

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Contributed by Mr Coleman's Class.

—We had our first snow on the 4th of Nov., but it did not stay.

—Sickness is visting among us now, but we hope they will get better soon.

—The Boora are always very dirty, the cause is that they do not like to bath.

—The debating society will meet in the chapel again next Saturday night at 7.30.

—The Dawson city hockey club will be the first to play the Victorias of Winnipeg for the Stanley cup.

—The senior deaf boys played a game with the O. B. C. team last Saturday. The game was a tie, 1 to 1.

—Oliver Hartwick received word from her sister Sarah saying that she sends her best love to the deaf pupils.

—We were much surprised to hear that a whale was stranded and captured in the St. Lawrence river near Montreal.

—Bessie Woolley received word from home two weeks ago that her brother's knee was sprained. She is very sorry.

—Maggie Smith came here last Tuesday evening. We are delighted to see her back at school again. She looks well.

—Hattie Sager's sister Phoebe is working at housekeeping in Diarond and she is very much pleased with her work.

—Marion Waters got two nice photographs from her auntie Lizzie, who lives in England. She was delighted with them.

—A few days ago some girls got boxes and parcels from home and they were pleased. Their parents were kind to them.

—Our Halloween party was held on Saturday evening, 2nd inst., and we had a grand time, but the children went to bed early.

—On the 2nd inst., all the vines were torn down from the front of the Institution, to make it clean, and to plant new vines.

—When a man enters his house and his nose is struck by an apple hanging from the ceiling, he knows at once that it is Halloween.

—Allan Walton was glad to get a letter from his father saying that his mother's leg was better and that she was able to walk on crutches.

—Last Saturday, Nov. 9th, was the King's birthday. He was 60 years old. We had stories in the chapel in the evening. God save the King.

—We have had a charming autumn this year, a fine Indian summer and no snowstorm, but it now looks like we might have a change.

—J. Armstrong is the best football and hockey player in this Institution. R. McMaster is the best fancy skater. We are all proud of them.

—The boys are looking forward to skating and playing hockey with pleasure. We hear that the people in Winnipeg are skating now.

—Li Hung Chang died a few days ago. He had visited Canada and the United States and he was pleased to see them. He was a wise statesman.

—Last Saturday a boy saw a drunkard walking crooked, and fall down on the cement sidewalk and his head was badly cut. This is a warning to us not to drink liquor.

—A whale about forty feet long was seen in the river at Montreal, and at last it died and was washed ashore. The fisherman who captured the dead body sold it for \$800.

—The Buffalo exhibition was closed on the 2nd of November. Over 8,000,000 people visited the show in the six months of existence. The exposition was not a financial success.

—Our Institution farmer has a good way of cleaning the leaves off the lawn; he turns the hose on them and it makes the ground cleaner than rakes could do it and in much quicker time.

—We were much surprised to get big apples one evening for supper. They were as large as turnips. We should be grateful to the matron, Miss Walker, because apples are expensive.

—The robins left us this year on Oct 30th. They filled up with Mountain Ash berries before their departure to give them strength and vigour for the long flight. Some foolish birds ate too many and got drunk.

Tom Hill on his Travels.

The good Samaritan, Thomas Hill, is still going about Western Ontario doing good. He and his father purpose going to the Old Country in June next, and it is expected they will receive a goodly amount of money from the estates of aunts who died in Bolton, England, recently. While in England Thomas purposes visiting various Institutions for the Deaf so as to advise the authorities how to carry on their work. When at Barmo, Thomas saw J. N. Johnson and W. S. Longhead, the former an electric light electrician and the latter, Longhead, he says is practicing different work on a farm with his uncle, and will go to British Columbia next year. Friend Hill at various places met other friends, among them, Mrs Lizzie Wilson, of Beeton, Miss Hannah Norman and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Morrison, of Collingwood. Mr. Morrison, who was the first pupil to enter the Institution years ago, works in the pork factory and makes about \$200 a day.

Frank Walker, of Knoxville, Tenn., a deaf mute, is a travelling salesman for silver polish and is making a tour of the country. Notwithstanding Mr. Hill is carrying on an immense business he still has time to speak a few encouraging words to lonely mutes he meets in the towns and villages as he passes through.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our Regular Correspondent

The deaf at large should encourage their paper in every possible way. THE MUTE is not, so we have been informed, published for profit, but to teach the pupils a trade, so that when they enter upon every day life they may be prepared to make ends meet. Typographically THE MUTE compares favorably with any journal of its class published in Canada or the United States and it is also a strong bond to bind together the different generations of pupils who have received their training in that noble Institution at Belleville and then have gone forth to fight the battle of life, strengthened and girded by such training as in many cases it would be impossible to receive otherwise. In THE MUTE we, of the older generation are enabled in some measure to live over again the many, many happy days we spent in the old Institution, but which, alas, can only be re-lived in our memories.

Halloween passed off quietly amongst us, the only thing to mar the fun being a rain fall during the evening.

Mr Neil A. McGillivray spent Sunday at his home in Purpleville recently. Surely there is no place like home.

Mr. Pickett can do something else besides the printing. He is quite an expert in the watch-making line. Having been shown a time piece—very badly out of repair—he ventured to fix it, and fix it he did, for now you can hear it tick, tick, tick.

The parents of Mr. F. Torrell and Miss Violet Gray naturally feel proud of their respective children for having the honor of presenting the address to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. The deaf of Toronto also feel proud of them for they both come from our fair city.

Owing to stock-taking in the factory in which Mr. W. R. Watt of Hamilton is employed, he was obliged to take a few holidays, a portion of which he spent in the city, having arrived here on his wheel from Guelph.

Our own Wilho Lightfoot plays with the Grace Church foot ball team of the Junior League. The Toronto papers of a recent date speak highly of Wilho's playing abilities. Hope soon to see him in the senior ranks.

Mrs. F. Boughton spent a couple of weeks' pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Dixon, in Argyle, N. Y., a short time ago.

Mr. Phillip Fraser was in Raglan on the 8th inst., on gospel business. He reports all our friends in that part as prosperous and happy.

Miss Maud Thomas has secured a good position in the book binding department of Messrs. Warwick Bros & Rutter.

A letter from Mr. Noni Labelle to a friend in the city states that he is now located in Hartford, Conn., where he has secured employment in a harness making establishment.

The Bible Conference will be held during the last week in December, commencing on the 28th and ending on the 31st. Circulars containing all the information will be sent to all our friends—whose addresses we have—in all parts of the province. We would advise all concerned to read them care-

fully. All who intend to come will please inform Miss A. Fraser, Glen Ballie, Toronto, of the fact, so that the necessary arrangements for accommodation can be made. Hope for a large attendance.

Miss Nellie Morrison is at present employed in the Methodist Book-Room Bindery.

Mr. Eugene McCarthy was obliged to lay the pick and shovel aside for a few days recently on account of having a sore hand. He had the wound dressed at the Emergency Hospital, and he is now doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

WINDSOR NOTES.

From Our Own Correspondent

We congratulate Mrs. Goodbrand, (nee Matilda Lafferty) on the birth of a baby girl.

Chas. Davis is back in town and at his old job in the salt-works, where Ed. Ball is also employed.

A party of Detroit mutes came over to Windsor a short time ago and called at Albert Sepner's. It was the first time they had ever been in Canada.

We were so pleased to have our old friend Mr. Coleman spend the evening with us while in town. Next trip he expects to stay two days.

Mrs. Albert Sepner has just returned, with Bertie and Florence, from over a week's visit to Mrs. John Pows, in Wheatley. She reports a very pleasant time and came home loaded with products of the dairy and farm. Mrs. Pows is a sister of Nellie Mosoy, a former pupil.

George Munroe has as many lives as a cat, they say. He has several times been near death, and only a few weeks ago had the misfortune to spill a pot of hot molten iron on his leg, scalding it badly. He will soon be working again.

Wilho Bain has at last secured a steady job in the Walkerville Malleable Iron works. We hope he will keep it.

We have not had quite so many deaf-mute visitors as in past summers. I suppose the Pan-American Exposition is to blame for this state of things, and not our lack of attractions.

Mr. Archie Smith and Mr. John Currie, of Toledo, both semi-mutes, came down on excursions three or four times this summer.

There are to be several weddings in deaf-mute circles in Detroit this coming fall, if report speaks truly.

A well known deaf-mute from the penitentiary City struck town late one night, half full of corn juice, and asked a policeman where he could get a bed, and the hard hearted custodian of law and order gave him a bed at the police station, free gratis and for nothing.

Miss Minnie Ann Hayward, of Flint, was visiting Messrs M. and Fanny Ball lately. Fanny Ball has been away all summer visiting, and only just came home lately.

Well, Araminta is on deck once more, and will try and contribute regularly, and I only hope our other friends, especially our Ottawa and Toronto correspondents, will do their share.

ARAMINTA JONES.

OTTAWA NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

As your correspondent has been rather busy with fall ploughing he has not been able to learn of the doings of the mute community, so you won't have much news from Ottawa until the snow flies, and from the cold snap we had last night that does not appear to be a long way off.

We are very sorry for Mrs. McClelland, who recently suffered the loss of her mother through death, this being the second time this year death has entered her father's family, it not being a year ago since her brother, the late Prof. McKillop, died. Mrs. McClelland was summoned home by telegraph but arrived just one hour after her mother died.

Joe McKewan was over to see D. Bayne lately and informs him he intends to place his son in the Orphan's Home, to give him a good primary education.

I understand John Patrick was in Ottawa a week or so ago but was not fortunate enough to see him. I believe he is still working for Mr. Hodgins, but hear Levi Armstrong has left.

Small pox has been epidemic in Ottawa lately and all the mutes have been vaccinated and have come through the ordeal without serious results.

Mr. McClelland wheeled out to see D. Bayne lately; the roads are as dry, smooth and hard as an asphalt pavement, therefore wheeling is pleasant.

Turrill - McKenzie Homestead.

From our own Correspondent.

It is gratifying to know that your pupils had a good view of our prospective King and his consort, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, last month.

During a revival meeting held lately in this section, in connection with the Methodist Church, one of the preachers, Rev. Mr. Agnew, had some talk by writing about "Christ" with Master Elroy Jackson, who attended it with his folks.

David Turrill, Willie Summers and Master Jackson took in a local fair in Brigidou last month and reported the grand little Pan-American there.

Mrs. M. Showers and her son John, mother and brother of Mary and Kate of your school, drove out the other day, anticipating a warm welcome here but were disappointed to find us all away.

Alderman Bradshaw, of Stratford, brother of Thomas now in Manitoba, was presented to the Duke and Duchess while at the station in that city.

Mr. Walter Wark spent three weeks with his parents in Saruia recently, then returned to his work in Flint, Mich.

Mr. Bert Symington, of Saruia was here one afternoon lately accompanied by the English setter to aid him in his hunting expeditions. He was driven over by Mr. Summers, who had him for his guest all night.

Regarding the intimate acquaintances existing between the famous English novelist, Mr. Charles Dickens, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Widd, of Los Angeles, Cal., published in your June number, the writer might have mentioned in his last letter that Mr. A. W. Mason made his first and successful attempt in the novelist's oil portrait, which he subsequently presented to the Dufferin Literary Society of your school in 1878, before he left for Toronto, where he still is, being a veteran artist now.

The writer was so shocked at the horrible way which Mr. N. F. Davis, of Regina, N. W. T., ended his life. It was he who wrote up your school for the Toronto Globe in 1872. His long article was reproduced in your paper six years ago.

Kenneth McKenzie and Tena Showers, in company with their gentleman and lady friends, had a long grand drive one fine Sunday lately.

Mr. Jas. Guiland, who claimed himself a checker-champion and who won a prize in the checker-puzzle printed in the Montreal Family Herald, was defeated by Mr. McKenzie, by 2 to 1. He knows some mutes around and at Poplar Hill.

A strayed newspaper found its way here containing an article about the Duke of Norfolk, the first English peerage next to Royal blood and the most wealthy man in England, whose only child and heir, now a young man of twenty is deaf, dumb and blind, and has been from his birth. The writer has been aware of the fact but has no knowledge of his capabilities, so please furnish accordingly, Mr. Editor, if you know any.

At this time of writing (Nov. 1st) it has been and is still remarkably warm and sunny and we all are making our utmost efforts to clear tons of acres of the stumps.—W. K.

ORILLIA NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

All the deaf had the pleasure of seeing the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York at the Orillia station.

Mr. Herbert McKenzie, of Severn Bridge, Ont., and Mr. Charlie Mellouts, of Midland, Ont., were frequent visitors to Orillia last summer. Herbert is a first-class barber and has the good patronage of many friends at Severn Bridge. Charlie is working at the Midland Steel Works, where he has been employed for over two years, and is doing very well.

Mrs. Duncan Morrison, of Collingwood (nee Miss Graham, formerly of Orillia) has been the guest of Miss Lilly Watson several times recently.

Mr. George McDonald is still working at the Tuthope Carriage Co., where he has been employed for four years, and is doing all O. K. Mr. Tuthope (Mayor of Orillia) is an uncle of a bright girl, now at your school.

John F. Fisher had a week's holidays, the third week of October, and was under the parental roof at Hamilton after an absence of one year. He, being a stranger to Orillia, had delightful times in this beautiful town during the past summer. The population of Orillia is 4,089.