



The Yearly Examination.

The paper examinations conducted by the teachers were all completed by May 25th, and on the following Monday Mr. J. Cayle Brown, Public School Inspector for Peterborough County, who had been appointed official examiner arrived and began his duties. The first day was devoted to the articulation classes, and the following days to the other rooms, and the work was completed by Friday. Mr. Brown made a careful and thorough test of each class and very readily comprehended the difficulties encountered by the deaf in the acquisition of language. He manifested a warm and sympathetic interest in the pupils and inquired thoroughly into the methods of instruction employed. His kindly and intelligent interest was heartily reciprocated and before he left he had won the esteem and good-will of all the officers, teachers and pupils.

On Friday afternoon all assembled in the chapel to bid him good-bye and to hear any remarks that he might make. In his introductory remarks Superintendent Mathison said that Mr. Brown came here as a stranger, none here except Mr. Campbell ever having met him before, and of course they were all very anxious to know what kind of a man he was. During the week they had ample opportunity to know and judge him and they could all say that he had got along very nicely with the children. As Inspector in Peterborough he had charge of 116 schools and had had a great deal of experience with hearing children, but coming here where all the pupils were deaf was a new and unique experience for him. They had endeavored to show Mr. Brown what the pupils have been doing and are capable of doing and he had an opportunity of seeing the teachers in their class rooms and judging them, and now they would like to hear what Mr. Brown thinks of them all and of the work done here.

Mr. Brown expressed the great pleasure it had been for him to come to the Institution. He had been here nearly a week and he must confess that he had learned a good deal. He had found out how much more difficult it was for the deaf to learn than it was for hearing children, and he had been surprised at the advancement made in various directions, notwithstanding the disadvantages under which they labored. He hoped they would all do their very best to acquire a good education. The more intelligence they had the more likely they would be to be useful in after life. But there was something better and more to be desired than even education, and that was goodness—to be good and to do good to all around them. He had visited a great many schools in his lifetime, and for 29 years he had been Inspector in Peterborough county, and he had never been more pleased with the general order than in this Institution. The conduct of the pupils was all that could be desired and he must congratulate the teachers and all the officers concerned with the condition of affairs as he had found them. He thanked them all for the cordial welcome he had received and for the admirable way in which he had been treated. He gave them all his best wishes and hoped that when the pupils left the Institution they would enjoy happiness and prosperity throughout life. They had difficulties to overcome which hearing people did not have to contend with, but the greater would be their credit and honor if they overcame them.

Mr. Mathison said the good order that Mr. Brown had noticed and which he so kindly commended was not exceptional in the least. During the week he had not been called upon to punish a single pupil and a similar state of affairs often extended over weeks at a time, and he had very seldom been called upon to inflict punishment throughout the session. They were pleased that Mr. Brown would carry away such a good opinion of the Institution and they would be very glad to welcome him here again at any time.

Vacation Time.

The great care and the shuffling
The juggling and the states,
The books that hold the fractions,
And the books that tell the dates,
The reasons and the blackboards,
And the map upon the wall,
Met all to stand together
For they won't be used till fall.

The boys had to work like leavers,
To help the children learn,
And if they want a little rest,
It surely is their turn.
They shut their books with a "so,"
The dear old lesson books,
The reasons and the blackboards
Put on delighted look.

So, children, just remember
When you are gone away
The great states and the fractions
Are keeping holiday
The "reasons" and the shuffles
Are bound as tight as can be
When the boys forsake the school-room,
And the teacher turns the key.



—We had been expecting a visit from Hon. Mr. Stratton at any time during the past two or three weeks, but he was unable to come, and we were all much disappointed. We hope he will make us a good long visit in the fall.

—Permission has been granted a number of our pupils to remain for the Convention. Many others would have liked to stay but as a large attendance is expected and our accommodations are limited, they had to be refused.

—The last few days at school after the examinations are all done pass very slowly to both teachers and pupils. However, all the teachers kept the boys and girls busy at an interesting school work as they could devise and that helped the time to pass more quickly.

—Mr. Coleman's class had their picture taken a few days ago, and it is an excellent likeness—perhaps the best one of his class he has ever had. Every feature is distinct and the likeness is perfect, and as they are all good looking of course the picture is a handsome one.

—The captain of one of the Belleville junior foot ball teams called up the Institution a few days ago and asked to speak to the captain of our juniors. He indulged in a hearty laugh when he realized his mistake. The telephone is one great invention that can be utilized by the deaf only by proxy.

—Our foot ball team has made a very good record this spring and our old boys will like to see it, so we publish it below.

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Last Saturday our young junior team played with a junior team from the city and after a spirited game our little lads were the victors by 4 to 0.

—A few weeks ago several of our boys went swimming in the bay without permission and were sharply disciplined for doing so, and some of them felt quite aggrieved thereat. On May 12th some boys at the Georgia School for the Deaf also went swimming in violation of the rules and one of them, a boy 18 years of age, was seized with cramps and was drowned. At the Florida School a similar accident occurred this term. The same fate might overtake one of our boys if they were allowed to go into the water whenever they chose. If the pupils would only try to realize that every rule prescribed was made for their own good, and never for the purpose of arbitrarily depriving them of some pleasure, some of them would give a more willing obedience than they do.

PERSONALITIES.

Daniel Gorman, of Chatham, is working at the Malleable Iron Works in Detroit, and gets good wages.

—Chas. Davis has returned from Duck Island where he has been since last October and is at the salt works again in Windsor, as is also Eddie Ball.

The last issue of *The Annual* had as a frontispiece an excellent picture of Dr. J. H. Brown, formerly of this Institution, whose death occurred a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Mathison leaves on Thursday next by the Canadian Pacific Railway, lake route, for Manitoba and British Columbia, to visit her son, Dr. C. Mathison, in Winnipeg, and Dr. Robert and his wife, in Greenwood. Everyone here wishes her a pleasant enjoyable trip and a safe return.

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—Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, of Chicago, with their daughter Florence, and Miss Alice Mathison, spent a couple of days here, guests of the Superintendent's family. They were welcome visitors and seemed to thoroughly enjoy their visit. We hope they will favor us again.

—Mrs. Terrill invited her class to an afternoon tea on the 2nd inst. After an hour spent in pleasant intercourse the class was photographed, after which they were entertained to a dainty but sumptuous repast. Her pupils were much gratified at this indication of her kindly interest in them.

—Miss Hope, Principal of the Hamilton School of Domestic Science, was a welcome guest at the Institution last Friday. She was attending the Convention of South Hastings teachers, before whom she delivered two excellent lectures, one on Domestic Science in the schools and the other on Manual Training. She was greatly interested in what she saw here, and especially with the instruction given in the shops and the kitchen, laundry and sewing-room.

—Thomas Fairbairn, 75 years old, one of the pioneers of Essex county, died on the 24th May, at his home in Sandwich South, after several weeks' illness with a complication of diseases. He had lived in Sandwick nearly all his life, and was born in Edinburgh. His father was one of the first justices appointed for Essex county, and the old post office in Detroit was built by an uncle. His daughter Georgina, one of our pupils, left school to be with him in his last illness.

Care in Trifles.

A druggist in one of our large cities said lately: "If I am prompt and careful in my business, I owe it to a lesson which I learned when I was an errand-boy in the house of which I am now master. I was sent one day to deliver a vial of medicine just at noon, but, being hungry, stopped to eat my lunch. The patient, for lack of the medicine, sank rapidly, and for some days was thought to be dying."

"I felt myself his murderer. The agony of that long suspense made a man of me. I learned then that for every one of our acts of carelessness or misdoing, however petty, some one pays in suffering. The law is the more terrible to me because it is not always the misdoer himself who suffers."

This law is usually ignored by young people. The act of carelessness or selfishness is so trifling, what harm can it do? No harm, apparently, to the actor, who goes happily on his way; but somebody pays. A young girl, to make conversation, thoughtlessly repeats a bit of gossip which she forgets the next minute; but long afterwards the woman whom she has maligned finds her good name tainted by the poisonous whisper.

A lad, accustomed to take wine, persuades a chance comrade to drink with him, partly out of good-humored wish to be hospitable, partly, it may be, out of contempt for "fanatical reformers."

He goes on his way, and never knows that his chance guest, having inherited the disease of alcoholism, continues to drink, and becomes a hopeless victim.

Our grandfathers expressed the truth in a way of their own:

"For the lack of a nail the shoe was lost,
For the lack of the shoe the rider was lost,
For the lack of the rider the message was lost,
For the lack of the message the battle was lost."

—*Youth's Companion.*

Caught the Czar.

Peter the Great was once very neatly caught in a trap by a jester attached to the court. The jester was noted for his cleverness in getting himself and his friends out of difficulties. It happened one day that a cousin of his had incurred the czar's displeasure and was about to be executed. The latter therefore presented himself before his imperial majesty to beg for a reprieve. On seeing him approach, the czar, divining his errand, cried "It is no good to come here. I swear I will not grant what you are going to ask."

Immediately the jester went down on his knees saying, "I beseech your imperial highness to put that scamp cousin of mine to death."

The czar, thus caught in his own trap, could only laugh and pardon the cunning man.—*Columbian.*

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Our Graduates.

We expect and hope that nearly all our pupils will return to the Institution next fall but there are a few who have finished their course here and will not be with us again. Two of these expect to take a course at Gallaudet College in Washington, and as they are both very clever boys we predict for them a successful career. All the pupils from Ontario who have gone to the College have done well and we have confidence that these Messrs. Shilton and Jaffray, will do honor to their native land and to this Institution. Others of our pupils have completed their scholastic training and will now enter upon the serious and responsible duties of life, and some and all we give our very best wishes for success and prosperity. We do all we can for them in the way of instruction, training and admonition and now they must fight the rest of their battle by themselves. Most of them have acquired a fair education and a reasonable proficiency in some of the operative trades; all of them, so far as we know, are of good habits and are industrious, industrious and ambitious, and we hope all of them will have happy and prosperous lives. We would like to mention to them the truth that success in this world comes only by persistent effort and economy. "No man prospers in this world by luck, unless it be the luck of getting up early, working hard and maintaining honor and integrity." We advise all things we admonish them to keep their honor unsullied and to remember that "it is not all of life to be idle for all of death to die." As our dear well said, there is something better than even success and that is to be good and to do good to others and us.