

The Picture on the Pane.

I woke, this wintry morning,
And think, what should I see?
A very lovely picture
All ready framed for me
The giver must have left it
At some time in the night
It was not there at ten o'clock,
When I put out the light.

The painting is a winter scene
Of wooded mountains grand,
A sweeping valley slopes between
Tall peaks on either hand
And these are covered thick with trees,
Firs, cedars, weighed with snow—
A frozen stream, a rustic bridge,
And distant towers show.

I was delighted with the gift,
And wondered whence it came
I have a clever artist friend,
And J. Frost is his name,
No note or card of any sort
Was left to tell me so,
And yet I more than half-suspect
It was from Frost, you know.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Contributed by Mr. Denys' Class.

- The
- Dawn
- of letters.
- Alphabet conned.
- Little tots can spell.
- Big and small vie in earnestness.
- No, child, Queen Isabella never sold her "Jewellers".
- Nov 11th is the King's birthday. His Majesty will be sixty.
- Tommy like—hem—King Edward, wrot three cups of tea at a meal.
- No, don't call the Duke and Duchess the D. and D., however nice it might look to us.
- From America to Europe by rail is the next thing, trains to be ferried over Behring strait.
- The Duke and Duchess are the same age as our young Dominion, both having been born in 1807.
- We had a nice visit from Rev. Mr. Thompson, of this city, and Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Deseronto.
- It is said there is enough phosphorus in a man's body to fabricate 835,000 matches. We don't believe it.
- Mr. W. Langmuir has put a new coat of paint on the Gibson Hospital veranda which looks very pretty.
- No tree in the grove but has its charms; no child in the class but may develop some interesting feature.
- The boys seem anxious to keep everything clean and nice about the grounds, and they succeed very well.
- A woman has been announced as sea captain. But how can she transport the males and at the same time keep clear of the buoys?
- We salute thee, O over glorious maple, our emblem, our delight and our pride! How pleased our future king must have been to contemplate thy sweet autumnal attire of crimson and gold in which royal robes thou didst help us to do him homage.
- We did not speak to their Royal Highnesses, but know they liked Canada, the sunniest land on the globe. And long after their good ship shall have clef the Atlantic, may they grant memory to a people who love their country, their King and their God.
- One Huron Chief who, on a recent occasion, approached the Duke with an address, prayed that the "great Maultou" might watch over his "wife, the fairest flower of the forest," and wished their Royal Highnesses "Many Moons of happiness in their wigwams."
- One old boy hands in the following "echoes" of the Royal reception. Violet and Fred are proud ones. Our address, though short, must have touched their kind hearts which are more than coral pots. "Venl, vidi, squeozt." That Major Maudo is a fine specimen of his race. That the Duchess and Lady Minto had sweet faces. That there were others who had. That the next time, we will carry a gun or hire a balloon. That we did not work on the 16th, not us. That nobody seemed to notice how polished our extremities were. That distance does not always lend enchantment. That Mr. Keith must have had wings. That we looked very well if we say it ourselves. That a silk hat is the thing. That you can be loyal without being loud. That those who climbed up telegraph poles to look down on Royalty were not necessarily traitors. That a reception at home is worth two on the track. That if the little tots didn't see the sike, neither did the Duke see the little tots and so we are quits.



FRED W. TERRELL.



VIOLET GRAY.

We are glad to present our readers with half-tone cuts of the two pupils who had the honor of presenting the address to the Duke and Duchess during their late brief visit to Belleville. It was a very gracious act on the part of our royal visitors when we consider that at many important places addresses were "taken as read" or simply handed in, while our own little expressions of loyalty and love were rendered both orally and in our own silent language and acknowledged with as hearty a grasp of the royal hands as any were ever honored with. For supplying these cuts gratis we are indebted to our old friend Mr. Bridgen, of Toronto; it is only one of the many kind favors the dead have received at his hands. May he realize for himself a thousand times the happiness his kind thoughtfulness gives to others.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our Regular Correspondent

We cannot always be together in this world. Mr. Noah Labelle, one of our most promising young men, has left Toronto for Uncle Sam's domains, where he intends to try to better himself. His first destination is Rochester, N. Y., and if not successful there he will proceed to Hartford, and keep on going from place to place till he gets some steady employment. During his sojourn in the city he was well liked and well thought of by all with whom he came into contact, and while we all regret his departure from our midst we wish him every success wherever he may cast his lot. A farewell party was tendered him at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mason on the evening of the 21st ult., when games of various kinds were indulged in. The party broke up at a late hour, all having had an enjoyable time. Mr. H. Moore took a pleasure trip to the Pan American Exposition recently. He was accompanied by Miss Edith Ogilvie.

The latest addition to our population is Michael J. Mapes. His parents have removed to the city from Peterboro.

Thomas Hill, who professes to have been around the world, is at present in the city. He may remain for the winter.

Messrs. Crough, Reeves and Pugsley and Misses Huddleston and Eva A. Zingg enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas and the Misses Cunningham of Oakville recently. They enjoyed themselves so much that they voted it the treat of the season. When any one is in doubt as to where to go to have a good time, Oakville is the place.

Mr. F. Bridgen took a trip to Hamilton on Oct. 19th. On Sunday he preached to the deaf there.

Mr. A. S. Waggoner, of Hamilton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore for a few days recently. He was accompanied by Mrs. Waggoner who intends to stay in the city for a few days longer.

Mrs. H. S. Whealey has returned after spending two months pleasant holidays with her parents in Mariposa.

Since our last report Mr. W. J. Gray has severed his connection with Douglas Bros., and entered the employ of Messrs. Phillips & Smith, printers, Church St.

Miss Huddleston, who has been visiting friends in the city and Oakville since the early part of last summer, left for Buffalo on the 23rd ult., which place she intends to visit before returning to her home in West Virginia.

Mr. Geo. Dickson is at present employed by Messrs. Adam Bros., harness-makers, on King St. East. Mr. Shepherd also works for the same firm.

Mr. Sam Pugsley took a trip to Buffalo a short time ago. He reports having a good time.

The Maple Leaf Club, Toronto.

From the Maple Leaf Correspondent

The Maple Leaf Reading Club met again after the summer vacation at the hospitable residence of President Bridgen on Friday evening, Oct. 4th, in the third year of its inception. The President took the chair at 8.15 o'clock p. m. with only seven members in attendance; others failed for various causes. But this was only a preparatory meeting,

and it is hoped that all members will make it a point to attend subsequent ones regularly, with the exception of some whose removal from the city in the interval is much regretted. Moreover, the President in opening expressed an earnest hope for an increase in membership this season, and extended a kind invitation to those who have not joined the Club to do so, promising to give them all the help and encouragement in his power. He dwelt at some length on the importance of education and the superiority of mind over matter. He praised the development of the body, but said the development of the mind ensured greater happiness. By way of illustration he compared an unoccupied mind to an empty house shutting out the gleam of sunshine, but when at last actively engaged in study the intellect would begin to brighten and gather an amount of useful and valuable knowledge. Much is to be learned with benefit in the Maple Leaf Club which, as the President says, is more a company of friends for mental improvement than an ordinary society. There was some discussion as to the suitability of subjects to be embodied in a programme for the season, and it was finally decided that the next meeting be opened with a debate on the question, "Is the world growing better or worse?" The debaters to be Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Elliott contending for the affirmative side, and Mr. Fraser and Mr. Slater for the negative. After this, study in English History was to be resumed. Then came the election of officers for three months. On the motions made and carried the President was re-elected, with renewed confidence; Mr. McIntosh accepted the office of Secretary, and Mr. Elliott that of Critic, both promising to do their best to perform their duties. A suggestion was made that space in the CANADIAN MERE be reserved for reports of the Club, and the Secretary was instructed to apply for the same and report at the next meeting an answer if received. The meeting then adjourned for two weeks.

To those in Toronto hesitating to join the Maple Leaf Club an address may be given in this connection. We must not forget to be under an obligation to improve our mind continually after graduating from school; otherwise the impressions received at school would be apt to be gradually obliterated and the mind become blank once more. Thus would be our time and labor wasted, and moreover an abuse of the gift of reason given by the Divine Creator. It is a lame excuse for any to say that we have no time or leisure for study and that we are too deaf to be well educated. In spite of our deafness and of the little time at our disposal, we can certainly improve, though slowly but surely, and become fairly, if not perfectly, competent to write as those more fortunate. Application and perseverance, though painful at first, are all that are required. Economize time, talk less, read and think more. Be courageous, and you will most assuredly be welcome to the Maple Leaf Club. Say with Longfellow:

"Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

Another meeting of the Maple Leaf Club was held at the same residence on Thursday evening, Oct. 17th. The at-

tendance of members was small, owing to a regrettable misunderstanding on the part of those absent, who thought that the meeting was to take place on the Friday night following. Notwithstanding that, the actual work went on, a quorum being present. After reading the minutes of last meeting the Secretary read a letter in reply from Supt. Mathison. All were delighted with the liberal manner in which Mr. Mathison allowed the space asked for in the CANADIAN MERE for the reports of the Club. We know he would do this as he is always consistent with his school motto: "The greatest happiness is found in making others happy." On motion a member was selected and authorized to ask subscriptions to the CANADIAN MERE among the others that have not taken the paper which deserves every encouragement. Now came the debate on the question already quoted. The contest lasting an hour, acted as a tonic on us all whose intellectual powers were awakened to the full. The debate over, President Bridgen gave judgment in favor of the side affirming that the world was growing better morally, industrially and educationally. The way in which the judgment was rendered gave entire satisfaction. Every point scored on both sides was clearly explained, showing its strength or weakness. Study in English History was held over. Two members were appointed to give news of the world at the next meeting, and adjournment was then made until Oct. 31st (Halloween)

LONDON NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

We had the first fall of snow for the season on October 17th, but a rain shower turned the beautiful into water very shortly.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall had an enthusiastic welcome in London and all the deaf mutes in and about the city were in the crowd doing honor to the illustrious personages.

Mr. Vernal Morse has been at his home near St. Thomas for a little while but will return shortly and work again for the Messrs. White & Sons; he is a first class carpenter.

Mr. James O. Smith works in Mayor Rumball's lumber yard and box factory.

Mr. Davis Dark, who has been working in McLary's stove works, contemplates quitting his shop to assume another position in Bennett's Factory, where all kinds of school and church furniture is made.

Mr. William Bryco is a varnisher at the Hobbs Glass Works—a firm widely known all through the country. He earns good money and he likes the employment better than farming.

Quite a number of our friends attended the Western Fair held in London. Among them were Miss Mabel Steele, of Delaware; Miss Lizzie Scott, of Park Hill; Miss Annie Henderson, of Talbotville Royal; Miss Mary McKay, of Moncrieff; Mr. and Mrs. John Smallton, of Craubrook; Mr. Louise Koolher, of Aylmer; Mr. Andrew Noyes, of Denfield; Mr. Jonathan Henderson, of Talbotville Royal; Mr. David Alexander, of Exeter; Mr. Duncan Bloom, of Thasosville; Mr. George Wallace, of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noyes, of Denfield.

Mr. Andrew Noyes and his sister visited the Pan-American at Buffalo lately.

Mr. Nelson Wood is employed in Southam's Lithographing and Printing Company's establishment and gets better wages than he did with the London Company.

Mr. W. H. Gould has a shoe repairing shop on the Hamilton Road and is doing a good business. He does his work promptly and has an increasing number of customers and friends. He was on a visit lately to the deaf folks about St. Thomas and Talbotville.

Mr. Richard Pincombe, at Poplar Hill, entertained Mr. Richard Leathorn lately. Mr. Leathorn and Mr. Gould took in the Delaware Fair and among other friends met Miss Jennie Couso, of Fungal, Miss M. Steele, of Delaware, Miss Aggie Matheson, of Komoka, and Mr. and Mrs. Pincombe.

Miss Annie Henderson and her brother Jonathan spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harper Cowan. Mr. Henderson was en route to Buffalo to visit the Pan-American.

Mr. John Noyes, of Denfield, has erected a new barn on his farm 30 x 90. Mr. Noyes is a progressive farmer.

Generosity, to deserve the name, comprises the desire and effort to benefit others without reference to self.