

Called Her.

She has passed away, like a gentle breath, eyes are closed with the sleep of death...

Just in the spring of youthhood, and loving, and wise and good, as if for this sinful earth...

Better to smile when such a life, as the battle of earthly strife, than to know that her tasks are done...

She has passed away, but her sweet good will, her radiant color, lingers still...

Hallowe'en Customs.

THE MYSTIC EVENING OF 31ST OCTOBER.

There is, perhaps, no night in the year which the popular imagination has draped with a more peculiar character...

The singularities respecting Hallowe'en is that it is the time of all others when supernatural influences prevail. It is the night apart for a universal walk...

There is a remarkable uniformity in the household customs of this night all over the United Kingdom. Nuts and apples are everywhere in requisition...

Brand in his Popular Antiquities, says it is a custom in Ireland, when the young women would know if their lovers are faithful to put three nuts upon the grate, naming the nuts their lovers. If a nut cracks or jumps, the lover will prove unfaithful...

As to apples, there is an old custom, perhaps still observed in some localities, of this merry night of hanging up a stick horizontally by a string from the ceiling and putting a candle on the one end and an apple on the other. The stick being made to whirl rapidly, the candle makers in succession leap up and snatch at the apple with their teeth...

ages. Some competitors will deftly suck up the apple, if a small one, into their mouths. Others plunge manfully overhead in pursuit of a particular apple, and having forced it to the bottom of the tub, seize it firmly with their teeth...

It is somewhat remarkable, that the sport of ducking for apples, is not mentioned by Burns, whose celebrated poem of Hallowe'en presents so graphic a picture of the ceremonies practised on that evening in the west of Scotland...

Another ceremony much practised on Hallowe'en is that of the Three Dishes of Luggies. Two of these are respectively filled with clean and foul water, and one is empty. They are ranged on the hearth, when the parties, blindfolded, advance in succession, and dip their fingers into one. If they dip into the clean water, they are to marry a maid...

The ceremonies above described are all of a light sportive description, but there are others of a more weird and fearful character, which, in this enlightened, merciful age have fallen very much into desuetude. One of these is the celebrated spell of eating an apple before a looking glass, with the view of discovering the inquirer's future husband...

Another of these, what may perhaps be termed unhallowed, rites of All Hallowe'en, is to wet a shirt sleeve, hang it up to the fire to dry, and lie in bed watching it till midnight, when the apparition of the individual's future partner for life will come in and turn the sleeve. Burns thus alludes to the practice in one of his songs.

The last Hallowe'en I was waukin My trouble satk sleeve, as ye ken His likeness cam up the house stankin And the very grey breaks o' Tam Glen

Other rites for the invocation of spirits might be referred to such as sowing hemp seed, and the winnowing of three "weethets of nothing, i.e. repeating three times the action of exposing corn to the wind. In all of these the effect sought to be produced is the same...

It is not worth while to suggest doubts in order to show how cleverly we can answer them. Whately

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution.

BY EDITH WYLLIE.

The new pupils who came here last September feel quite at home now.

Hurrah! Winter will soon be here and we anticipate a good time skating this winter.

The bicyclists here will soon have to lay aside their wheels till spring comes again.

The trees are once more without their leaves and it seems as if the year is going round so fast. Doesn't it?

A few days ago, Fannie Hall and Marion Waters received parcels from home. We hope there is something nice for them both.

A little girl who is here for the first term, Adeline Clark, was pleased to get some photographs from home. She is doing well at school.

On the 14th ult. the girls went to the city to do some shopping and they had a nice time. The boys gathered apples and they had lots of apples to eat.

Our school was 27 years old on Oct. 20th. There are only two teachers who have been here since this school was opened. We hope they may be spared to stay here many more years.

We are sorry to hear that one of our old school-mates, Eva Irvine, who lives in Belleville, is very ill. We sympathize with her family and all her friends and hope for her recovery soon.

One of our old school-mates, Miss M. McKay, returned to school. She could not come on the same day as we did on account of her mother's illness. However, we hope she will get even with the others in the class.

Misses Anne de Bellefeuille and Lizzie Muckle are the only girls who graduated last June. We hope they are doing splendidly at home. Grace misses her sister Lizzie very much although she hears from her often.

The 20th ult. was Anne Gilleland and Mr. Douglas' little boy's birthday. They have our most hearty congratulations on the anniversary of their birth. Mr. D. who is very proud of his little boy gave him a spaniel as a birthday present.

PERTH TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. John A. Isbister, of Peterboro, has secured a position in the C. P. R. car shops at Perth and is Mr. Luddy's partner in the erection department.

Mr. John Patrick left for home on the 18th ult. to attend the wedding of his youngest sister, which took place on the 20th. He returned to Perth on the 22nd. He met several nutes while away.

Mr. Michael Noonan, who works in the wool mill department of the car shops, is temporarily working from noon till midnight, as this department is running all the time day and night for about a couple of months. The rest of the former pupils of your school, who are employed in the shops, belong to the erection department.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hodgins and their little boy, of Diamond, Carleton Co., accompanied by Mr. Stephen Lett, of Carp, were visiting the Misses Emily and Catherine Noonan for a few days. Messrs. Noonan, Patrick, O'Brien and Luddy drove out to see them again on Sunday.

Mr. Richard O'Brien intends to visit your school at Christmas. He says he will have lots of news to tell us when he comes back.

Principal Fearon, of the Halifax Institution, is one of Mr. John Patrick's old teachers while he attended the Belfast (Ireland) Institution.

The Misses Emily and Catherine Noonan are doing well at home on the farm, which is ten miles from Perth.

Messrs. Isbister and Luddy have not yet played foot ball since they came to Perth. They used to play on the "Inverlea" team in Peterboro, and practised every evening on the lawn in Nichols Park. John Crough, who is back at your school, also played with them.

What if you say old boys of quite a lot of veteran players here to form a foot-ball team. There are several fine players on the High School club, of which Michael Noonan's brother George is captain. We trust we can form a strong team by putting on all the best players in town.

A Very Sick Boy.

One of our pupils, George Arnall, has been ill for a couple of weeks. At first his symptoms were those of bilious fever, then muscular rheumatism set in and within a day or two slight paralysis of the nerve centres were observed. Some days he would be bright and his condition gave encouragement for an early recovery, but on Wednesday night last he took a decided change for the worse and on Thursday the Superintendent telegraphed to his parents and his mother came at once. George, in intervals of semi-consciousness, recognized her and at the present writing he is hovering between life and death. He is tenderly looked after in every way and if good care can avail anything he will recover.

HAMILTON ITEMS.

From our own Correspondent.

Robert McPherson is doing nicely at tailoring at Zimmerman's shop, opposite the City Hall.

A. S. Waggoner and Chas. Golds are working in the McPherson shoe factory and are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Golds moved here from Milton two weeks ago, owing to the lack of steady employment at Winn's shoe factory of that place, which was partly burned down last summer.

James Mosher is still working in the Burrows Stewart & Milne stove foundry and is doing well.

Last September several nutes went down to S. H. Pettit's home at Fruitland twice, and of course they had a good time.

Amos Parkin, of Toronto, was at S. H. Pettit's home for two days and was pleased with the country around.

Con. Staley has been working in one of the basket factories in Stony Creek during the summer and fall, and was making good wages. He returned to his home in Snucco last Saturday.

One day last September Robert McPherson and A. S. Waggoner went to Bradford from the city on a tandem, to see the nutes, and got there all right. But on their homeward trip they had a mishap at Ancaster, the machine breaking down, and they had to walk the rest of the way (6 miles) and did it in 2 1/2 hours. They were exhausted. They said they would like to meet any nutes for a 10 mile race on tandem.

During the summer Hedley Grant was in Muskoka, visiting some nute friends there and had a great time. He also went to Orillia and Barrie, and liked the places very well. He found the scenery so beautiful that he made his visit a little longer than he intended.

The fruit crops in the country around Hamilton were very heavy, especially the peaches and grapes, as a consequence very low prices were realized by nearly all the fruit growers.

There is a boy at Fruitland who should have been sent to school this fall, but his folks were not ready. His mother died last August and his half-sister is keeping house for his father. I believe he will find a better home at the Institute, although they are very kind to him at home. They will send him next year if not this year. His name is Amos Swick.

Some nutes in the city want to have the Convention held right in this city instead of at Grimsby, because of the first school at the Dundurn Park, where the nutes of Canada first received an education, and they are willing to attend to the nutes' comforts while in the city. What does the Editor think of having the Convention in Hamilton, where one, if not two, teachers now at school, first taught with the late Principal McGann. A. S. Waggoner is this season playing centre forward for the best association foot-ball team in this city.

LONDON NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

Jonathan Henderson, of Talbotville, and Willie McKay, of Woodstock, who had come to London to see Mr. Harper Cowan and Willie Gould of that city.

Miss Sara Reid, of London, returned home after spending a pleasant holiday with Mr. and Mrs. John Noyes, of Denfield.

Some of the London deaf-nutes are arranging to visit Mr. and Mrs. James Buck at Christmas time.