, but is recovering.

J. D. Mason's little daughter is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Grant, in com-
pany with Mr. and Mrs. McGuire, start-
ed for Souris, Man. on the 10th inst. Mr.
and Mrs. Grant intend calling at the
Winnipeg Institution if time permits.

(The disagreeable weather) confined
Mr. Bridgen to the house. A young
man expect to meet at his residence
Saturday evening, the 6th, to form a
debating society.

J. I. Smith's little boy was knocked
down by a bicyclist the other day, but
escaped with a slight cut in the head.
The bicyclist paid the costs of a doctor
at once.

The young deaf mute ladies and gentle-
men formed a skating party at the Old
Orchard Rink last month. They say
they had lots of fun.

Miss Lottie Mason had a little people's
skating party on the 27th ult.

Miss Mary Moore is visiting in Clifford.
Miss Edith Ogilvie is ill with a gripe,
and Mrs. Alex. Buchan has just re-
covered from an attack of the same.

Mr. N. V. Lewis will please accept
our thanks for a copy of the "History of
the Los Angeles Association of the Deaf."

The Toronto Deaf Mute Association
has been, almost since its inception, free
from expenses, having had rooms, gas,
etc., free, but it has been decided to
stop this arrangement and hereafter
pay its own way, and there is no reason
why it should not do so. In connection
with this change a financial committee
was appointed to look after the funds.
The committee will meet monthly at
the residence of Mr. Bridgen. All other
deaf-mutes not belonging to the com-
mittee are also welcome to attend. It
was arranged that as soon as the com-
mittee finish their labors at the meet-
ing, the gathering could be transformed
into a social meeting for debates, lectures,
etc. The first of such meetings was
held on Saturday evening the 6th inst.,
and a very satisfactory showing of the
funds were made for the 1st month, a
small surplus already being in the hands
of the treasurer after paying all ex-
penses for that month. After the
business a debate took place on the
question that "The country was better
than the city life." The affirmative
was supported by Mr. Slater, while Mr.
Bradshaw took the negative, an even
time being allotted the speakers, during
which many hot shots were fired on
each side. Mr. Bridgen presided, and
at the close of the debate declared it a
draw. After this a free debate on the
same question took place, which was
participated in by Messrs. C. Elliott,
W. Terrell, A. W. Mason, J. Flynn, J.
Gates, — Darney, J. Smith, H. Moore.
The debate was very interesting and
exciting. There was no decision made,
but it was clear the city had the
advantage. The meeting was enlivened
by the presence of a few ladies, who
took a deep interest in the proceedings.
Before breaking up, however, those
present were treated to refreshments in
the Misses Bridgens usual kindly
manner.