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The Canadian Mute

WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 1901

Give as you would if an angel
 Awaited your gift at the door
 Give as you would if to-morrow
 Found you where waiting was over
 Give as you would to the Master
 If you met His searching look
 Give as you would of your substance
 If His hand your offering took

Illness of Mr. McKillop.

Not only our deaf friends but also all the hearing who have ever had the pleasure of his acquaintance will deeply regret to hear of the illness of Mr. D. J. McKillop of our staff. His sickness began about a fortnight ago and appeared very slight at first, but it has now become very serious, and his sister, Mrs. Banteen, of Dart, and brother, Mr. J. B. McKillop, of London, have been called to his side. We know that in hundreds of hearts his ultimate recovery will be hoped and prayed for.

Saturday Evening Entertainment.

On Saturday evening, the 20th ult., Messrs. Forrester and Nurse entertained the pupils with interesting stories. It has been a custom for the pupils to look around for some officer to make the evening enjoyable, especially if it was rainy. Mr. Forrester said that he would rather take for his subject a synopsis of the life of Robert Bruce, of Scotland, but as time was limited he instead gave a strange but very interesting love story. He related that in Scotland a poor shepherd wooed and won the heart of a rich man's daughter, but he could not get her father's consent to their marriage. He went to foreign lands and entered on a soldier's life, gaining high rank and many honors. After some years he was called to see his aged parents but arrived too late to see his father alive, yet was able to offer the last kindly acts to his dying mother. Soon she breathed

her last and the hero was left without a father and mother. He put on his dark cloak to hide his uniform and took a stroll around in the village. Something in one church attracted his attention and he made up his mind to enter it. He came in and saw a wedding. It was his old sweetheart, being married to another man. He tried to find a place near the bride but her father, noticing the man's shabby cloak, insisted that he must leave the church. The man was obdurate and the bride's father pulled off the man's cloak and saw to his surprise the officer's uniform beneath. The bride caught the sight of her old lover and flew to him at once, and to make the story short, all was well and he afterwards married the lady. By the pupils' request, Mr. Nurse followed with a recitation of one of Shakespeare's plays, "Romeo and Juliet," and the pupils passed the evening very pleasantly as one of Shakespeare's plays well put into signs is only a little less effective to see if enacted on the stage.



We have had an abundance of wet weather lately and spring work on farm and garden has been much retarded.

Winter storms have loosened some of the brick work of the Institution chimneys. They have lately been repaired as well as other weak spots in the brick work of the buildings.

We are now on the home stretch of the session and fleeting time is fast taking us to the end. Teachers and pupils are busy reviewing the work of the year in preparation for the final examinations.

Our flag was put up at half mast during the funeral of the late Mr. Form, who died in British Columbia. The remains were brought to Belleville for interment. Mr. Mathison and Mr. Coleman were pall bearers at the funeral.

Three of our pupils, Misses Pilling and Pierce, and Fred Barnard, were baptized by immersion in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening, the 14th ult. A number of our pupils received permission to attend and witness the ordinance.

Their teacher says that the boys in the sloyd class are getting on nicely, some having gone beyond the usual allotment for the first term. To visitors, the sloyd room is one of the most interesting departments, few of them having seen the work in operation before.

Just now Mr. Dowrie and his boys in the carpenter shop are celebrating their spring opening. That means plenty of repair work to farm implements, side walks, fences, etc., by the time they get through with them they may look for the usual run of trunks and boxes to be fixed up for the home going.

On the afternoon of Saturday, the 13th ult., Miss Templeton entertained her class at her home. Two or three hours were spent in social intercourse and in various games and pastimes, after which a most toothsome lunch was served. The pupils all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and feel grateful to their teacher for her hospitality.

Mr. Forrester is preparing to make himself exceedingly scarce immediately after close of school. During the past two vacations we have seen more of him than any of our other teachers and his genial presence has been a pleasure during the quiet months of the holidays. This summer he will take the fastest train and boat he can board and ho himself away to his native heather in "old Scotia."

Mr. Mathison lately received a request to allow one of our bright boys to go home to help his parents. It would have been a great injustice to the boy if it had been done. The boy would, of course, have been allowed to go if parents had insisted upon it, but he would have missed the examination and lost his promotion to a higher class next year. We are pleased that a representation of these facts caused the parents to change their minds and the lad is still with us. We are glad that we do not have many requests of this kind, and if parents realized the injury it does their children to remove them from school, there would be still fewer.

PERSONALITIES.

—Mrs. Peppin was quite ill with a heavy attack of la grippe for several days last week, but we are glad to say she is now recovering.

—Miss Hartwick, the obliging attendant of the pupils' dining room, has been compelled to give up her duties for a time and go home for a rest and change. We hope to see her back at her post again shortly.

—Moses Leblanc, one of our old pupils, writes that he is prospering and carrying on a little business of his own in one of the thriving towns of Massachusetts. He is married, has a little daughter three years old, and they are all as happy as the day is long.

—The London Free Press states that Mr. Wm. Pake, of Chatham, was seriously bitten over the eye by a large St. Bernard dog in an hotel at that place. Several persons were petting the dog, but when Pake tried to do the same the animal turned on him and bit him severely.

—Rev. V. H. Cowsett called to see us on the 17th and brought with him the Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, of Port Hope, for a brief visit and they saw as much of the Institution as their limited time would allow. Mr. Dayfoot was lecturing in Belleville the previous evening and took advantage of this to give us a call.

—Mr. T. Hazelton has sold his house in Delta at a good price. He found it too large for just three persons—his mother, sister and himself. He is now building a smaller and more suitable house on another lot he owns. Thomas seems to have had a surplus of real estate as he lately sold another house and lot that he owned.

—Miss Jack has the sincere sympathy of all in the Institution in the death on the 19th inst. of her sister, Mrs. Little. The deceased was a most estimable lady and was for many years a successful and much esteemed teacher in Belleville. She was in good health till within three or four days of her death and her demise, after so brief an illness, was a great shock to her friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Boyle, of Brechin, have the sincere sympathy of all of us here in the great loss they sustained by fire on Wednesday, the 17th of April. Their house and store with all its contents were completely destroyed and it was with great difficulty that the children were saved, they being asleep in the house when the fire occurred. Mary Theresa, at the Institution, will be surprised when she goes home to see the changes that have been made, owing to this calamity.

—Mr. J. Gordon, an English semi-mute, spent several days in Belleville last week. He came out to see us and spent a day visiting the classes and work shops and getting acquainted with the pupils. He is a great believer in England and everything English and seemed rather to belittle our humble efforts to instruct. As Mr. Gordon lost his hearing at twelve years old and received a partial education at a school for hearing children we suppose he has a rather dim idea of the difficulties in the way of teaching those born deaf. While we confess we fall short of our aims, yet can truthfully say we have tried not only to do the best we can but the best that can be done.

While a pupil here last session, Johnny Shilton, one of our senior boys and a favorite with every one, unfortunately sprained his ankle while playing hockey and had to give up field sport for the rest of the term. A few days ago one of our small boys received a letter from his friends saying that Johnny had to have his foot amputated. Before the news could be suppressed until verified it had spread through the Institution to the grief and sympathy of his old schoolmates. Mr. Mathison and the teachers, however, did not believe the report entirely and on inquiries being made it was found to be a false story. Parents and friends of pupils here cannot be too careful in sending only truthful news to their children.

You are never quite conscious of how many disagreeable lodgers there are in that many chambered mansion you call your "self" until anger or envy or hate knocks at the door and presto! out come trooping such a lot of unhappy creatures—rancor and uncharitableness, and suspicion, and all unkindness, a perfect army of enemies to peace and happiness. —Helen Watterson Moxley, in the April Ladies Home Journal.

WINDSOR NOTES.

From our own Correspondent

Miss Georgina Fairbairn is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. A. Sepner. She just received a box of pretty things from her sisters in New York, of the latest styles.

Willie Bain is working for George Munro's father, in his basket works, and has a good chance of learning a trade.

Rev. Mr. Maun will hold services for the deaf next week in Detroit, and the Windsor mutes will all attend in a body. As it is to be in the evening, a great many Detroiters will doubtless attend.

We have received numerous letters inquiring the names of hotels, rates per day, &c., from mutes, so we naturally expect a large influx of visitors to our pretty city this summer. We wonder if the city or the girls is the attraction? Give it up.

Chas. N. Davis is working in a livery stable in Essex. He was in town lately, and says he will be in town once a week as he gets lonesome with no one to talk to.

A very interesting letter was received from "Brantec," more familiarly known as A. V. Smith, who is now in Toledo, Ohio. He thinks there are no people as good as the Canadians, but I guess he forgot the Irish. He promises to come down to see us when the boats start running.

A number of mutes here received invites to a party in Detroit last week but did not go. We hear it was a most enjoyable affair. There were more speaking people than deaf mutes present, but all went well.

There died in Sandwich South last week, a girl named Annie St. Louis, deaf, dumb, and a cripple. She formerly attended your school, also the Flint, but had been a cripple for the last seven years, the result of hip disease and dropsy. She was 38 years old, and had a large number of friends and relatives in Windsor and vicinity, a great many of whom followed the remains to their last resting place.

Not long ago I talked to a young lady in Detroit for upwards of an hour. We neither of us used a sign, nor spelled once. No person would have imagined we were totally deaf. She was one of the best lip-readers I ever saw, and her command of language was splendid, considering that she had been deaf almost all her life. Her name was Miss Adams, and she is a graduate of the Flint Institution.

I expected to have had something unusually interesting to relate this time, but it didn't materialize. —ANASTAS JONES.

Live to day, it's a part of all the time you've got.

We always find an excuse for our own blunders, and sometimes forget that there are others.

The season for baseball, and other outdoor sports, is at hand, and it is a pleasure to watch the interest taken in these games by our boys and girls. The physical benefits are indoxed in the glow of the cheek, the vigorous appetite and the general degree of contentment everywhere noted among our pupils. We are glad to have our school enjoy these pleasures, we know they break the monotony of institutional life, and help to fasten the affections of our children to this place and make them feel when at home that a return to school does not mean a life of imprisonment and book drudgery, but, notwithstanding, all of these pleasant features connected with our games, we wish to call the attention of our teachers and pupils to the importance of subordinating all pleasures to our intended work while at school. Just at this time, we should begin to systematize and anchor in our minds the principles taught this session. If pupils drift away from the study-room at this particular period, and devote their thoughts to the success of baseball, then much of the work already done will count for naught, and the rest of the session will be a blank. Let us keep before our boys the importance of a substantial preparation for final examinations, and impress the thoughts that more ultimate good and happiness will result to them from energetic study than enthusiastic play. —W. Virginia Tablet.

WANTED.

A GIRL, for general house-work. Good wages paid. Apply at the engineer's residence, near D and D Institution. MRS. C. J. PERRIS