

Would You?

Would you yourself for a drink, boys, in the poisoned cup?
Would you lean wine, boys, like your childhood up?
Would you yourselves with chains, boys, the fetters fast?
Would you your prison doors, boys, escape at last?
Would you with your youth and health, boys, your life on earth, boys, your hopes of heaven?
Would you with your own hands, your grave, only rest yourself in?
Would you a wretched wretch, boys, sorrow, and sin?
Would you a noble and your country's hope, boys, the boys must defend?
Would you a great abstinence laud, boys, your strength against ruin?
Would you a rock to your pledges, boys, till the foe is overcome?

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Contributed by Pupils of Mr. Denys' Class.

Caw! caw!
The black crow.
A poor consolation
Spring, where art thou?
If this weather continues,
Will I go home on snow-shoes.
St. Patrick was a Frenchman.
Cyrus had a son who was dumb.
Turkey heat cakes and maple syrup.
The Palms, Calvary and Resurrection.
Customary little tricks on April the first.
Miss Bella Mathison is visiting in Toronto.
The Paris Exposition opens on the 15th inst.
The boys are beginning to discuss baseball.
The Queen will start for Ireland on the 15th inst.
There is a Ladysmith post-office in Pontiac, Quebec.
We read in the papers that the war will soon be over.
Jack Frost, like Baden-Powell, does not surrender in a hurry.
The greatest smoker is Vesuvius, it puffs away day and night.
Dr. Chamberlain made us a visit lately. We were all pleased to see him.
We are anxious to have the paper examination. We think we will pass well.
We had a visit from the Grand Jury on the 20th ult. They seemed much interested.
When will the little streamlets leap and glitter and sing to the emerald wayside again?
Some boys are very glad that it is spring. They are anxious to ride on their bicycles.
Joseph Dubois is very proud of the silver medal presented to him by Mr. Burrel, of the B. H. C.
Miss Annie Mathison has gone to Winnipeg. We wished her a pleasant journey and safe return.
We are sorry for Mr. Coleman's daughter, Carrie, who is very ill in the hospital at Philadelphia.
John Bartley got a letter from his step-brother two weeks ago, saying that he was going to Toronto for work.
English is spoken by 118,000,000; Russian 85 million; German 80; French 75; Spanish 44; Japanese 40; Italian 34.
Miss Rose Ann Moore's friend, Miss Maggie Almon, died lately. Rose was very sad to hear it. She will miss her very much.
A single maple tree yields from two to six pounds of sugar in a season. It takes four gallons of sap to make one pound of sugar.
Arthur suggests that we get a big hose and melt the snow with water so the grass will grow. He is impatient for rain to melt the snow.
The three Sager girls' papa with Minnie and Phoebe came to see them two weeks ago and they were very glad to see them again. They look well.
Some deaf girls witnessed the hockey match in town between the Albert College team and our boys. Miss Tompney and Miss Gibson chaperoned them.
Robert Randall received a letter from his sister a few days ago, saying that

she went to Chatham on the 15th ult., and she works as a milliner. She will stay there until July then go to Paris. Robert will be glad to see her again.
-The dear old double windows, what a comfort they were to us when cold blow the wind and fast whirled the snow, and how faithfully they rattled their protest. But like friends of whom one has no more need, they must soon disappear though not without pain.
-Norman insists he cannot write nicely. When remonstrated with he suggested the doctor be called to cut off his and Daniel's arms. Then he could change the arms, and saw Daniel's arms on him and his on Daniel. Then he would write nicely and Daniel would not.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Miss M. Borthwick gave a tea party to her intimate friends and, as usual, when that young lady entertains her friends, a very enjoyable evening was spent.
Miss Mitchell, of Montreal, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wiggitt for a couple of weeks, and in whose honor Miss Macfarlane gave a party to her intimate friends. We are informed that it was a very pleasant party.
Quite a number of Ottawa's fair ladies turned out to witness the parade and departure of Strathcona's horse. We see by the local papers that the gallant lads have begun their conquests by capturing some of the fair ladies of Ottawa. Well, we can spare some, but not all, those reserved will please take notice that there are some good shots left behind and those not reserved will be accorded a hearty send off.
There are at present between three and four hundred soldiers, intended for garrison duty at Halifax, quartered in Ottawa, which appears to be becoming a military centre.
Oh! 'Araminta' we are not going to cry monopoly or anything of the sort, but you must have queer notions of east and west when you say the east have got more than their share. Has it never occur to you that Ottawa is over 150 miles east of Belleville, and it is not the furthest eastern point by another good 50 miles, and in those 200 miles there are many who cannot attend Toronto, Brantford or Grimsby Park either. But in the future as in the past we will bow to the wishes of the majority, of course we have our own opinion of what we consider best in the interests of the Association, both as to officers and place of meeting, and we are not afraid of expressing and advocating these views, but from the moment the Association by vote decides against us we will drop opposition, bow to the will of the majority and do our best for the general good without a single kick, even though we may have to stay at home owing to the lack of the necessary 10 cents to carry us there. Now, Mr. Editor, as this is the closing year of the century how would it do to make the coming Convention Dominion instead of Provincial in character. Doubtless the officers and teachers of the various institutions for the deaf throughout the Dominion would be glad to meet in some central locality, compare methods, and see the finished results of the work of the graduates of their different schools who will attend the Convention. It is all very well for the leaders of the different methods to carry on a wordy war through the papers as to the merits of their respective systems, but give me the system that has stood the test not in the school room but in the stern struggle for bread and butter and social intercourse for 10 or 20 years, and I think the results of school room methods can be no where better judged than at a deaf mute convention. Of course it would cost considerable for those in the distant provinces, but we are sure the different provincial governments would gladly assist such of their officers and teachers as would wish to attend.
Dan McCabo grew tired of absence of ladies in his employer's house and went forth to seek fresh pastures.
At present Geo. Brethour is assisting D. Bayne with his farm work.
The Rev. G. T. Bayne, of Ashton, had the misfortune to fall and break his leg, and is at present in St. Luke's Hospital undergoing treatment. His brother Robert also fell about the same time and severely injured the back of his head, an artery being cut and three stitches was necessary to sew up the wound. We are glad to state they are both progressing favorably now. This has been the

worst winter for ice and slippery roads I ever remember.
We understand Mr. Holland, who has been in Montreal for the past month, will return to Ottawa this week.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own correspondent
Mr. John A. Sibirter, of Hamilton, was in the city over Sunday lately, renewing old acquaintances. Your scribe understands that he came down on some very important business.
Mrs. H. Moore, who has not been in the best of health of late, is, we are pleased to say, able to be about again.
Finding things rather dull in the city Mr. D. S. Luddy has left our midst for Perth. We understand he has secured a position in the C. P. R. shops of that place, where he was formerly employed. Although sorry to lose his familiar face from amongst us we are glad to hear of his success.
Happening to be around the Union Station on the 17th ult., your scribe had the pleasure of meeting Mr. D. R. Coleman, who was on his way to Philadelphia, where his daughter, Miss Carrie, is dangerously ill. We hope she will soon regain her former health.
Miss Eva Elliott is able to be about again after a short illness.
Three of our progressive young men are contemplating going into the farming business in the far west. May success crown their venture.
'Are you going to the convention?' is the question asked of one another these days. As far as your scribe can learn, nearly all of us will attend.
We are glad to have Mr. C. E. Pickard back in our midst. He is at present singing type for the Johnston Printing Co., on Adelaide Street.
The very latest report says that Mr. Wilson Brown is improving. We all hope he will regain the use of his paralyzed limbs.
Our young men have formed an amusement club, which meets every Tuesday and Friday evenings in Broadway Hall on Spadina Ave., when games of various kinds are indulged in. The meetings are well attended and every body seems to enjoy himself.
St. Patrick's Day passed off quietly here. The sporting of the Shamrock was the only particular thing noticeable among us.
Mr. W. E. Gray was compelled to take a few days' rest recently owing to an accident he met with while working at one of the machines in Boeckh Bros' brush factory by which one of his fingers was badly crushed.
Mr. A. S. Waggoner, of Hamilton, was in the city for a few hours on the 24th ult. Owing to stock-taking in the shoe factory where he is employed he was forced to take a couple of weeks' holidays. He was on his way to Ottawa, where he intended spending the well earned holidays.
At the kind invitation of Mr. Bridgen we all assembled at his residence on Rose Ave. on Saturday evening, the 24th, when we were treated to some magic lantern views, conducted by Mr. A. W. Mason and Mr. Bridgen. The rest of the evening was spent in stories, etc., after which refreshments were served. A vote of thanks, which was unanimously carried, was tendered to the popular host and all concerned, after which the assemblage broke up, all agreeing that it was the treat of the season.
It is our sad duty this week to chronicle the death of Mrs. Taylor, (formerly Mrs. Spaight) for many years matron of your school, who departed this life on the 23rd ult., after a lingering illness. She leaves a husband, and daughter, Miss Gussie Spaight of the teaching staff of the Winnipeg Institution. We deeply sympathize with them in this their hour of their sad bereavement.
At Mr. Bridgen's residence on Saturday evening, when there was about fifty of us present, the following resolution of condolence was passed: "It is with profound regret that we, in meeting assembled, have heard of the death of Mrs. Taylor, who for a number of years, was matron of the Belleville Institution. We always found a warm friend in the deceased. Though gone, she will not be forgotten. We wish to tender to the family our warmest sympathy, and we sincerely pray the Almighty, who does all things well, to comfort and cheer them in this their hour of great sorrow."

BIRTH.

MORRISON. At Collingwood, on the 21st of March, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan A. Morrison.

From an Old Pupil.

BOISHEAVEN, March, 1900.
DEAR EDITOR,—In renewing my subscription to the CANADIAN MUTE, I seize the opportunity to make a few remarks concerning my visit to friends in Ontario. I enjoyed myself greatly and was very reluctant to leave Toronto. But it was no use staying in the city when I can get wages here in Manitoba three times as high as I could get in Ontario. I was very much pleased to see how friendly all the mutes in Toronto are. Most of them appear to be doing very well. I wish them all happiness and prosperity. So the convention of the Ontario deaf-mute association is to be held at the Institution at Belleville. I wish it a grand success and hope all who may be there will have a happy time. On arrival in Manitoba I did not find as much snow as there was in Ontario. I have been told that the weather here has been very nice nearly all winter. Well I prefer Manitoba to Ontario, but I wish there were a few of my old mute friends living here. I stopped off at Winnipeg and called at the Institution, where I spent a few pleasant hours. They were all well. I was very much pleased to see Miss Spaight and Mr. Cook whom I had known very well when at school at Belleville. I had the pleasure of seeing all the pupils at supper in the dining room, which event brought to mind pleasant recollections of my former school days. As I did not wish to remain long in the city I could not find time to call on Dr. George Mathison, much to my regret. I saw Thomas McLaren, Tom Hill, and Albert Munro, all class-mates of mine at Belleville. They are all well. With best wishes for all, I remain
Respectfully yours, EDWARD SPEER.

LONDON NOTES.

From our own correspondent
Miss Mabel Steel, of Delaware, was lately on a visit to her friends here and she likes London very much.
Mr. Dark's brother was married in St. Thomas on March 14th. Mr. and Mrs. Dark of our city were guests at the wedding.
There are from 50 to 75 girls working for Messrs. Burdick & Co., waist manufacturers, on Carling st., among them is Miss L. Bryce, and Miss McIntyre hopes to get a place in the same shop soon. Miss Bryce was lately on a visit to her home in Byron where we regret to hear her step-father is very ill with cancer.
Mr. Richard Leatheron expects to begin work with Stirtou, Dyer & Co., cigar manufacturers, on April 2nd. Work has been slack lately.
Among the visitors to our city lately was Mr. Neil McCallum. It is reported that he is engaged with his brother on a farm about fifteen miles east of this city, near Gladstone.
Miss Lilly McIntyre was away for a time on a visit to friends and relatives in St. Thomas.
At a fancy dress carnival lately held on the Aberdeen rink, our deaf friends were out in full force. Miss McIntyre, as Queen Victoria, and Mr. Bryce, sister-in-law of Wm. Bryce, were among the prize winners. Nelson Wood, W. Bryce and W. H. Gould were also there in costume, the latter's skating received much praise.
March 12th was Miss Edna Gould's birthday and about 40 young people formed a surprise party and visited her home. They all spent a merry evening.

STRATFORD NOTES.

Miss Charlotte Rice and Miss Maggie Fuller were visiting at Miss Claudia Moore's place for a week lately.
Mr. Wm. Quilau is working for his brother Mike, same as last year. He draws milk to the creamery in Stratford every Monday and Friday mornings.
Mr. Robert Hoy and family are well, Mrs. Hoy having recovered from the grip. Mr. Hoy sold a cow one day and a calf another day, realizing a good price for both.
The Stratford Shoe Co. having failed, and as the prevailing prices to piece hands in other factories are very low and being reduced still further every few years, J. R. Byrne has come to the conclusion that farming is the most independent occupation and wishes to hire with a good farmer, with a view of learning the art of agriculture and eventually becoming a boss farmer. Mr. Byrne will be pleased to hear from any muter farmer in good circumstances. Address Box 485, Stratford, Ontario.