

Easter Song.

The birds sang the bluebirds,
that were sleeping below
up from the darkness,
a sun light's warm glow
The summons
with the dark cheerless world
with from the sunshine,
the blossoms of gold
The serenity
heads raise at the call
from heralduers,
a glad message to all
Come out from the valleys,
are sleeping in slumbers,
up to the mountains
promise begin
The flowers of the springtime
dressed beads to the sky
the hearts receive gladly
that comes from on high"
W O PARK

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Composed by the Pupils of Mr. Coleman's Class

The weather is changeable
The time is passing,
How fast the time flies.
The boys are beginning to play football
The girls are more of school; hurrah
The pupils are quite early in wearing spring dresses
We can hardly realize that our vacation is so near
I keep your feet dry got your shoes from shoe shop
April is a tickle month. It is a pleasant but not warm.
We have commenced to review.
Some of the boys have their hair cut short. They look like moons now.
Miss Jack is teaching Mr. Coleman a lesson. She is industrious and works hard.
The examination will be in May or June. You must all try to get good marks.
When the British troops capture the Transvaal capital, I hope the war will soon be over.
Many people are beginning to have new hats and dresses for Easter. They are very becoming.
A boy stood in front of the fence and watched some wild ducks flying and they were out of sight.
When school closes, Charlie Dool will either be a carpenter or work on the rolling mills in Belleville.
The last issue of the CANADIAN MIRROR had a mistake. Patrick was a Frenchman. It was a mistake, he was a Scotchman.
The British force is now marching northward to the relief of Mafeking. I think it will be relieved in a short time.
We were sorry to hear of Miss Eva Irvine's death. We were sorry to lose one of our best, but she is happy now in heaven.
We hear that Hon. J. R. Stratton, the new Provincial Secretary, will visit the Institution at the close of the session.
Some of the teachers and skilful pupils seem to be happy riding bicycles now and we hope they will have satisfaction.
It is so easy to get into debt, but it is not easy to get out of it. Pupils must remember it when they get out in the world.
We think that the English will beat the Boers and so will be successful in South Africa. The Boers are bad fighters.
It was very kind of Mr. Mathison to give us a half holiday on Tuesday. When the girls went to the city. The boys did not ball.
About three weeks ago Ethel Allen began to wear her straw hat. At the time she laughed at her but she said to her mother in care.
I heard that our team will play a basketball match with the Albert Collego on the ground, but I do not know whether it is true or not.
On the 6th inst, Mr Coulter of the city and his friend Mr. Fakins, of the city, came to visit the Institution. Mr. Fakins is Rose Ann Moore's friend. She is well. She was surprised to see him. He told her that he would come back to see her before he goes home.

The boys don't pay attention in school, as they always think about their sports around here. The girls fear that the boys will not pass their examinations well.
We think that time flies faster this year than it did other years, and we are pleased at the prospect of seeing our parents and friends again when school closes.
Some of the girls are looking forward to their Easter boxes. Perhaps some of them will get Easter colored eggs. Don't eat eggs too much even if you get them from home.
Miss Mabel V. Elliott got word from home that her brother Jim left home for Manitoba on the 3rd of April. She was very sorry to lose her brother. She wished to see him before he went away.
In February Ethel Allen got word from her sister saying that her uncle Robert was at her place in St. Johns. She does not know when he will go away. She says that she wants to see him.
The Lone Star Weekly is a pro Boer newspaper. The editors are narrow minded people and they do not know the history of South Africa. We know it better than they do. We pity them as they have blank minds.
Our teacher, Mr. Coleman, went away because he received a telegram announcing the serious illness of his loving daughter. We deeply sympathize with her in her illness. We hope Mr. Coleman will soon come home again.
The war expert says that the British will enter Pretoria on May 15th. We expect that Paul Kruger will be hanged on the sour apple tree. We hope that Mafeking will be relieved in a few days as Lord Methuen was successful a few days ago.
On the 1st inst Miss Eva Irvine passed away. Ten girls went to see her. They thought that she looked happy. We all went to see the funeral. We laid our right hands on our hearts and it showed that we wanted to honor her. We sympathized with her mother and her folks. We think she is glad to be at rest.
About one week ago some girls wanted to play hide and seek. One of them was going to run to a tree but she did not see a boy standing on the side walk near the girls. She ran against him and fell down on the muddy ground, but it didn't hurt her. When she got up she found her dress, coat and gloves covered with mud.
On the 19th of March, Mr. Coleman, our head teacher, left home to go to Philadelphia to see his sick daughter Carrie, and stayed over until she was getting better, and came home on the 27th of March. When he came to this Institution the next morning, he told us that he had enjoyed visiting public schools and places of interest. On the 2nd of April, Mr. Coleman got a telegram from Philadelphia telling him that his daughter Carrie was worse again. He took his wife and went to see her. We hope that she is getting better again.
Our teacher, Mr. Coleman, showed us a paper which he got from an old friend, telling about his old teacher, Doctor Lindley. Dr. Lindley went to South Africa from the United States about 1834, as a missionary to convert the people there to Christians. While he was there he met a lad aged fourteen years and asked him what his name was, and he said Paul Kruger. So he taught him history and other subjects, also about God, and he was converted to Christianity. Doctor Lindley returned to South Carolina after six years absence. Afterwards he got a position as a teacher at Rocky River, S. C. When Mr. Coleman was a little boy, he went to Dr. Lindley's school and he taught him for some years. It does seem strange that the same teacher, Dr. Lindley, taught "the cunning Oom Paul and Mr. Coleman. One man is all self and selfishness while the other, Mr. Coleman, is unselfish and Christlike in character.

Letter from Manitoba.

Our friend, Tom Hill, is in Winnipeg and is making many friends in that city. He is quite recovered from his recent illness and feels better than he has done for a long time. Before returning East he may go to California and travel through the various states and provinces on the Pacific coast.
Mr. M. O. Smith, of Winnipeg, claims to be the champion chess player of the

Minor Chess Club of Canada and would like to play with some persons who consider themselves his equal. He recently won the prize—"A. C. M."—Stanton Chess Men and Chess Board valued at \$1200. He won also the championship of the Manitoba Club League for 1900.
Thomas McLaren who was employed with the Saddlery & Harness Co., here has been out of a job for six or eight weeks. He is hopeful that shortly he will obtain another place.
H. G. Munro has all the work he can do at his trade of shoe making.

OTTAWA NOTES.

On the evening of the 27th of March D. Bayne entertained the deaf of Ottawa at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Culbert, MacLaren St., where a very pleasant evening was spent.
We are informed that quite a number from Ottawa will attend the coming Convention.
D. Bayne was lately over to A. Gray's at Motalfo, his object being to purchase several yearling calves. It was his intention to go and return the same day, but owing to the bad state of the roads and Mr. Gray being engaged, he found it impossible to return the same day so remained over night and enjoyed a treat of maple taffy. Mr. Gray owns quite an extensive maple bush from which he yearly extracts quite a large quantity of maple syrup.
Mr. Pettit, who assisted Mr. Gray last year, has concluded to remain with him another year.
D. Bayne was over to Joe McEwan's to buy a bull and was considerably surprised at Joe's five years old spelling his name by the manual alphabet and afterwards informing him that he was five years old, by writing on his slate. Joe has a hue intelligent young son who will be of great assistance to his father in a few years.
Mrs. McLolland informs me that she lately received a letter from Mrs. Nairn, who says her daughter is now doing very well, being constantly employed at good wages.
We understand Mrs. Nairn was suffering from a disease of the eyes but was improving under the care of a doctor.
Mr. Waggoner of Hamilton, is at present on a two weeks' visit to Ottawa, the guest of his brother. He expressed himself as greatly surprised at the rapid growth of Ottawa.
D. Luddy and John Crough were down to Ottawa to enjoy a talk with Mr. Waggoner. We understand they are both bound for British Columbia on the 10th inst as they find it impossible to obtain steady work in Ontario.
August MacGillivray, of Perth was a recent visitor to Ottawa. He has been employed in the C. P. R. car shops for the last two years.
We are happy to say that both of D. Bayne's brothers, who met with severe accidents lately, are now convalescent.

MANITOBA ITEMS.

Our new inspector Mr. G. A. Simpson, made his first official visit to our school on the 21st inst. and was introduced to the officers and teachers by the principal. He made a careful study of the workings of the Institute and its future needs for report to the government. Mr. Simpson is an old resident of Belleville, and was acquainted with the late Prof. Greene.
The Grand Jury had the following to say as a result of its visit of inspection of our Institute on the 19th inst. "We visited the Deaf and Dumb Institute, and Principal McDermond took great care in exemplifying his method of teaching the children beginning with those who had very recently come into the Institute, continuing up gradually until some are enabled to speak intelligibly. We found 57 pupils in attendance, and everything in the best possible condition, considering the very limited space to accommodate so many children. We would respectfully urge upon the authorities the absolute necessity of providing more room for the accommodation of those who are being taught in this Institute, as well as for the officials and attendants, as we consider that the room is entirely inadequate, there being no provision for isolating any of the staff of teachers and assistants or the children in case of any one being attacked with an infectious or contagious disease."

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent

As a result of the fire at the Bryant Press three of our friends are out of work for the present. They are Mr. Millward, who was employed as compositor on the Bryant Press staff, and the Misses Grace and Lizzie Mucklo, who were busily engaged by the Keons Manufacturing Co., who occupied a flat in the half-destroyed building. We have just learned that the latter firm have secured temporary premises and that Misses Mucklo will be at work again within a couple of weeks. It is also understood that Mr. Millward will be at his post again before long.
We were very sorry indeed to hear of the death of Miss Eva Irvine of Belleville. Mrs. H. Moore was present at the funeral. The bereaved family, especially Miss Ethel Irvine, have our sincerest sympathy, and we pray the Lord to comfort them in this the hour of their great sorrow.
Weep not for her you loved so dear,
she is not dead, but sleeping here,
she is not yours, but God's alone,
He loved her best and took her home."
Mr. J. R. Byrne has returned to the city, and we are glad he has made up his mind to stay this time. He will be a valuable acquisition to our society. He has secured a position in Hamilton's Shoe factory. Mr. B. is taking turns with Mr. P. Fraser in conducting the Sunday morning Bible class in the West End Y. M. C. A.
The boys held a meeting in Broadway Hall recently when they decided to re-organize the football club. They have the material for a good team, and would like to arrange a game with any senior team in the city. We hope to play several games during the coming season, and we also hope to give a good account of ourselves. The team will be strengthened materially when school closes in June. Following are the officers who were elected by ballot:—Hon. President, Mr. Fred Bridgen; President, Thos. Bradshaw; Vice-President, A. W. Mason; Sec. Treas., G. W. Reeves; Manager, N. Labello; Captain, C. Gillan; Committee, A. C. Shepherd, J. A. Gates, E. C. Pickard, N. McGillivray and G. Reeves.
Surprise parties seem to be the order of the day among our friends. On the 7th inst. about a dozen of our young men and young ladies assembled at the residence of Mrs. Mucklo, mother of the Misses Grace and Lizzie Mucklo, where games of various kinds were indulged in until a late hour. They then sat down to a table spread with the dainties of the season, which was prepared by the visiting young ladies. In justice to all concerned everything was up to the standard mark, and we do not think anything could be improved upon. Although the Misses Mucklo were taken completely by surprise, they, in a few well chosen words, returned thanks.
Our bicycle "cranks" are wondering if there will be any sprinting at the coming convention. We have two great riders, who, we think, would give the older hands a hard struggle for the championship. What about a twenty mile handicap road race?
We are sorry this week to say that sickness is more or less serious among us. Mr. Wm. Lightfoot is laid up with appendicitis. We understand that an operation was performed upon him the other day in order to save his life. Mrs. R. C. Slater is the other sufferer. She is in the Western hospital on Bathurst street, suffering with bronchitis. At the time of writing they are improving. We wish both a speedy recovery.
Mr. Wilson Brown was taken to his home in Marsville last week. He has not as yet regained the use of his paralyzed limbs, but we do hope he soon will.
Miss Nellie Cunningham, of Oakville, is at present in the city on a business sojourn.
The officers of the Toronto Deaf Mute Amusement Club are:—Hon. President, Mr. F. Bridgen; President, A. W. Mason; Vice President, Thos. Bradshaw; Sec. Treas., G. Reeves. The meetings have been well attended so far. Those who do not attend regularly miss a treat.
Miss Belle Mathison returned from Toronto on Thursday last. She had a good time while there.
Mr. James Somerville, M. P. for North Brant, in the House of Commons, was a welcome visitor at Mr. Mathison's for a few days last week. We hope he will come again before long.