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There's nothing so kindly as kindness, and nothing so royal as truth.—Alice Carey

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The Winter Sports—Hockey.

There is some fear that the hockey clubs will scarcely have time to settle among themselves who is to have the possession of the cup Mr. Corby has set up for competition. The season is going fast and still the arrangements are incomplete. A few days ago, a meeting was called to arrange a schedule of matches; four clubs were represented: the "Bellevilles"—formerly the Y. M. C. A.—the "Quintes," the "Trentons" and our own. The Trentons wished to exist lots where their game should be played, but the Belleville teams decidedly objected to play in Trenton unless a suitable rink was provided, the one they have being too small and otherwise faulty. It ended in Trenton leaving the meeting to lay the case before Mr. Corby. Lots were then cast and our team was pitted to play the Bellevilles on the 28th ult., the "Quintes" to play the winners for the cup. Mr. Corby has since requested the Belleville players to try and come to some kind of agreement with Trenton, so it is likely that another meeting will be called and the arrangements shuffled again, too late to record them in this issue.

Address and Presentation.

Much surprise was occasioned last week when it became known that Miss Annie Cullen, who has been on our staff of attendants for many years, had quietly sent in her resignation. It was not generally known, until some days after, that she had followed the example of her sister and had been quietly married the day after she left. Her fellow-attendants did not let her go without a kindly remembrance. They presented her with a handsome dinner set of dishes accompanied with the following address:—

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF, BELLEVILLE, FEB. 15th, 1895.
 To Miss ANNIE CULLEN
 DEAR FRIEND,—With much surprise and regret we learn that you have severed your connection with the Institution to take up other and more responsible duties. We have been associated with you here for many years, and together we have shared the rough and the smooth, the bright and the shady paths of duty. During these years we have always found in you a faithful friend and co-worker, and we assure you that now the parting has come, our best wishes for your future happiness and welfare flow from each of our hearts. We hope that the coming years will be years of peace, joy and domestic felicity, and that your noblest anticipations for the future will be abundantly fulfilled. We ask you to accept this little gift from your old friends as a small token of their love and esteem, with every good wish for your future.
 YOUR DISCREET FRIENDS.

HOME NEWS

School closed at 2 p. m. on the 18th ult., to enable the teachers to attend the funeral of Mr. Chapin, father of Mrs. Balis, whose obituary notice appears in another column.

Mr. Wills thinks that the number of weddings from the Institution lately have been mainly due to the subtle influence of his wonderful "Wedding Bell" plant. It is still doing business at the old stand, and any who wish to try its power to woo the affections have only to call.

Workmen have just completed filling the ice house with our summer supply of ice. The huge crystal blocks are nearly two feet thick and clean enough to satisfy the most fastidious, but beautiful as they are, we feel more friendly just now, with the "black diamonds" in our coal shed.

Miss James, teacher of our primary class, has been under treatment in the Belleville Hospital for the past two weeks. For a long time her health has not been very stable, and it was thought that a short stay in the hospital would improve it. We are glad to learn that she is progressing very favourably and is expected back to her duties shortly.

Skates will soon be laid away now. The increasing power of "Old Sol" will soon turn our rink into a pool of slush. The pupils have enjoyed such good times on the rink this winter that it is safe to say skating and hockey playing will receive an impetus next season, and few will return to school without a pair of skates, and on the boys' part with a stout hockey stick too.

The Winnipeg Echo acknowledges the receipt by the party interested, of the sock that was found by the matron here, which had been purloined by a mischievous rodent, and he enjoyed very much the good things the sock contained. He has since drawn on his imagination for a picture of the room. He gives a very faithful representation of one of our dormitories, with a sock under one bed at which a mouse is tugging with all its might.

The boys who own ice boats are disgusted individuals just now. Only one brief chance to use them this winter, the snow blocked all up. The chances are that when the snow melts, the ice will go too. The owners deserve sympathy, on several Saturday afternoons they took long tramps to the woods for spars and fitted them up with much labor, but we must take the season as it comes. Dismantling is already taking place and the rigging is being laid away with the hope of a more favourable season next year.

Our attendants get out for a little fun whenever they can. A few evenings ago they enjoyed a sleigh ride to Trenton. The gentleman who drove them did not intend to go so far, but once on the way they could not turn around because of the snow, at least so they said, but we rather think that they did not want to return. It was said that they got left in a pitch hole, and were afterwards, emptied into a snow bank but this they emphatically deny. They are, however, united in saying that they had a good time.

A few days ago, one of our teachers received a communication from the G. T. R. freight office of the arrival of a case of goods for him. He was wildly surprised but went to see about it. After paying the dues, he called for his property which he found was a large consignment of flower pots, as he had ordered nothing of the kind he declined to take them and received his money back. Perhaps some day he will go into the gardening business and then his kind friend may send them on again and welcome.

The pupils of Prof. Denys' class were lately the envy of the other boys and girls. Their teacher is so well pleased with them that he thought his appreciation should take the form of something besides kind words, so he engaged a carole and the happy lads and lassies were treated to a fine sleigh ride followed by an early tea in his rooms at the "Club" Hotel in the city and were afterwards driven home. It is needless to say that they all heartily enjoyed themselves, and, though the future may sunder far the teacher and his pupils, yet the occasion will never be forgotten, but will ever be a pleasant event in the memory of the past.

The huge banks of snow that line the skating rink testify to the labor spent by the boys in keeping it clear.

It is something very unusual not to see our Superintendent in his office or to receive his usual cheery morning visit to the class rooms when he is at home. He contracted a severe cold on his way home from Philadelphia and Washington, and a proper care for his health enforced his laying aside, for a week, as much of his duty as possible. All are glad to see him able to attend to his usual routine of business again now. Miss A. Mathison was also compelled to lay aside her work in the articulation class, for some days, from the same cause. In her absence, her normal students, Misses Gibson and Yarwood, carried on the classes.

When the news arrived of Mr. Beaton's demise, sad sorrow pervaded every heart here. Although long expected, we never thinking to see him again, yet the sorrow for his loss was none the less poignant. During the six years he spent with us, he gained the respect of all in our school; both teachers and pupils admired his manly out-spoken principles. Had he been blessed with health, he would probably have been with us to-day, and improving experience would have raised him high in the profession, as it is we can only mourn his untimely end. The elder pupils will ever remember him. The little ones, who have never seen him, understood quickly that the deaf had lost a sincere friend, and their anxious queries could not be lightly put off. After years of suffering, he is now at peace.

PERSONALITIES.

Duncan Bloom is employed with Mr. Alexander Murdoch, in Thamesville, County of Kent, working at his trade of shoe-making. He is doing well.

Jacob Young, grandfather of Sarah, died on the 5th of February, at the good old age of 73 years, 11 months and 29 days. He was generally respected and esteemed.

The infant daughter of William and Jessie Wilson died at Harkaway, on Sunday morning last, the 24th ult. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

We are sorry that we cannot report improvement in Mr. Flynn; his condition fluctuates, at times he feels a slight improvement followed by another change. His enforced rest is harder to bear than the sickness, as he has always been accustomed to a life of constant activity.

The late Mr. Frank Atkins, of Cobourg, who was killed on the Grand Trunk Railway a little while ago, was an uncle of Mrs. John Flynn, of Toronto. Mr. Atkins was a most respectable man, esteemed by a very large circle of friends and he has been greatly missed. Mrs. Flynn was devotedly attached to him and feels his loss keenly.

Mr. Thomas Crozier, of Hagersville, George Kelly of Glen Meyer, John McIsaac of Lyndloch, Culver Bowby of Simcoe, Misses Mabel and Edith Steel, and Ethel Grace were at Mrs. Sutton's, Simcoe, on 12th ult. Miss Edith Steel had been in Simcoe for three weeks and Miss Mabel is there now. Mrs. Sutton took her out driving and called on Mr. Culver Bowby on the 20th ult.

Mr. McKillop received notice of the death on the 15th inst. of an old class mate of his, Miss Eliza White, of Charing Cross, Kent Co. The deceased attended the private deaf-mute school at Charing Cross at the same time that Mr. McKillop was a pupil there. Miss White was a lady of unusual intelligence and refinement and was very highly esteemed by her many friends. Her remains were interred in Blenheim cemetery.

A gentleman living near Buffalo owns a rooster that is absolutely deaf and dumb. Some people profess to fear that if deaf-mutes intermarry there will result a deaf variety of the human race. This is an absurd idea, but all the same many people would be greatly pleased should nature's laws be changed somewhat and a dumb species of roosters be produced, so that no more would their peaceful morning slumbers be disturbed by the chattering shrill and persistent summons.

If you make a rule, try hard to live up to it, and to have the pupils do the same.

It is as important that a child appreciate the spirit as well as the thought of a selection.

Extracts from Letters.

Mr. Wm. Kay, Oil Springs, writes to the Superintendent:—

"DEAR FRIEND,—No doubt you all were so grieved to learn the sad and painful news about Mr. Douglas M. Beaton's death, which occurred last Sunday at the residence of his brother, Mr. Hugh Beaton, here. His remains were laid to rest Tuesday afternoon with impressive ceremony. In the morning before the funeral I went to the residence not far from my place, and viewed the remains—such a lovely sight indeed—but to tell the truth, I was so overcome with emotion that I wept like a child. The remains were enclosed in a splendid coffin adorned with two beautiful floral wreaths, consisting mostly of white and yellow roses, and one large white lily; the face, though very thin, looked as if he passed away peacefully without pain. Every summer when he was home, I visited him two or three times, and was always so impressed with his gentle, cheerful, affectionate and christian like manner. Often he spoke of how much he loved to teach the mute children. I sincerely sympathize with you all in the loss of such a good and loving teacher and a warm friend of the mutes. My heart cried for the poor aged parents, in the sad bereavement of their youngest and most beloved child. I presume you remember that the lamented Mr. Greeno died the same day, five years ago. It is a remarkable fact, that about six years ago, one day when I sat sketching the picture of the public school, Mr. Beaton happened driving along, recognized me by reputation, alighted, and introduced himself to me, almost within sight of the residence where he afterwards died; and that his brother Hugh is now the principal of the same school. I trust you and all others are well as ever. With my kindest regards, I am as ever, yours sincerely, WILLIE KAY."

The School a Family.

Since the children in a mute school are to spend the greater part of eight or ten years as the case may be away from their homes more under the influence of others than of parents, and at that period of their lives when they are the more susceptible to outward influences, how necessary it is that the school provide all that is essential for the proper moral and spiritual (non-sectarian) development of the pupil as well as the intellectual and physical. But with a mute the intellectual must necessarily precede the moral and spiritual, for he is incapable of comprehending either of the latter without the former. The uneducated mute, different from his hearing brother, has no language consequently is incapable of comprehension that which illiterate hearing people may even understand to a considerable extent. To accomplish the greatest results the development of the moral and spiritual nature of mutes should be coincident with the intellectual. The responsibility resting upon the managers of such schools is at once apparent. Parents even though incapable of successfully training their children at home have a right to demand that they be properly disciplined in school. Children are children whether at home or abroad. It is possible under the proper management to constitute the school as one large family with the superintendent as its head. Not less influential are the matrons, supervisors and teachers. The kindly influence that a truly sympathetic heart exercises over the deaf child is surely great. All connected with such an institution should have their whole lives absorbed in the work before them, otherwise good results cannot be obtained. The deaf child is chilled by the least sense of indifference manifested on the part of any in charge of them, or thrown into ecstasies of joy by true appreciation. As we love our own children, so we must love and respect our pupils. A little child taken away from a mother's love and caresses must be supplemented not formally, but really. It is possible to so educate ourselves to our surroundings that our proper behavior becomes the natural expression of habit and moreover pleasurable duty. There must be a soul in such institutions, as well as in individuals.—Sign.

Good order is as creditable to a teacher now as ever, though there is a difference of opinion as to what constitutes good order.