

linary (Presbyterian) pay semi-monthly visits to the Institution to hold service for the pupils, and the students of the different Theological Colleges give religious instruction on Sunday afternoons, to which all the Protestant adult deaf residing in the city are cordially invited.

We must also acknowledge the courtesies extended to both officers and pupils by Messrs. D. McNicoll and W. E. Davis, General Passenger Agents of the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways.

On Christmas Eve a handsomely laden Christmas tree was given the pupils by some of the Board of Management and several of the parents. Amongst other fruit, borne by this tree, were numerous pairs of skates, sleds and snow-shovels, in order to allow all to participate in out-door amusements. The skating rink adjacent to the Institution is one hundred and thirty feet long and fifty-six feet wide and is a continued source of much healthful enjoyment in their recreation hours. During the season several hockey matches were played between our boys and the boys of the hearing schools in the city. Our team taking its share of the honors.

The thirteenth of June was an occasion of unusual interest to our pupils, as on that day Mr. J. Outtersson, a well-to-do farmer, and a graduate of our school in 1880 was married to Miss Esther Wilkie, a graduate of 1894, whose services had been retained at the Institution after her graduation. This is the first case on record of two pupils of the Institution being united in matrimony. Of the only other instances, one chose a hearing partner, and Mr. James McClelland, a former pupil, and now an employee in the Government Printing Bureau, Ottawa, Ont., won the hand of a graduate of the Institution for the Deaf, Belleville, Ontario.

In conclusion, I have thankfully to record my gratitude to the members of the Board of Management for the kind advice and encouragement afforded me in the performance of my onerous duties as Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

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